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- 1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b) enclosure (1) is submitted.
- 2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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# COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1971 - 14 April 1971

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### PART I

#### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

# 1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463

LtCol Thomas S. REAP 1-14 April 1971

# 2. LOCATION

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

### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

X.0.	Major M.	E.	EDWARDS	1-14	April	1971
S-1	Major R.	F.	VALLUZZI	1-14	April	1971
S-2	lstLt 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.	$\mathbf{L}$ .	MAY	1-14	April	1971
			LL	1-14	April	1971
Flight Surgeon	Lt, (USN	) R	。 H。 BADE	1-14	April	1971

# 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC				
OFF	ENL			
35	175			

OFF ENL

#### PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

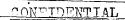
Flight operations were reduced significantly during the first half of April, due to reduced operational committments. A total of 845 sorties and 127 task were flown in a total of 274 hours. Of the 893.7 tons of cargo carried, 842.7 was external and 51.0 internal. A total of 4485 passangers were carried (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 2ntroop 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 re-
- supply 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.
- 11April 71: The squadron participated in a troop extract with 7 aircraft taking part.
- 13April 71: One aircraft took a .30Cal hit while on an airshow rehersal mission.
- 13April 71: One UH-1 was factically recovered from the field.
  14April 71: The squadron contributed two aircraft to the flyover for the relocation ceremonies of Headquarters,

1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

### PART IV

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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