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Marble Mountain Air Facility  
Republic of Vietnam  
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## PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander  
 Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 LtCol. C. A. BLOCK

2. Location. 23 May 1967 - 31 January 1970, Marble Mountain, RVN.

3. Staff Officers

X.O.	Maj Richard A. GOVONI	1 JAN 70 - 7 JAN 70
	Maj Stephen BOSBONIS	8 JAN 70 - 31 JAN 70
S-1	Capt Robert G. TEMPE	1 JAN 70 -
S-2	1stLt Donald H. PERSKY	1 JAN 70 -
S-3	Maj Stephen BOSBONIS	1 JAN 70 - 7 JAN 70
	Maj H. A. GIDEONSE	8 JAN 70 - 31 JAN 70
S-4	Maj Peter F. JANSS	1 JAN 70 -

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCUSN

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## PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 30 sorties in 4.5 hours transporting 66 troops and 36.6 tons of cargo (0.6 internal and 36.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 085527, BT 019509, BT 060509, BT 060540, and BT 032509. A total of 43 sorties in 10.2 hours were flown transporting 105 troops and 52.0 tons of cargo (12.0 internal and 40.0 external). A TAR of one CH-46 was accomplished from AT 925912 to MMAF.
- 2 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 16 sorties in 2.0 hours transporting 126 troops and 9.0 tons of external cargo from LZ 211 to BT 0450, BT 0953, BT 0450, BT 0360, and BT 0450. A total of 59 sorties in 15.9 hours were flown this date transporting 196 troops and 100.0 tons of cargo (4.5 internal and 95.5 external).
- 3 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 10 sorties in 2.0 hours transporting 39 troops and 13.0 tons of external cargo from LZ 211 to BT 0740, BT 070515, and BT 032509. A total of 63 sorties in 6 hours were flown this date transporting 592 troops and 52.0 tons of cargo (6.1 internal and 47.1 external). A TAR of one CH-46 was accomplished from YD 386002 to MMAF.

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- 4 JAN 70: A total of 88 sorties in 18.6 hours were flown this date transporting 810 troops and 90.3 tons of cargo (13.8 internal and 76.5 external). Two TAR's were accomplished: a CH-46 from AT 935365 to MAAF and an AH-1G from LZ Ross to MAAF. The squadron sustained negative casualties or damage in an early morning mortar and Rocket attack.
- 5 JAN 70: A total of 19 sorties in 14.3 hours were flown this date transporting 114 troops and 6.0 tons of cargo (2.0 internal and 4.0 external).
- 6 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 38 sorties in 4.3 hours transporting 199 troops and 26.5 tons of external cargo from LZ 211 to BT 101530, BT 049509, BT 020571, and BT 037308. A total of 100 sorties in 18.9 hours were flown this date transporting 638 troops and 70.3 tons of cargo (7.4 internal and 62.9 external).
- 7 JAN 70: A total of 91 sorties in 19.9 hours were flown this date transporting 432 troops and 99.2 tons of cargo (4.0 internal and 95.2 external). A TAR of one AH-1G was accomplished from An Hoa to MAAF.
- 8 JAN 70: A total of 44 sorties in 15.2 hours were flown this date transporting 356 troops and 46.8 tons of cargo (2.9 internal and 43.9 external). A TAR of one CH-46 was accomplished from BT 081711 to MAAF.
- 9 JAN 70: A total of 102 sorties in 23.6 hours were flown this date transporting 1128 troops and 126.4 tons of cargo (14.9 internal and 111.6 external).
- 10 JAN 70: A total of 103 sorties in 26.8 hours were flown this date transporting 396 troops and 160.6 tons of cargo (10.4 internal and 150.2 external). A TAR of one AH-1G from An Hoa to MAAF was accomplished.
- 11 JAN 70: A total of 131 sorties in 30.8 hours were flown this date transporting 305 troops and 221.5 tons of cargo (4.6 internal and 216.9 external). A TAR of one AH-1G was accomplished from Chu Lai to MAAF.
- 12 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 21 sorties in 3.5 hours transporting 56 troops and 25.4 tons of cargo (0.4 internal and 25.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 070515, BT 057568, BT 037608, and BT 020571. A total of 59 sorties in 12.3 hours were flown this date transporting 720 troops and 31.9 tons of cargo (6.9 internal and 25.0 external).

