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AVGD-CC (10 May 1968)
SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 30 April 1968,
RCS-CSFOR-65 (RI) (U)

Period 9 Feb - 15 Feb 68:

a. Weather: Local summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 4,000 (Scattered) 8,000 (Thin Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 5-7 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,150 (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temp: (High) 81 degrees (Low) 60 degrees
- (5) Wind: 100 degrees at 5-10 knots (Variable)
- (6) Heavy fog condition existed in the vicinity of Dak To each morning 0600-0800 and delayed arrivals and operations.

b. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Infantry Division	22	8	6
ARVN	6	4	0
IFV Artillery	1	0	0
DS/ II Corps	10	0	0
Press	1	0	0
5th Special Forces Group	2	0	0
Prairie Fire	4	4	0
CRID	3(1 day)	0	0
1/503d Infantry Battalion	4(1 day)	4(1 day)	0
3/506th Infantry Battalion	0	2(4 days)	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 10 Feb - HMF (52d CAB), 80 rounds of 82mm mortar were fired into the billets and aircraft parking areas. Two aircraft received light damage. Personnel injured included one KIA, and 33 WIA.

(2) 19 Feb - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-092 received one hit in the cabin area, vicinity of AR 485826 causing light damage to the aircraft and no crew injuries.

(3) 11 Feb - The 119th AHC conducted a C/A from Dak To Airfield to ZB987193 with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. Ninety-six pax's were moved in 36 sorties. The mission was completed without incident and negative contact.

(4) 11 Feb - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-693 made a forced landing to Highway 14 as a result of engine failure, causing minor damage to the aircraft and negative crew injuries.

(5) 12 Feb - The 170th AHC used nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's to conduct a CA for 3/8th Inf Bn and 1/12 Inf Bn in the vicinity of Dak To.

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Six-hundred and ten pax's were moved in 102 sorties. One-hundred and four hours were flown without incident or enemy ground fire. Prestrike was by B-52.

(6) 14 Feb - The 169th AHC lifted two companies of the 1/8th Inf Bn during a CA in the vicinity of YB968265 without incident. A total of 12 hours and 41 sorties were flown to lift 245 pax's.

(7) 15 Feb - (155th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-19439 crashed at Gia Whin Airfield. Major Damage. (FOR DETAILED INFORMATION SEE PARA 8).

(8) 15 Feb - The 179th conducted a fire base move for the 173d Abn Bde in the vicinity of AR139548. One-hundred and thirty pax and 63 cargo tons were lifted by four CH-47A's which flew a total of 16.9 hours to complete the mission.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u>
7569	363	1800	505	142
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u>	<u>L/C</u> <u>HIT</u>	<u>L/C</u> <u>D/N/DEST</u>
2147	9845	1254	4	5/1
<u>CREW</u> <u>WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KPI</u>	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u>	<u>KED</u> <u>EVAC</u>	<u>SCORTIES</u> <u>CXL/DELAYED</u>
0/0	100	50	69	0/0

Period 16 Feb - 22 Feb 68:

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 4,000 ft (Scattered) 8,000 ft (Thin Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 5-7 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,150 ft (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temperature: (High) 81 degrees (Low) 60 degrees
- (5) Wind: 100 degrees at 5-10 knots (Variable)
- (6) Heavy fog condition existed in the vicinity of Dak To each morning 0600 hours - 0800 hours and delayed arrivals and operations.

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b. Aircraft allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Infantry Division	22	7	7
ARVN	6	4	0
IFFV Artillery	0	0	0
DSA II Corps	10	0	0
Press	1	0	0
5th Special Forces Group	2	0	0
Prairie Fire	4	4	0
22d ARVN Division	7(1 day)	4 (1 day)	0
3/506th Airborne Infantry Div	0	2(2 day)	0
OMEGA	4	4	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 16 Feb - The 189th AHC conducted a CA for 1/8th Inf Bn with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Thirty hours were flown to move 250 pax's in 100 sorties into an LZ in vicinity of ZB110264. No ground fire was received and the operation was conducted without incident.

