

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463
Marine Aircraft Group 16
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1971 - 14 April 1971

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463

LtCol Thomas S. REAP
1-14 April 19712. LOCATION

1-14 April 1971: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

X.O.	Major M. E. EDWARDS	1-14 April 1971
S-1	Major R. F. VALLUZZI	1-14 April 1971
S-2	1stLt W. G. AUTREY	1-14 April 1971
S-3	Major M. J. WASKO	1-14 April 1971
S-4	Major R. R. JOHNSON	1-14 April 1971
Aviation Safety	Capt. H. L. MAY	1-14 April 1971
NATOPS	Capt. H. HALL	1-14 April 1971
Flight Surgeon	Lt, (USN) R. H. BADE	1-14 April 1971

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
35	175

USN	
OFF	ENL
1	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Flight operations were reduced significantly during the first half of April, due to reduced operational commitments. A total of 845 sorties and 127 task were flown in a total of 274 hours. Of the 893.7 tons of cargo carried, 842.7 was external and 51.0 internal. A total of 4485 passengers were carried (2408 U.S., 1940 ROK Marines, and 137 ARVN).

The squadron completed one field tactical aircraft recovery.

HMH-463 participated in 2 strikes, with a total of 8 aircraft taking part and 2nd troop extractions utilizing a total of 11 aircraft.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Awards: One Distinguished Flying Cross, and three Single Mission Air Medals

- 1 April 71: One aircraft took a .30Cal hit while on a resupply mission.
- 2 April 71: The squadron participated in a strike mission with 2 aircraft taking part.
- 4 April 71: The squadron participated in a troop extract with 4 aircraft taking part.
- 5 April 71: Two aircraft took a .30Cal hit each while on a resupply mission.
- 7 April 71: One aircraft took two .30Cal hits while on a resupply mission.
- 8 April 71: The squadron participated in a strike mission with six aircraft taking part.
- 11 April 71: The squadron participated in a troop extract with 7 aircraft taking part.
- 13 April 71: One aircraft took a .30Cal hit while on an airshow rehearsal mission.
- 13 April 71: One UH-1 was tactically recovered from the field.
- 14 April 71: The squadron contributed two aircraft to the fly-over for the relocation ceremonies of Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 1. None.

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