

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September 1970 - 30 September 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463

COMMANDER

LtCol G. A. BLOCK 1-9
 September 1970
 LtCol ROBERT R. LEISY 10-30
 September 1970

2. LOCATION

1-30 September 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

X-0.	Maj J.E. CARROLL	1-30 September 1970
S-1	Maj R.L. PHILLIPS	1-30 September 1970
S-2	1stLT D.N. PERSKY	1-30 September 1970
S-3	Maj R.F. VALLUZZI	1-30 September 1970
S-4	Maj M.F. STONE	1-30 September 1970
Aviation Safety	1stLT W.R. JONES	1-30 September 1970
NATOPS	1stLT R.E. CHIESA	1-5 September 1970
NATOPS	CAPT H. HALL	6-30 September 1970
Flight Surgeon	LT (USN) R.H. BADE	1-30 September 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTH STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
42	183	1	0	0	0

PART II

On 10 September 1970 the command of HMH-463 was assumed by LtCol ROBERT R. LEISY.

During September HMH-463 flew 3485 sorties and 518 tasks in a total of 1024.9 hours. Of the 3971.7 tons of cargo carried, 3614.9 was external and 356.8 internal. A total of 25,439 passengers were carried (19,491 US, 4568 ROK Marines, 1002 ARVN's, and 308 other).

HMH-463 was responsible for completing 8 Tactical Aircraft Recoveries (TAR's); 2 administrative and 6 field.

The squadron participated in 4 strikes with 13 aircraft, and 2 napalm drops with 5 aircraft. The squadron also participated in 10 Tri-service missions in denied access areas.

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Two aircraft were shot down suffering strike damage and seven crew members were WIA in denied access areas.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Awards: 16 Aircrewman wings

- 1SEP70: Five CH-53D's participated in a strike mission.
- 2SEP70: Two CH-46 TAR's were flown, one field and one administrative. One of the CH-53D's took one hit; suffering limited damage.
- 3SEP70: One administrative TAR was flown, a UH-1E.
- 4SEP70: Three CH-53D's participated in a napalm drop; one of the CH-53D's took one hit.
- 5SEP70: One field TAR was flown, a CH-46.
- 6SEP70: One CH-53D took one hit on a priority troop lift, suffering limited damage.
- 7SEP70: Six CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 8SEP70: Six CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area and two in a napalm drop. One field TAR was flown, an AH-1G.
- 9SEP70: Three CH-53D's participated in a strike mission and six in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 10SEP70: Three CH-53D's participated in a strike mission and five in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. LtCol ROBERT R. LELSY assumed command of the squadron from LtCol C. A. BLOCK.
- 11SEP70: Five CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. They took a total of 15 hits with all five aircraft suffering limited damage.
- 12SEP70: Five CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 13SEP70: Five CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. One aircraft suffered strike damage and was a total loss.
- 14SEP70: Six CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. Two aircraft took a total of four hits suffering limited damage. A third CH-53D suffered strike damage and was a total loss. Six crewmembers were WIA.
- 15SEP70: Two CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 16SEP70: Two CH-53D's participated in a strike mission.
- 19SEP70: One field TAR was flown a CH-46.

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20SEP70: Two CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied
acc access area. One field TAR was flown, a CH-46.
21SEP70: One field TAR was flown, a CH-46.
29SEP70: One CH-53D took one hit from a mortar round on priority resupply,
suffering limited damage.
30SEP70: No flights this date due to weather conditions.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None.