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- 13 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 19 sorties in 2.8 hours transporting 93 troops and 23.1 tons of cargo (2.1 internal and 21.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 020571, BT 037608, and BT 032409. Two TAR's were accomplished: a UH-1E from BT 125509 to MAAF and a CH-46 from LZ Ross to MAAF.
- 14 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 19 sorties in 2.6 hours transporting 69 troops and 23.5 tons of cargo (1.0 internal and 22.5 external) from LZ 211 to BT 049509, BT 085527, BT 020571, and BT 101530. A total of 125 sorties in 31.0 hours were flown this date transporting 898 troops and 97.4 tons of cargo (14.2 internal and 83.2 external). Two TAR's were accomplished this date: an A-4 was transported from Chu Lai to Danang Air Base and an AH-1G from BT 209575 to MAAF.
- 15 JAN 70: A total of 41 sorties in 11.0 hours were flown this date transporting 430 troops and 33.8 tons of cargo (4.6 internal and 29.2 external). Mission time this date was severely limited due to adverse weather.
- 16 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 33 sorties in 5.3 hours transporting 302 troops and 25.1 tons of cargo (1.6 internal and 23.5 external) from LZ 211 to BT 092538, BT 049509, and BT 037508. A total of 123 sorties in 31.1 hours were flown this date transporting 1182 troops and 152.3 tons of cargo (26.7 internal and 125.6 external).
- 17 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 17 sorties in 3.1 hours transporting 21.2 tons of cargo (1.0 internal and 20.2 external) from LZ 211 to BT 070515, BT 020571, BT 020550, and 045509. A total of 80 sorties in 18.0 hours were flown this date transporting 635 troops and 81.8 tons of cargo (2.1 internal and 79.7 external).
- 18 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 19 sorties in 3.9 hours transporting 22.5 tons of cargo (2.5 internal and 20.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 060540, BT 080540, BT 085527, BT 038608, and BT 203551. A total of 80 sorties in 16.3 hours were flown this date transporting 419 troops and 121.0 tons of cargo (4.8 internal and 79.7 external).
- 19 JAN 70: A total of 72 sorties in 15.8 hours were flown this date transporting 884 troops and 66.4 tons of cargo (25.4 internal and 41.0 external).
- 20 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 30 sorties in 4.9 hours transporting 26.0 tons of cargo (1.2 internal and 24.8 external) from LZ 211 to BT 030500, BT 020570, BT 049509, and BT 060540. A total of 122 sorties were flown in 20.5 hours

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transporting 973 troops and 106.0 tons of cargo (9.9 internal and 96.1 external).

- 21 JAN 70: A total of 99 sorties were flown in 26.6 hours transporting 499 troops and 95.7 tons of cargo (15.4 internal and 95.7 external).
- 22 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 24 sorties in 7.0 hours transporting 33.0 tons of cargo (0.8 internal and 32.5 external) from LZ 211 to BT 045509, BT 203551, BT 032509 and BT 855527. A total of 135 sorties were flown in 33.5 hours transporting 1376 troops and 150.4 tons of cargo (32.5 internal and 117.9 external).
- 23 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 28 sorties in 4.0 hours transporting 16.0 tons of cargo externally from LZ 211 to BT 010511, BT 020571, BT 205551, and BT 101530. A total of 143 sorties were flown in 30.0 hours transporting 1387 troops and 153.3 tons of cargo (10.2 internal and 143.1 external).
- 24 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 9 sorties in 1.4 hours transporting 66 troops and 10.0 tons of cargo (2.0 internal and 8.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 070575, BT 060540, and BT 020571. A total of 123 sorties were flown in 29.3 hours transporting 649 troops and 114.0 tons of cargo (8.1 internal and 105.9 external).
- 25 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 19 sorties in 3.7 hours transporting 170 troops and 9.4 tons of cargo (0.2 internal and 9.2 external) from LZ 211 to BT 032509, BT 101530, and BT 007567. A total of 152 sorties were flown in 37.4 hours transporting 1432 troops and 137.5 tons of cargo (6.1 internal and 105.9 external).
- 26 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 17 sorties in 2.8 hours transporting 63 troops and 16.2 tons of cargo (0.2 internal and 16.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 060540, BT 092539, and 203551. A total of 171 sorties were flown in 34.6 hours transporting 1765 troops and 147.4 tons of cargo (25.7 internal and 121.7 external).
- 27 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 16 sorties in 3.7 hours transporting 145 troops and 21.1 tons of cargo (1.1 internal and 20.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 070515, BT 049507, BT 057568, and BT 203551.

