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PART I Organizational Data

1. (C)	C.O. LtCol Joseph L. SADOWSKI	1 Feb 1968 -
	X.O. LtCol Charles H. NORTHFIELD	1 Feb 1968 -
	S-1 Maj. James B. BROWN	1 Feb 1968 -
	S-2 Capt. Donald F. MOTZ	1 Feb 1968 -
	S-3 Maj. Victor M. LEE	1 Feb 1968 - 15 Feb 1968
	S-3 Maj. William H. ROSS	15 Feb 1968 -
	S-4 Capt. Jack R. HOWELL	1 Feb 1968 -

2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 29 Feb 1968.

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength

Officers: 45 N/A, 5 A/G, 1USN(MC)

Enlisted: 260

4. Important Visitors to the Command:

25 Feb 1968 - Brigadier General H. W. HISE, Deputy Commander First Marine Aircraft Wing, escorted by Colonel E. O. REED, Commanding Officer Marine Aircraft Group 16, visited the Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 squadron area. General HISE received a brief from Lieutenant Colonel J. L. SADOWSKI, Commanding Officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, on CH-53A combat operations.

PART II Chronological Summary of Months Major Activities

1 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 14 sorties in 9.1 flight hours lifting 15 troops and 20.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

2 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 10 sorties in 7.5 flight hours lifting 11.8 tons of cargo from LZ-23 to Khe Sanh.

2 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation FLYING DRAGON four (4) CH-53A's flew 39 sorties in 10.7 flight hours lifting 48.7 tons of cargo from LZ-30 to LZ-HAWK and LZ-411.

3 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 16 sorties in 8.5 flight hours lifting 6 troops and 10.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

4 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation FLYING DRAGON two (2) CH-53A's flew 46 sorties in 9.0 flight hours lifting 10 troops and 80.1 tons of cargo from LZ-22 to LZ-411, LZ-432 and BFL47617.

4 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 12 sorties in 5.6 flight hours lifting 25 troops and 7.2 tons of cargo from

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Dong Ha and LZ-22 to Khe Sanh.

5 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 30 sorties in 18.3 flight hours lifting 82 troops and 22.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

6 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 40 sorties in 16.0 flight hours lifting 184 troops and 43.3 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

7 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation LANCASTER three (3) CH-53A's flew 51 sorties in 20.7 flight hours lifting 326 troops and 54.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

8 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 7 sorties in 5.0 flight hours lifting 14 troops and 7.8 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

11 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 10 sorties in 7.9 flight hours lifting 7.9 tons of cargo from LZ-22 to Khe Sanh.

12 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 2 sorties in 1.3 flight hours lifting 8 troops and 3.3 tons of cargo from Dong ha to Khe Sanh.

12.Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY one (1) CH-53A flew 10 sorties in 4.0 flight hours lifting 205 troops and 0.9 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Hue Hospital.

13 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND two (2) CH-53A's flew 11 sorties in 6.2 flight hours lifting 60 troops and 15.1 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Khe Sanh.

13 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY two (2) CH-53A's flew 7 sorties in 11.4 flight hours lifting 90 troops and 67.4 tons of cargo from Phu Bai ASP to YD743130 and YD756223.

14 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 62 sorties in 27.7 flight hours lifting 279 troops and 90.4 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Con Thien, Khe Sanh and the Rock Pile.

15 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation HUE CITY two (2) CH-53A's flew 33 sorties in 8.0 flight hours lifting 192 troops and 60.5 tons of cargo from Phu Bai to Hue Citadel.

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15 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 34 sorties in 18.7 flight hours lifting 362 troops and 110.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Phu Bai and Khe Sanh.

