

MARINE HEAVY HELICOPTER SQUADRON 463  
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Encl: (1) Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 Command Chronology

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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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463

LtCol C. A. BLOCK 1-30 June 70

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1970: Marble Mountain Air Facility, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

X.O.	Maj J. E. CARROLL	1-30 June 1970
S-1	Maj R. F. VALLUZZI	1-30 June 1970
S-2	1stLt D. N. PERSKY	1-30 June 1970
S-3	Maj P. W. BRONSON	1-30 June 1970
S-4	Maj M. F. STONE	1-30 June 1970
Aviation Safety	1stLt J. A. MOTISI	1-30 June 1970
NATOPS	1stLt R. E. CHIESA	1-30 June 1970
Flight Surgeon	Lt (USN) W. A. DUNLAP	1-30 June 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
45	155	1	0	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During June 1970, HMH-463 flew the most hours in one month ever flown by a CH-53 squadron (1627.4). Even more indicative of the squadron's performance was the total tonnage carried (6724.9 tons), of which 6255.0 was external and 469.9 internal. This surpassed by over 1500 tons the record set during May. A total of 38,495 passengers were transported: 31,801 US; 2,277 ROK Marines; 3,292 ARVN; and 301 Vietnamese civilians. A total of 6160 sorties and 824 tasks were flown.

HMH-463 was responsible for completing 9 TAR's, of which 5 were field and 4 administrative recoveries.

The CH-53D continued to prove itself in tactical situations. The squadron participated in 6 strikes with 25 aircraft taking part, 14 pacifiers with 22 aircraft involved, and 5 troop inserts with 7 aircraft. Three massive napalm strikes were flown with 40 aircraft dropping a total of 879 tons of napalm. The drop on 7 June was the largest ordnance drop in the history of 1stMAW with 432 tons being dropped in 108.7 hours on a suspected enemy headquarters outside the normal tactical area of responsibility of the 1st MARDIV.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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The squadron participated in 11 tri-service missions in denied access areas with 20 aircraft taking part.

It is also significant to note that HH-463 went over the 10,000 hour accident-free mark on 18 June 1970.

## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Awards - None

- 1JUN70: Six CH-53D aircraft participated in a strike mission and one in a tri-service mission in a denied access area this date.
- 2JUN70: Two CH-53D aircraft participated in a troop insert mission and two in a tri-service mission in a denied access area this date.
- 3JUN70: Four CH-53D aircraft participated in a strike mission, one in a tri-service mission in a denied access area, and one in a troop insert. One TAR was flown, a CH-46.
- 4JUN70: Two CH-53D aircraft participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. One TAR was flown, a UH-1E.
- 5JUN70: One CH-53D aircraft participated in a pacifier this date.
- 6JUN70: One CH-53D aircraft participated in a pacifier this date.
- 7JUN70: One CH-53D aircraft participated in a troop insert this date. Sixteen CH-53D aircraft performed a massive napalm drop of 432 tons in 108.7 hours.
- 8JUN70: Two CH-53D aircraft participated in a troop insert and one in a pacifier this date.
- 9JUN70: Four CH-53D aircraft participated in a strike mission with three taking a total of 7 hits. One passenger was injured. Damage to the aircraft was light. On a TAR mission, one CH-53D took 4 hits resulting in minor damage to the aircraft and two crewman with major injuries. Two CH-53D's took part in a pacifier and one in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 10JUN70: One CH-53D took 3 hits from a mortar round on a priority resupply, resulting in no injuries and light damage. One CH-53D took part in a tri-service mission in a denied access area and one TAR was flown, a CH-46.
- 11JUN70: Four CH-53D took part in a strike mission and two in a tri-service mission in a denied access area. One TAR was flown, a CH-46.

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- 12JUN70: Three CH-53D 's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area and one in a pacifier. While on a SAR, one aircraft took two hits with light damage and no injuries. Two TAR's were flown, a UH-1E and an AH-1G.
- 13JUN70: One CH-53D took part in a pacifier and one TAR was flown, a CH-46.
- 14JUN70: Two CH-53D's participated in a troop insert with one taking two hits. The results was light damage and no injuries.
- 16JUN70: Twelve CH-53D's performed a massive napalm strike.
- 17JUN70: Three CH-53D's participated in a tri-service mission in a denied access area.
- 18JUN70: HMI-463 went over the 10,000 hour accident free mark. Three CH-53D's participated in a strike mission, one in a pacifier and one in a troop insert. Two TAR's were flown, both being CH-46's.
- 19JUN70: One CH-53D took 6 hits while on a priority resupply with no injuries and light damage. One CH-53D took part in a tri-service mission to a denied access area.
- 20JUN70: Two CH-53D's participated in a pacifier. One took 6 hits with 2 minor injuries to the crew and light damage to the aircraft.
- 21JUN70: Two CH-53D's participated in a pacifier this date.
- 22JUN70: Twelve CH-53D's performed a massive napalm drop.
- 23JUN70: Two CH-53D's participated in a pacifier this date.
- 25JUN70: Two CH-53D's participated in a pacifier and three in a tri-service mission in a denied access area this date.
- 26JUN70: The squadron area and line was visited by the Secretary of the Navy, Honorable John CHAFFEE.
- 28JUN70: Three CH-53D's participated in a pacifier this date.
- 30JUN70: HMI-463 set a new CH-53 squadron record for hours flown, 1627.4, breaking the old record of 1577. Four CH-53D's took part in a strike mission and one in a pacifier this date.

## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None