(2) 17 Feb - The 119th AHC conducted a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION for 3/12 Inf Bn from YB955245 to YB15325. Four-hundred and eighty pax's were moved in 80 sorties by five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's provided armed escort. A total of 30 hours were flown with negative incidents or ground fire.

(3) 18 Feb - Kontum Airfield (57th AHC), Forth to fifty rounds of 82mm mortar fell outside the perimeter. There was negative damage to the airfield, aircraft, or personnel.

(4) 19 Feb - The 119th AHC completed a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION for 1/8th Inf Bn. One-hundred and twenty-six pax's were moved from ZB1126 to ZB075337 by nine UH-1H's with four UH-1C's in support. A total of 19 hours were flown without incident or ground fire.

(5) 19 Feb - The 119th AHC completed a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION for 1/8th Inf Bn. Two-hundred and forth-six pax's were lifted from ZB145213 to ZB065342. Intense small arms fire was received in the LZ on the first three sorties by both the UH-1H's and the UH-1C's armed escorts. The mission was completed after a fifteen minute LZ preparation fired by 155 howitzers. There was negative damage to the nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's or crews. The lifted unit made contact with the enemy 400 meters from the LZ.

(6) 19 Feb - The 155th AHC completed a final extraction from BR996336 to BACI with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. One-hundred and

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ninety-seven pax's were lifted in 20 sorties with negative incident or ground fire during the 12 hours flown to complete the operation.

(7) 19 Feb - 57th AHC UH-1H aircraft (66-16282) was shot down supporting PRIME FIRE in a classified area, two crew-members were KIA and two MIA, the aircraft was destroyed.

(8) 19 Feb - The 155th AHC completed an insertion of 197 pax's of the 22d ARVN Division to coordinates CR160295 after the final extraction to BA GI was completed. A total of 25 hours were flown to complete the operation. Negative incident or ground fire was received.

(9) 20 Feb - The 189th AHC completed two operations for 1/22 and 1/12 Inf Bns. Initially one company, 1/22d Inf Bn, was assaulted from ZB006220 and ZB060264 to YB910122. One-hundred and twenty pax's were moved by seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's in 40 sorties without incident during a total of 16 hours flown. Additionally, a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION of 144 pax, 1/12 Inf Bn, from ZB010261 to YB929218 was completed. Small arms fire was received in both the PZ and LZ. There was negative damage to aircraft or crew-members. A total of nine hours and 48 sorties were flown during the operations.

(10) 20 Feb - The 155th AHC conducted a CA from BA GI to CR 165295 for the 22d ARVN Division. One-hundred and sixty-five pax's were lifted by four UH-1H's and two UH-1C's in 20 sorties. There were negative incidents during the 15 hours flown.

(11) 22 Feb - The 155th AHC conducted a CA with six UH-1H's and two UH-1C's for the 44th ARVN Regiment. One-hundred and ten pax's were lifted in 35 sorties without incident during a total of 25.5 hours flown between the PZ (Bn810772), to the LZ (Bn827625).

(12) 22 Feb - The 179th AHC completed a fire base move for 1/22 Inf Bn from YL971267 to LR802914. Two CH-47's flew a total of five hours and 16 sorties to move the 28 cargo tons of combat equipment.

(13) 22 Feb - The 189th AHC conducted a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's for 3/8th Inf Bn. Eighty-four pax's were lifted in 28 sorties during a total of eight hours flown from YB988152 to YB996130. The operation was completed without incident. The lifted unit made contact with the enemy during the insertion.