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A total of 160 sorties were flown in 38.1 hours transporting 1604 troops and 118.3 tons of cargo (11.1 internal and 118.3 external).

- 28 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 12 sorties in 2.0 hours transporting 48 troops and 17.8 tons of cargo (0.2 internal and 17.6 external) from LZ 211 to BT 032509, BT 070515 and 101530. A total of 127 sorties were flown in 31.1 hours transporting 960 troops and 126.6 tons of cargo (17.8 internal and 108.8 external).
- 29 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 33 sorties in 5.0 hours transporting 228 troops and 27.6 tons of cargo. A total of 154 sorties were flown in 30.0 hours transporting 877 troops and 187.2 tons of cargo (18.1 internal and 169.1 external).
- 30 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 43 sorties in 5.5 hours transporting 124 troops and 139.5 tons of cargo (0.7 internal and 138.2 external) from LZ 211 to BT 032509, BT 020571, BT 203511, and BT 101530. A total of 210 sorties were flown transporting 1614 troops and 191.7 tons of cargo (5.2 internal and 186.5 external).
- 31 JAN 70: In support of Operation VICTORY DRAGON one CH-53 flew 22 sorties in 3.8 hours transporting 165 troops and 24.4 tons of cargo (0.4 internal and 24.0 external) from LZ 211 to BT 060540, and BT 005529. A total of 158 sorties were flown in 32.0 hours transporting 1297 troops and 109.5 tons of cargo (7.1 internal and 102.4 external).

### PART III Sequential Listing of Significant Events

#### 1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF

##### a. Combat Missions Assigned

204 Missions Completed

6 Missions Incomplete due to weather

7 Missions Incomplete due to aircraft mechanical problems

2 Missions Incomplete due to maximum crew time

219 Missions Assigned

##### b. Significant Operations Conducted

1. Operation VICTORY DRAGON

##### c. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

1. None

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## d. Casualties Sustained

1. None

## e. New Techniques Employed

1. None

## f. Command Relations

1. None

## g. Equipment

1. None

## h. Logistics

1. Total Passengers Transported: 25,395  
 Total Cargo Transported: 3451.6 Tons  
 Sorties Flown: 3259  
 Hours Flown This Month: 799.8

## i. Civic Action

1. None

## j. Administration

1. On 1 January 1970 HMH-463 sent three (3) CH-53D aircraft as part of the detachment known as Luminous Delta to the Republic of Malaysia. The purpose of the detachment was to provide support in conjunction with the Vice Presidential visit to the Republic of Malaysia. The mission was very satisfactorily completed and received many plaudits for a job well done. The total flight time flown by the three (3) HMH-463 aircraft was 50.3 hours of which 1.8 hours was in direct support of the Vice Presidential visit. Total distance covered during the mission was 1,220 miles. Total time aircraft committed was from 1 January 1970 to 12 January 1970.

## k. Personnel

1. Transferred: Off - 18      Unlisted - 15  
 Joined:        Off - 23        Unlisted - 35

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## l. Intelligence

1. The morning S-2 brief continues to provide our pilots with up to date information regarding fire incidents in the local TAOR as well as significant events occurring in I Corps.

## m. Communications

1. None

## n. Weather

1. None

## o. Fire Support

1. None

## p. Air Support

1. None

## q. Activation/Deactivations/redesignations

1. None