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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (C) C.O. LtCol. Joe G. WALKER 1 June 1968-
X.O. LtCol. Lowell W. PARISH 1 June 1968-
S-1 Maj. Barry F. SKINNER 1 June 1968-
S-2 Capt. Richard K. ELLIS 1 June 1968-only
S-2 1stLt. Richard F. STRICKLAND 1 June 1968-
S-3 Maj. Walter ZYTKIEWICZ 1 June 1968-
S-4 Maj. Marion R. GREEN 1 June 1968-
2. (C) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463, Marble Mountain Air Facility, Republic of South Vietnam, 23 May 1967 - 30 June 1968.
3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

Officers: 48 N/A, 4 A/C, 1 USN(MC)

Enlisted: 277
4. (U) Important Visitors to the Command:

28 JUNE: Brig. Gen. H. D. HILL visited HHC-463's DETACHMENT "A", and flew with the DETACHMENT to observe the operation of the withdrawal from Khe Sanh.

PART II CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF MONTHS MAJOR ACTIVITIES:

- 1 JUNE: In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST one (1) CH-53A flew 27 sorties for 6.7 hours transporting 17 troops and 42.6 tons of cargo externally, from Hill 55 to Thoung Duc.
- TAR: One (1) O-1C (Admin)
- In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 21 sorties for 4.8 hours transporting 33 troops and 32.3 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.
- In support of operation LAMSON 218 two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 39 sorties for a total of 7.7 hours transporting 65 troops and 44.9 tons of cargo, 3.5 internally, and 41.4 externally from Dong Ha to IMZ outposts.
- One (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" suffered minor rotor blade damage in a ground taxi incident.
- 2 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

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2 JUNE: In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 2 sorties for 0.8 hours transporting 42 troops from Dong Ha to Dixie Diner.

3 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 33 sorties for 7.2 hours transporting 2 troops and 54.5 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 15 sorties for 2.7 hours transporting 11 troops and 23.0 tons of cargo, 0.2 internally and 22.8 externally from Dong Ha to Dixie Diner.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 2 sorties for 0.7 hours transporting 1 troop and 3.3 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

4 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A flew 20 sorties for 7.3 hours transporting 27 troops and 25.5 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST two (2) CH-53A's flew 16 sorties for 4.7 hours transporting 29 troops and 16.5 tons of cargo externally from LZ 401 to Thoung Duc.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A flew 19 sorties for 2.2 hours transporting 42 troops and 27.0 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 8 sorties for 1.0 hours transporting 4 troops and 6.0 tons of cargo, 5.5 externally and 0.5 internally from Dong Ha to YD 290665.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 33 sorties for 7.0 hours transporting 10 troops and 52.7 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

5 JUNE: In support of operation ALLENBROOK two (2) CH-53A's flew 25 sorties for 6.2 hours transporting 12 troops, 36.3 tons of cargo were carried, of which 8.3 were internal and 28.0 were external, from An Hoa to Hill 55 to Thoung Duc.

TAR: One (1) UH-1E (Admin), One (1) UH-34D (Admin), One (1) CH-46 (Admin)

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 20 sorties for 3.1 hours transporting 3 troops and 23.3 tons of cargo, 1.0 internally and 22.3 externally from Dong Ha to YD 278663.

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5 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 42 sorties for 8 hours transporting 42 troops and 72.5 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (Admin)

6 JUNE: In support of operation ALLENBROOK one (1) CH-53A flew 3 sorties for 0.4 hours transporting 28 troops and no cargo from LZ 410 to Liberty Bridge.

In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST four (4) CH-53A's flew 41 sorties for 11.6 hours transporting 142 troops and 44.0 tons of cargo, 42.2 tons externally and 1.8 internally, from Thoung Duc to Hill 55.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A flew 16 sorties for 3.3 hours transporting 22 troops and 22.0 tons of cargo externally from YD 018468 to Khe Sanh.

TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (1 Field, 1 Admin)

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 44 sorties for 11.3 hours transporting 57.6 tons of cargo, 3.5 tons internally 54.1 tons externally from Dong Ha to Dixie Diner.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 17 sorties for 5.5 hours, transporting 31 troops and 16.3 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 8 sorties for 1.9 hours transporting 5.3 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

7 JUNE: TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (1 Field, 1 Admin)

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 26 sorties for 4.9 hours transporting 31 troops and 15.8 tons of cargo, 0.2 internally and 15.6 externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 36 sorties for 8.2 hours transporting 41 troops and 49.7 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

8 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's flew 32 sorties for 11.0 hours transporting 142 troops and 40.1 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

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8 JUNE: In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's flew 29 sorties for 8.1 hours transporting 16 troops and 30.5 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST two (2) CH-53A's flew 4 sorties for 2.5 hours transporting 46 troops from An Hoa to LZ 467.

In support of operation SWIFT SABRE one (1) CH-53A flew 21 sorties for 4.0 hours transporting 20 troops and 22.5 tons of cargo, 10.0 internally and 12.5 externally, from LZ 9082 to LZ 8385.

TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Field)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 31 sorties for 7.4 hours transporting 40 troops and 47.0 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 17 sorties for 2.7 hours transporting 18.8 tons of cargo, 0.6 internally and 18.2 externally from Dong Ha to Dixie Diner.

9 JUNE: In support of operation SWIFT SABRE two (2) CH-53A's flew 18 sorties for 5.0 hours transporting 23 troops and 15.3 tons of cargo, 1.8 tons internally and 13.5 tons externally from LZ Bearcat to AT 830858 and ZC 204843.

In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST two (2) CH-53A's flew 21 sorties for 5.1 hours transporting 27.9 tons of cargo externally from Hill 55 to Thung Duc.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A flew 6 sorties for 2.1 hours transporting 45 troops and 10.0 tons of cargo, 1.5 tons internally and 8.5 externally, from LZ Stud to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE one (1) CH-53A flew 6 sorties for 3.6 hours transporting 57 troops and 12.0 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to YD 278662.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 62 sorties for 12.5 hours transporting 34 troops and 86.8 tons of cargo, 1.1 internally and 85.7 externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

10 JUNE: In support of operation MAMALUKE THRUST three (3) CH-53A's flew 20 sorties for 7.7 hours transporting 29.1 tons of cargo externally from LZ 490 to Thung Duc.

In support of operation ALLENBROOK one (1) CH-53A flew 3 sorties for 1.0 hours transporting 3.0 tons of cargo externally from LZ 410 to AT 955523.

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10 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

At approximately 1000H one (1) CH-53A caught fire during normal shut down at Marble Mountain Air Facility resulting in major damage to the aircraft in the APP, Main gear box, and rotor head areas.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 84 sorties for 23.6 hours transporting 134 troops and 92.8 tons of cargo, 20.9 internally and 71.9 externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh to LZ Torch.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE four (4) CH-53A's flew 37 sorties for 7.3 hours transporting 119 troops and 36.4 tons of cargo, 4.7 internally and 31.7 externally from Dong Ha to C-1, A-1, and A-2.

11 JUNE: In support of operation ALLENBROOK three (3) CH-53A's flew 35 sorties for 7.1 hours transporting 603 troops from An Hoa to AT 925535.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A flew 15 sorties for 5.5 hours transporting 30 troops and 23.7 tons of cargo, 1.5 tons internally, and 22.2 tons externally, from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (Field), One (1) UH-1E (Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 101 sorties for 23.4 hours transporting 56 troops and 133.3 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh, LZ Torch, and LZ Robin.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 34 sorties for 5.3 hours transporting 21 troops and 43.2 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to YD 380537 and A-3.

