

FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: 180th Assault Support Helicopter Company

PURPOSE: To provide a summary of operations for the 180th Assault Support Helicopter Company for the period 1 April - 30 September 1972.

## FACTS:

1. The 180th ASHC is assigned to the 17th Combat Aviation Group. The unit is split, with one section working out of Camp Holloway at Pleiku, and the remainder of the unit (including the company headquarters) stationed at Lane Heliport, An Son. From these locations the unit provides CH-47 support for all of MR II.

During the above time period the normal daily commitment for this unit was six (6) aircraft. The daily missions were as follows:

<u>Number aircraft</u>	<u>Mission</u>
2	Capitol ROK Infantry Division
2	White Horse ROK Infantry Division
2	Western MR II Ranger Command

2. Missions flown by the 180th ASHC include carrying cargo, passengers, and water into inaccessible areas, relocating artillery, and resupply of large bulk items. Special missions include downed aircraft recovery and TAC-E missions (normally the emergency movement of troops and equipment within an AO).

3. The security role of the 180th ASHC at An Son is limited to flight line guard and manning positions within the company area during alerts. Perimeter security is provided by a ROK security unit.

4. For the period 1 April - 30 September, the following data summarizes the 180th ASHC operations:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Flying Hours</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>Cargo (tons)</u>	<u>Aircraft Recovered</u>
April	1202	4114	16348	4991	12
May	1241	4644	31620	5457	3
June	1073	3876	15789	5034	7
July	808	3169	5988	3974	4
August	784	3002	9045	3913	11
September	857	3092	8731	4162	2
TOTAL	5965	21897	87521	27531	39

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5. Support was provided in the following percentages to ARVN, ROK and US units (US support was primarily transport of maintenance parts and equipment for units of the 17th CAG):

ROK	65%
ARVN	30%
US	05%

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