(14) 22 Feb - The 189th conducted a second CA/FINAL EXTRACTION for 1/8th Inf Bn from YB 007290 and YB972268, ZB008220 and ZB026249 with eight UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. Three-hundred and sixty pax's were lifted in 124 sorties without incident. A total of 22 hours were flown to complete the operation

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RCS-02PDR-5 (RI) (U)

(15) 22 Feb - The 189th conducted a third CA/FINAL EXTRACTION for 3/12th Inf Bn from YB928298 to YB921259 with four UH-1H's and two UH-10's. Two-hundred and fifty-two pax's were lifted in 84 sorties. Small arms fire was received during the initial assault, however, there was negative damage to aircraft or crews during the 12.5 hours flown to complete the operation.

d. Operational Statistics:

COMBAT <u>SORTIES</u>	OTHER <u>SORTIES</u>	UH-1H <u>HOURS</u>	UH-1C <u>HOURS</u>	CH-47A <u>HOURS</u>	CH-54A <u>HOURS</u>
7608	405	1660	415	144	55
TOTAL <u>HOURS</u>	TOTAL <u>PAX</u>	CARGO <u>TONS</u>	A/C <u>HIT</u>	A/C <u>DAM/DEST</u>	
2274	8799	807	4	2/2	
CREW <u>WIA/KIA</u>	ENEMY <u>KIA</u>	STRUCT <u>DEST</u>	MED <u>EVAC</u>	SORTIES <u>CXL/DELAYED</u>	
2/0	40	8	27	0/0	

Period 23 Feb.- 29 Feb 68:

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3,000 ft (Scattered) 7,500 ft (Thin Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 4-8 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,450 ft (High 1530 hours)
- (4) Temperature: (High) 81 degrees (Low) 59 Degrees
- (5) Wind: 080 degrees - 110 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable)

b. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Infantry Division	23	7	7
ARVN	8	5	0
IFFV Artillery	2	0	0
DS. II Corps	10	0	0
Press	1	0	0
5th Special Forces Group	2	0	0
PRIMIE FIRE	4	4	0
ONEGL	4	4	0
CRID	2(1 day)	0	0
	5(1 day)	2(1 day)	0
	11(1 day)	2(1 day)	0

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c. Significant Events:

- (1) 23 Feb - The 119th conducted a CA in support of 3/8th Inf Bn with six UH-1H's and two UH-1C's from YB988152 to ZB095055. Eighty-eight pax's were inserted into the LZ in 13 sorties. Enemy ground fire was not received and the operation was completed without incident. A total of 14.10 hours were flown.
- (2) 23 Feb - Ban Me Thuot Airfield (155th AHC), 53 rounds of 82mm mortar were received in the billets and aircraft parking areas. Five aircraft received light damage, negative personnel injuries. (FOR DETAILED INFORMATION SEE INCL 5).
- (3) 23 Feb - The 119th AHC conducted a FINAL EXTRACTION in support of 3/8th Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's from ZB 095055 to YB988152. Eighty-two pax's were lifted in 13 sorties and a total of 13 hours flown to complete the operation without incident.
- (4) 23 Feb - (170th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-16596 crashed in the vicinity of Ban Me Thuot. Ten personnel were KIA and the aircraft was a total loss. (For Detailed information see para 8)
- (5) 24 Feb - The 119th AHC assaulted 230 pax's from 3/12 Inf Bn in 37 sorties from YB924248 to YB939305 with nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Enemy fire was not received and the operation was completed without incident after a total of 18 hours were flown.
- (6) 24 Feb - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-691 crashed at Old Dak To. The aircraft was a total loss. Negative injuries to crew. (For detailed information see para 8)
- (7) 25 Feb - The 179th Airlifted a fire support base from ZB 007217 to YB839203. Four CH-47A's lifted a total of 151.5 cargo tons and 110 pax's in 47 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 17.3 hours were flown.
- (8) 25 Feb - The 179th ASHC conducted a second fire base move for the 173d Abn Bde from AQ810045 to ZU235770 with two CH-47A's. One-hundred and forty-six pax's and 32 tons of cargo were moved in 55 sorties during a total of 13 hours flown. The operation was completed without incident.
- (9) 25 Feb - The 189th AHC assaulted 342 pax's from YB973247 and ZB005220 to EE40202 in support of 1/8th Inf Bn with nine UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. One cargo ton was airlifted and a total of 23 hours and 116 sorties were flown to complete the mission.