16 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND five (5) CH-53A's flew 59 sorties in 29.0 flight hours lifting 239 troops and 112.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

19 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A flew 2 sorties in 1.5 flight hours lifting 2.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

22 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 37 sorties in 15.7 flight hours lifting 109 troops and 27.9 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

22 Feb 1968 - While flying in support of Operation SCOTLAND one (1) CH-53A sustained strike damage as a result of enemy fire. This resulted in fatal injury to the pilot, Capt J. T. RILEY, and the co-pilot, 1stLt C. E. SMITH, marking the first CH-53A combat loss in over one year of in-country combat operations.

23 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 15 sorties in 9.3 flight hours lifting 30 troops and 13.3 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. six (6) Med Evacs were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

24 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND one CH-53A flew 4 sorties in 3.0 flight hours lifting 3.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, one (1) Med Evac was carried from Khe Sanh.

25 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation LANCASTER four (4) CH-53A's flew 29 sorties in 9.5 flight hours lifting 3 troops and 43.2 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to the Rock Pile.

25 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 13 sorties in 6.2 flight hours lifting 71 troops and 8.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, thirty three (33) Med Evacs were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

26 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 22 sorties in 11.9 flight hours lifting 69 troops and 14.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

27 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND four (4) CH-53A's flew 25 sorties in 11.4 flight hours lifting 70 troops and 21.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh

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28 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND three (3) CH-53A's flew 57 sorties in 19.6 flight hours lifting 163 troops and 153.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh, and Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

29 Feb 1968 - In support of Operation SCOTLAND five (5) CH-53A's flew 62 sorties in 29.5 flight hours lifting 149 troops and 99.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

PART III Significant Events

Twelfth Award	4
Thirteenth Award	1
Fourteenth Award	1
Fifteenth Award	1
Sixteenth Award	1

c. Three (3) enlisted personnel were awarded the Purple Heart.

4. (C) Casualties

Cpl SQUIER, Paul D. 2137980/6321	2Feb/22Feb	WIA
Cpl DOUGHERTY, Rexford G. 2156928/6321	4Feb	WIA
Sgt ZUEHLK, Byron C. 2146913/6321	7Feb	WIA
Capt DEETZ, Bill W. 091814/7564	19Feb	MIA
Capt TESSIER, Lucien C. 092299/7564	19Feb	MIA
Sgt EHNIS, Kenneth P. 1993132/6321	19Feb	MIA
LCpl JOHNSON, Benjamin F. III 2185143/6321	19Feb	MIA
Sgt TORRE, Francis S. N. 2127294/6341	19Feb	MIA
Sgt SULLIVAN, William M. Sr. 1800112/6242	22Feb	WIA
Sgt LEECH, Karl R. 579433/6311	22Feb	WIA
Cpl MURGALLIS, Patrick M. 2120780/6321	22Feb	WIA
Capt RILEY, James T. 095179/7564	22Feb	KIA
1stLt SMITH, Gary C. 095599/7564 (MABS-16)	22Feb	KIA

The below listed personnel's status was changed from MIA to ~~KIA~~ *DAI* on 26 Feb 1968:

Capt CHAPMAN, John T 091527/7564
SSgt OLSON, Bennet W. 1631749/6242/6243
Capt SCHRAM, Frederick L. 091884/7564
Cpl STRAND, Phillip S. 2241120/6311/6321
Cpl VENEGAS, Vernon B. 2250667/6321/6341

5. (U) Civic Action: Due to considerable Communist offensives during the month of February, the Civic Action Program has been disrupted.

a. On 25 Feb 1968, a Group Civic Action Program Meeting was held. As a result of this meeting SSgt A. N. BACHE 851237/7113 conducted a tour of Nui Kim Son, and other villages around Marble Mountain, to meet the village chiefs.

6. (U) Morale/Welfare: None

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7. (U) Informational Services: None

8. (C) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence:

a. A significant increase in the number of fire incidents was noted during the month of February. Of the forty-three (43) aircraft that received fire, seventeen (17) were hit. The majority of the aircraft hit, received these hits while flying in the area of the Khe Sanh TAOR.

b. On the morning of 25 Feb 1968, at approximately 0425 hours eleven (11) 122MM rockets hit Marble Mountain Air Facility. No injury to personnel or damage to aircraft resulted from this attack.