12 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A flew 31 sorties for 6.8 hours transporting 38 troops and 58.2 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 56 sorties for 13.3 hours transporting 37 troops and 87.6 tons of cargo, 3.8 internally, 63.8 externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

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12 JUNE: In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 30 sorties for 5.3 hours transporting 34 troops and 51.5 tons of cargo, 2.5 internally, 49.0 externally, from Dong Ha to A-3.

13 JUNE: TAR: Two (2) CH-46's (1 Field, 1 Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 91 sorties for 17.8 hours transporting 131 troops and 125.6 tons of cargo, 2.5 internally 123.1 externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 24 sorties for 6.6 hours, transporting 14 troops and 25.2 tons of cargo, 7.7 internally, 17.5 externally from Dong Ha to A-3.

TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Field)

14 JUNE: In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE two (2) CH-53A's flew 28 sorties for 4.9 hours transporting 22 troops and 37.2 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha LSA to Dixie Diner.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's flew 23 sorties for 5.6 hours lifting 15 troops and 25.1 tons of cargo, 1.0 tons internally and 24.1 tons externally, from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 70 sorties, for 14.2 hours transporting 73 troops and 100.1 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 6 sorties for 1.2 hours transporting 6.0 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Camp Carroll and Alpha-3.

15 JUNE: In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A flew 12 sorties for 1.8 hours transporting 4 troops, and 12.0 tons of cargo, 11.7 tons externally and 0.3 tons internally from Dong Ha LSA to YD 186664.

TAR: Two (2) CH-46's (1 Field, 1 Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 28 sorties for 5.3 hours transporting 37.3 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 17 sorties for 2.8 hours transporting 18.0 tons of cargo, 0.5 internally and 17.5 externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

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16 JUNE: TAR: Two (2) A-4C's (Admin), One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 43 sorties for 8.0 hours transporting 260 troops and 29.4 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha to A-3.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 59 sorties for 13.8 hours transporting 36 troops and 72.7 tons of cargo, 2.2 internally and 70.5 externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh to LZ Torch to LZ Robin.

17 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 45 sorties for 8.0 hours transporting 19 troops and 55.3 tons of cargo, externally from Dong Ha to A-3.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 111 sorties for 18.6 hours transporting 69 troops and 159.3 tons of cargo externally from Cameo to Khe Sanh, LZ Torch and LZ Robin.

In support of operation LANCASTER one (1) CH-53A flew 23 sorties for 5.5 hours transporting 290 troops and 2.5 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha to the Rockpile.

18 JUNE: TAR: Three (3) UH-34D's (2 Admin, 1 Field) Two (2) UH-1E's (Field)

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 28 sorties for 6.4 hours transporting 31 troops and 28.7 tons of cargo, 0.1 internally, 28.6 externally from Dong Ha to YD 177634 and YD 278663.

In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 78 sorties for 18.6 hours transporting 133 troops and 91.7 tons of cargo, 0.7 internally, and 91.0 externally from Dong Ha to LZ Torch, Calu, LZ Robin, and LZ Hawk.

19 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

YH-17, missing in action while on IFR flight since 19 February 1968, was found at ZC 197247 (310° at 16.5 n.m. from channel 77)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 20 sorties for 6.1 hours transporting 26.8 tons of cargo, 5.3 internally and 21.5 externally, from Cameo to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 13 sorties for 2.5 hours transporting 38 troops and 13.8 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3 and YD 117636

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20 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 28 sorties for 4.0 hours transporting 165 troops and 1.9 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha to Cameo.

In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 10 sorties for 2.0 hours transporting 10.5 tons of cargo 0.2 internally, and 10.3 externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 25 sorties for 3.8 hours transporting 28 troops and 41.7 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-1 and Cua Viet.

21 JUNE: TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (Admin)

23 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-1E (Field), One (1) CH-46 (Admin)

24 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's flew 44 sorties for 11.2 hours transporting 20 troops and 58.3 tons of cargo externally.

TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

25 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 2 sorties for 0.9 hours transporting 2.0 tons of cargo internally from Dong Ha to Khe Sanh.