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(20) 27 Feb - The 189th AHC with thirteen UH-1H's and six UH-1C's conducted a CA in support of the 1/12th Inf Bn from YB007218 to YB015245. Two-hundred and twenty pax's were lifted in 73 sorties. Light small arms and automatic weapons fire was received in the LZ, but there was no damage to aircraft or crews. A total of 48 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(21) 28 Feb - The 189th conducted a final extraction in support of the 1/12th Inf Bn. Six UH-1H's and two UH-1C's moved 110 pax's in 52 sorties from YB007289 to YB007218. The operation was completed without incident during the total 12 hours flown.

(22) 29 Feb - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-690 received five hits of enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of ZB160050. Light damage was received by the aircraft, one crew-member WIA.

(23) 29 Feb - The 155th AHC conducted a CA in support of the Phu Yen Province ARVN units. Five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's lifted 90 pax's from CQ151478 to CQ080420 in 14 sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(24) 29 Feb - The 189th conducted a second final extraction of 224 pax's in support of the 3/8th Inf Bn, from ZB003213 to ZB140075, with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's. Heavy automatic weapons fire was received in the LZ. One UH-1C received several hits and one crew-member was wounded. Ninety-seven sorties and a total of 48 hours were flown to complete the operation.

d. Operational Statistics:

COMBAT <u>SORTIES</u>	OTHER <u>SORTIES</u>	UH-1H <u>HOURS</u>	UH-1C <u>HOURS</u>	CH-47A <u>HOURS</u>	CH-54A <u>HOURS</u>
9485	487	2933	813	300	7
TOTAL <u>HOURS</u>	TOTAL <u>PAX</u>	CARGO <u>TONS</u>	A/C <u>HIT</u>	A/C <u>DAM/DEST</u>	
4053	12396	2009	16	11/5	
CREW <u>WIA/KIA</u>	ENEMY <u>KIA</u>	STRUCT <u>DEST</u>	MED <u>EVAC</u>	SORTIES <u>CXL/DEL/YED</u>	
4/0	62	5	32	0/0	

Period 1 March - 7 March 68:

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 4,000 ft (Scattered) 8,000 ft (Thin Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 4-7 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,100 ft (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temperature: (High) 80 Degrees (low) 59 Degrees
- (5) Wind: 090 degrees - at 5-15 knots (Variable)

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b. Aircraft Allocation

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Infantry Division	21	5	6
ARVN	8	4	0
IFV Artillery	8	4	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
Press	1	0	0
5th Special Forces Group	2	0	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
OMEGA	4	4	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 2 Mar - The 189th AHC conducted a final extraction for 1/8th Inf Bn from YB972267 to YB953238 with nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Three-hundred and ninety-one pax's were lifted in 134 sorties and 78 hours flown. The unit was initially extracted to a fire base for further extractions by CH-47A's but due to a "TAC/E" resupply CH-47A's were not available and a second secure to secure lift had to be made by UH-1's to the final LZ.

(2) 3 Mar - The 155th flew 22 hours in support of Phu Bon ARVN forces with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. Two-hundred and fifteen pax's were lifted in 75 sorties during the CA from BQ230830 to BQ180650. The operation was completed without incidents.

(3) 3 Mar - The 179th ASCH airlifted 56 tons of combat cargo in support of the 173d Abn Bde from ZA 127791 to AR789947 during a fire base move. A total of 6.5 hours and 48 sorties were flown by two CH-47A's.

(4) 04 Mar - BAN ME THUOT AIRFIELD (155th AHC) eighty-six rounds of 82mm mortar and sapper attack were brunted by units located at the Ban Me Thuot Airfield. The enemy attacked with a company sized force and mortar support. The attack was repelled, but the perimeter was penetrated. (For details of the action see Inclosure 5).