9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours Flown	1361.9	
b. Sorties	3671	
c. Passengers	9765	
d. Cargo: Total	4336.2 Tons	
Internal	1128.4 Tons	
External	3207.8 Tons	
TAR	234.4 Tons	45 Aircraft
Type Aircraft Recovered		Average Weight
25 UH-34		4.8 Tons
10 UH-1		3.4 Tons
7 CH-46		5.7 Tons
2 A-4		6.0
1 O-1		1.0
e. Average flight time per pilot:	59.5	
f. Average flight time per aircraft commander:	61.8	

10. (C) Air Control

a. Actual Instrument Hours:	150.2
b. Hours of GCA Operation	59.4
c. Number of aircraft radar controlled	104

11. (C) HMH-463 participated in the following operations: Kentucky, Napoleon, Scotland, Lancaster, Hue City and Flying Dragon.

12. (U) Ground Defense: None

13. (U) Command Relationships/Command and Control: None

14. (C) NBC Defense: M5A3 Protective Ointment Kits were passed out to all squadron personnel.

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PART I Organizational Data.

1. (C) C.O. Lt Col. Joseph L. Sadowski 1 Mar. 1968 -
X.O. Lt Col. Charles H. Northfield 1 Mar. 1968 - 8 Mar. 1968
X.O. Lt Col. Joe G. Walker 19 Mar. 1968 -
S-1 Maj. James B. Brown 1 Mar. 1968 -
S-2 Capt. Donald F. Motz 1 Mar. 1968 -
S-3 Maj. William H. Ross 1 Mar. 1968 -
S-4 Capt. Jack R. Howell 1 Mar. 1968 -

2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 31 Mar. 1968.

3. Average Monthly Strength

Officers: 55 N/A 4 A/G 1 USN(MC)

Enlisted: 257

4. Important Visitors to the Command: None

PART II Chronological Summary of Months Major Activities:

1 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky two (2) CH-53A's flew 34 sorties in 8.2 flight hours lifting 37 troops and 42.5 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to A-3 and Gio Linh.

3 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Kentucky two (2) CH-53A's flew 24 sorties in 5.8 flight hours lifting 39 troops and 31.4 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to YD 615455, YD 170724, and YD 217743.

4 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland four (4) CH-53A's flew 73 sorties in 26.5 flight hours lifting 174 troops and 112.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh. Eight Med. Evacs were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha. 78,000# of parachutes were carried from Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

5 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Lancaster two (2) CH-53A's flew 44 sorties in 13.0 flight hours lifting 38 troops and 69.6 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Ca Lu.

6 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Lancaster three (3) CH-53A's flew 49 sorties in 16.8 flight hours lifting 109 troops and 64.1 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to A-3, Rock Pile, and Ca Lu.

6 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Rock one (1) CH-53A flew 34 sorties in 10.3 flight hours lifting 19 troops and 62.0 tons of cargo from LZ-460, and LZ-22, to An Hoa.

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9 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland three (3) CH-53A's flew 24 sorties in 12.9 flight hours lifting 65 troops and 50.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

11 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland one (1) CH-53A flew 24 sorties in 9.6 flight hours lifting 80 troops and 41.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

14 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland five (5) CH-53A's flew 68 sorties in 25.2 flight hours lifting 196 troops and 78.2 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

15 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland three (3) CH-53A's flew 21 sorties in 8.7 flight hours lifting 68 troops and 25.7 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

17 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland five (5) CH-53A's flew 25 sorties in 14.0 flight hours lifting 78 troops and 26.3 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh and Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

19 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland two (2) CH-53A's flew 16 sorties in 8.6 flight hours lifting 7 troops and 69.0 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

22 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland two (2) CH-53A's flew 58 sorties in 18.8 flight hours lifting 132 troops and 94 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh and Khe Sanh to Dong Ha.