In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 21 sorties for 4.4 hours transporting 269 troops from Quang Tri to XD 980548 to Camp Carroll.

26 JUNE: Captain B. F. Collins and Lt. D. W. Wiley exhibited airmanship, disregard for personal safety, and devotion to duty by flying a CH-53A with a failed engine from Camp Carroll to Quang Tri. During preparation for flight the zone received four (4) mortar rounds.

27 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II one (1) CH-53A from DETACHMENT "A" flew 30 sorties for 6.1 hours transporting 17 troops and 30.5 tons of cargo, 0.6 internally and 29.9 externally from Khe Sanh to LZ Stud.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 44 sorties for 7.9 hours transporting 61 troops and 60.5 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-1.

In support of operation KENTUCKY two (2) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 28 sorties for 4.1 hours transporting 41 troops and 33.5 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3 to YD 196685.

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27 JUNE: At 0120H seven (7) 122 millimeter rockets struck west of the Marble Mountain runway, the squadron area received negative damage and casualties.

28 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-1E (Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II four (4) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 50 sorties for 10.2 hours transporting 63 troops and 84.0 tons of cargo externally from Khe Sanh to LZ Stud.

In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 87 sorties for 14.4 hours transporting 142 troops and 109.1 tons of cargo, 2.0 internally and 107.1 externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-1.

TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (Admin)

29 JUNE: In support of operation SCOTLAND II two (2) CH-53A's flew 39 sorties for 9.9 hours transporting 17 troops and 69.4 tons of cargo externally from Khe Sanh to LZ Stud.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A flew 6 sorties for 1.0 hours transporting 1 troop and 6.0 tons of cargo externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

At 0150H 12 to 15 82 millimeter mortars hit Marble Mountain Air Facility, negative damage occurred in squadron area.

TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II five (5) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 47 sorties transporting 63.7 tons of cargo externally from Khe Sanh to LZ Stud.

In support of operation KENTUCKY three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 36 sorties for 6.0 hours transporting 27 troops and 43.5 tons of cargo, 0.3 internally and 43.2 externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

TAR: Two (2) UH-34D's (Admin)

30 JUNE: TAR: One (1) UH-34D (Admin)

In support of operation SCOTLAND II three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 94 sorties for 13.3 hours transporting 77 troops and 148.7 tons of cargo externally from Khe Sanh to LZ Stud.

In support of operation KENTUCKY one (1) CH-53A flew 9 sorties for 2.8 hours transporting 154 troops from Dong Ha to Alpha-3.

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30 JUNE: In support of operation NAPOLEON/SALINE three (3) CH-53A's from DETACHMENT "A" flew 24 sorties for 3.2 hours transporting 73 troops and 26.6 tons of cargo, 1.7 tons internally and 24.9 tons externally from Dong Ha to Alpha-1.

PART III Significant Events

1. (C) Personnel

a. Transferred:	2 Officers	9 Enlisted
b. Promoted:	0 Officers	12 Enlisted
c. Joined:	14 Officers	15 Enlisted

2. (U) Administration: None

3. (U) Awards: None

4. (C) Casualties: None

5. (U) Civic Action: The paperwork on operation HOPE has commenced, and the actual construction is slated to begin in the latter part of July. Operation HOPE's goal is to construct a new wing, and toilet facilities to the Hoa Long village school.

6. (U) Morale/Welfare: None

7. (U) Informational Services: None

8. (C) Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence: FMH-463's S-2 Department holds weekly briefs for the squadron Officers at the Officers meetings, and when otherwise directed. The briefs cover the enemy situation in the northern I Corps Tactical Zone, and they last from 10 to 15 minutes. They are open for questions during and at the conclusion of the brief.

Briefs are also given to the Enlisted personnel, and all others who wish to attend. Held 2 to 3 times a month, the briefs last 30 minutes and are open to questions also.

9. (C) Air Operations:

a. Hours Flown:	1082.6
b. Sorties:	3853
c. Passengers:	8763

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