(5) 04 Mar - KONTUM AIRFIELD (57th AHC) - received 23 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. There was negative damage to friendly equipment or personnel injured. (For detailed information see Inclosure 4).

(6) 04 Mar - (155th AHC) Three UH-1H aircraft; 66-16375, 66-16737, and 66-16438, received major damage as a result of ground accident in the aircraft parking area. (For detailed information see para 8)

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(7) 04 Mar - (145th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-15191 received four hits in the vicinity of ZB016003. One crew-member WIA. The aircraft received minor damage.

(8) 5 Mar - The 119th AHC supported the 1/8th Inf Bn with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's to complete a CA from Dak To Airfield to YB972-267. One-hundred and thirty-eight pax's were lifted in 23 sorties. A total of 23 hours were flown.

(9) 05 Mar - HAAF (52d CAB) Fifty rounds of 82mm mortar were fired into the billets and equipment areas. Seven personnel were WIA, and negative damage to aircraft. (For detailed information see Incl 3)

(10) 5 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a final extraction in support of 3/8th Inf Bn from ZB012291 to Dak To Airfield. Ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's flew 20 hours to lift 192 pax's in 32 sorties and complete the operation without incident.

(11) 5 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a second final extraction in support of the 3/8th Inf Bn with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's from ZB998130 to ZB995165. Eighty-eight pax's were lifted in 15 sorties and a total of eight hours were flown to complete the operation.

(12) 06 Mar - HAAF (52d CAB), twenty-five rounds of 82mm mortar were fired into the equipment and billets complexes. Two personnel were WIA and four aircraft were damaged, one total loss and three light damage.

(13) 06 Mar - (170th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-16582 crashed at YB879310 as a result of engine failure and forced landing to an unimproved area. The aircraft was a total loss and one crew-member was WIA.

(14) 7 Mar - The 179th ASCH airlifted 73.5 tons of combat cargo and 122 pax's in support of 3/8th Inf Bn during a fire base move from YB988153 to the Kontum Airfield. Three CH-47A's flew a total of 28 sorties and 6.5 hours to complete the operation.

(15) 07 Mar - The 129th AHC supported 3/12th Inf Bn with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's to execute a final extraction from YB857269 to YB888152. Two-hundred and ten pax's were lifted in 35 sorties. Automatic weapons fire was received in the LZ but no aircraft or personnel were injured or damaged. Twenty hours were flown to complete the operations.

(16) 07 Mar - (57th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-1198 was shot down and crashed in a river vicinity of ZA085955. One crew-member injured and the aircraft destroyed.

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d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u> <u>SORTIES</u> 8508	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u> 444	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u> 1826	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u> 414	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u> 185	<u>CH-54A</u> <u>HOURS</u> 12
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u> 3477	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PAX</u> 13821	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u> 1390	<u>A/C</u> <u>HIT</u> 14	<u>A/C</u> <u>DAM/DEST</u> 10/4	
<u>CREW</u> <u>WIA/KIA</u> 1/0	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KBA</u> 70	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u> 0	<u>MED</u> <u>EVAC</u> 48	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>CXL/DELAYED</u> 0/0	

Period 8 Mar - 14 Mar 68:

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3,500 ft (Scattered) 8,000 ft (thin Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 4-8 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,300 ft (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Wind: 100 Degrees - 120 Degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable)

b. Significant Events:

(1) 8 Mar - The 170th AHC conducted a final extraction in support of 1/22d Inf Bn with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's from AR895930 to the Kontum Airfield. Ninety-three pax's and one ton cargo were lifted in six sorties. A total of 5.5 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(2) 8 Mar - The 170th AHC conducted a second extraction in support of 1/22d Inf Bn. Three pax's and eight tons of combat cargo were lifted from AR828958 to ZL669875 in ten sorties. No enemy ground fire was received during the total 6.7 hours of flight.