26 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Lancaster three (3) CH-53A's flew 20 sorties in 5.5 flight hours lifting 4 troops and 36.8 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Ca Lu.

31 Mar. 1968 - In support of operation Scotland five (5) CH-53A's flew 29 sorties in 13.1 flight hours lifting 68 troops and 41.4 tons of cargo from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

PART III Significant Events

1. (C) Personnel:

a. Transferred:	4 Officers	7 Enlisted
b. Promoted:	1 Officer	4 Enlisted
c. Joined	20 Officers	20 Enlisted

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2. (U) Administration: 30 Mar 1968 AFMF PAC team conducted an inspection of HMH-463.

3. (U) Awards:

a. Squadron Officers were awarded the following Air Medals:

Eighth	1
Ninth	2
Tenth	1
Eleventh	1
Twelfth	1
Thirteenth.	1

b. Squadron enlisted personnel were awarded the following Air Medals.

First	4
Second	1
Third	1
Sixth	1
Seventh	2
Eighth	1

4. Casualties:

SPICE, James R. LCPL 2179038 6321/0000 3 Mar 1968 WIA

5. (U) Civic Action: None

6. (U) Morale/Welfare: None

7. (U) Informational Services: None

8. (C) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence:

a. A significant decrease in the number of fire incidents was noted during the month of March. Of the twenty five aircraft that received fire, eight (8) aircraft were hit.

b. On the morning of 4 March 1968, at approximately 0220 hours, thirty five (35) 122 MM rockets hit Marble Mountain Air Facility. No injury to personnel. One aircraft was destroyed, and five aircraft received minor damage.

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1. HMH-463 FLEW 125 SORTIES, 37.2 HOURS LIFTING 143
TROOPS/PASSENGERS. A TOTAL OF 173.7 TONS WAS LIFTED OF WHICH 31.3
TONS WERE INTERNAL AND 139.4 TONS WERE EXTERNAL.

(INCLUDE INFO AFFECTING SQDN OPERATIONS AS A WHOLE IE. (WEATHER, GROUND
ATTACK, ETC.)).

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS SUPPORTED (See Format)

LANCASTER II: AT 151100H 3 CH-53A'S FLEW 21 SORTIES FOR 6.5 HOURS
LIFTING 8 TROOPS AND 42.8 TONS OF CARGO, 4.3 TONS INTERNAL AND 38.5 TONS
EXTERNAL FROM DONG HA LSA TO CA LU.

SCOTLAND: AT 151100H 3 CH-53A'S FLEW 21 SORTIES FOR 8.7 HOURS LIFTING
68 TROOPS AND 25.7 TONS OF CARGO, 8.9 TONS INTERNAL AND 16.8 TONS EXTERNAL
FROM DONG HA LSA TO KHE SANH.

KENTUCKY: AT 150735H 3 CH-53A'S FLEW 23 SORTIES FOR 6.0 HOURS LIFTING
17 TROOPS AND 25.9 TONS OF CARGO, 5.8 TONS INTERNAL AND 20.1 TONS EXTERNAL
FROM DONG HA LSA TO A-3.

SALINE/NAPOLEAN: AT 150845H 3 CH-53A'S FLEW 11 SORTIES FOR 3.5 HOURS
LIFTING 17.1 TONS OF CARGO EXTERNALLY FROM DONG HA TO YD 315 725

**** 16 PALLETS OF PARACHUTES WERE RECHIEFT FROM KHE SANH TO DONG HA.
THESE WERE ALL THE AVAILABLE PARACHUTES AT KHE SANH.

3. MISSIONS INCOMPLETE (Specify Reason)

26 AIRCRAFT WERE UNABLE TO LIFT 46'S AT KHE SANH OR 6 BY'S AT DONG HA

4. TAR'S (List Field or Admin)

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