(3) 8 Mar - (170th AHC) - UH-1H aircraft 66-16142 received four hits west of Kontum. There was light damage to the aircraft, negative injuries to the crew.

(4) 8 Mar - The 189th Supported the 1/8th Inf Bn with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. Ninety pax's were assaulted from ZB00243 to ZB010219 in 40 sorties. A total of 14 hours were flown without incident.

(5) 8 Mar - The 189th AHC conducted a final extraction from YB887289 to ZB010219 with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's in support of 3/12th Inf Bn. Forty-five pax's and one ton of combat cargo were lifted in 18 sorties and 13.5 hours flown to complete the operation.

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(6) 9 Mar - The 119th AHC support 3/8th Inf Bn with nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's on a CA from Kontum Airfield to ZA130990. One-hundred and twenty pax's were lifted in 17 sorties and a total of 13 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(7) 9 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a second CA in support of the 3/8th Inf Bn with nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's from Kontum Airfield to ZA085815. Two-hundred and twenty-two pax's were lifted in 37 sorties and a total of 26 hours flown to complete the operation. No enemy ground fire was received.

(8) 10 Mar - HMLF (52d CAB) - 88th S&S Bn was mortared. Approximately 40 rounds of 82mm mortar impacted in the billets area. Eleven personnel were KIA and light damage was received by several buildings and equipment contained therein. (For details see Inclosure 3.)

(9) 10 Mar - The 119th supported 3/8th Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. A total of five hours were flown during the CA/FINAL EXTRACTION from ZA113997 to ZA080012. One-hundred pax's from Dak To Airfield to YB925225 in 40 sorties.

(10) 10 Mar - The 119th AHC completed a CA in support of 1/8th Inf. Bn. Seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's lifted 119 pax's from Dak To Airfield to YB925225 in 40 sorties. Twenty hours were flown without incident to complete the operation.

(11) 10 Mar - The 155th AHC supported Phu Bon ARVN units with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. One-hundred and eighty-six pax's were assaulted from BQ232835 to BQ115895 in 54 sorties. A total of 15.7 hours were flown without incident.

(12) 11 Mar - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-693 crashed and burned as a result of engine failure and forced landing in an unimproved area vicinity of ZL193655. The aircraft received light damage and one crew-member was KIA.

(13) 12 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a CA in support of the 173d Avn Bde with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. One-hundred and eighty pax's were lifted from AS82990 to YB045972 in 60 sorties. A total of 30 hours were flown without incident.

(14) 12 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a second CA in the support of 173d Avn Bde with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Ninety-six pax's were lifted from ZA025937 to ZA113997 in 32 sorties. A total of 12 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

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(15) 12 Mar - the 119th conducted a final extraction in support of 173d Avn Bde. Ninety-six pax's were lifted from AR62290 to AR007008 in 32 sorties with eight UH-1H's and 23 UH-1C's. A total of 12 hours were flown without incident.

(16) 12 Mar - The 119th AHC supported 173d Avn Bde with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Ninety-six pax's were assaulted from AR735930 to AR007008 in 33 sorties without incident. A total of 12 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(17) 12 Mar - The 119th conducted a final extraction in support of the 173d Avn Bde with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. One-hundred and fifteen pax's were lifted from ZA115758 to ZA152900 in 36 sorties. A total of 7 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(18) 12 Mar - The 119th AHC supported the 173d Avn Bde during a final extraction from ZA128768 to ZA152900 with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. One-hundred and sixteen pax's were lifted in 36 sorties and a total of 7 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(19) 13 Mar - The 189th conducted an extraction with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's in support of 1/3th Inf Bn from ZA120994 to ZA112909. Ten hours and 13 sorties were flown to lift 30 pax's without incident.

(20) 13 Mar - The 189th conducted an extraction with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's to assault 60 pax's from AR770877 to ZA028936. A total of 13 hours and 10 sorties were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(21) 13 Mar - the 189th completed a CA in support of the 3/8th Inf Bn with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's from ZA028936 to ZA048968. Seventy-eight pax's were lifted in 28 sorties and a total of 12 hours were flown to complete the operation. Automatic weapons fire was received, but there was negative damage to either aircrafts or crews.

(22) 13 Mar - (189th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-17044 took 17 hits of 30 caliber fire in vicinity of ZA193655. The aircraft received light damage and one crew member was KIA.

(23) 13 Mar - The 189th AHC supported the 3/8th Inf Bn with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's. Seventy-eight pax's were assaulted from ZA028936 to ZA048968 in 28 sorties. Enemy automatic fire was received in the LZ but caused no damage to the aircraft or crews. A total of 12 hours were flown to complete the operation.

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(24) 13 Mar - Ban La Thout Airfield (155th AHC) received 80 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Friendly personnel losses included one KIA and 20 WIA. Equipment damage includes light to moderate damage to 7 vehicles, extensive damage to the mess hall and contents, and extensive damage to the electrical power unit. (For detailed information see Incl 5)

(25) 13 Mar - (57th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-16154 was shot down in a classified area. The crew was extracted without injuries and the aircraft was intentionally destroyed. The ground situation precluded recovery of this aircraft as it had received major damage during the forced landing and was not worth of recovery.

(26) 14 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a CA in support of the 3/8th Inf Bn during with 11 UH-1H's and four UH-1C's from YB885215 to YB837223. One-hundred and twenty pax's were lifted in 58 sorties and a total of 15 hours to complete the operation without incident.

(27) 14 Mar - The 119th AHC supported 3/8th Inf Bn during a CA with eleven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's from YB885215 and Dak To Airfield to YB815218. Three-hundred and fifty pax's were moved in 72 sorties. Enemy small arm and automatic weapons fire was received from all quadrants. Two UH-1H's and one UH-1C were shot off the LZ, minor damage was received by all three aircraft. A second LZ preparation was made and the operation was continued with only intermittent small arms. A total of 22 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(28) 14 Mar - The 119th AHC supported the 173d Avn Bde with eight UH-1H's and three UH-1C's during a CA/FINAL extraction from YZ191838 to YA198896. Forty-eight pax's were lifted in 17 sorties and a total of 8 hours to complete the operation. Small arms fire and automatic weapons fire was received in the LZ but there was negative damage to the aircraft or crews. The unit made contact with the enemy 200 meters north of the LZ.

(29) 14 Mar - The 155th AHC supported Det B-23/5th SFG with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from AQ830025 to AQ812945. One-hundred pax's were lifted for a total of 2 sorties and 12 hours flown to complete the operation.

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>	<u>CH-54</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
8746	912	1340	342	220	0

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<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C DAM/DEST</u>
1902	13,771	1373	4	3/1
<u>CREW WL/KIA</u>	<u>EMEMY KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES CXL/DELAYED</u>
2/0	0	14	74	0/0

Period 15 Mar - 21 Mar 68

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3500 (Scattered) 7500 (Thin/Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 4-8 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,250 ft (High 1530 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 82 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 100 degrees - 120 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable).
- (6) Heavy fog conditions existed throughout the A.O on 18 Mar and delayed take-offs two hours.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div	23	4	6
ARVN	8	4	0
IFTV ARTY	2	0	0
DSM II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	3	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 15 Mar - The 119th supported the 1/22d Inf Bn with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Two-hundred and fifteen pax's were assaulted in 35 sorties from ZL095585 to ZL223685. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 50 hours flown.

(2) 15 Mar - The 189th AHC conducted a final extraction with eight UH-1H's and two UH-1C's in support of 1/22d Inf Bn. Eighty-two pax's were lifted from ZL095535 to ZL195665 in 38 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 40 hours flown.

(3) 15 Mar - The 179th AHC conducted a fire base move in support of the 1/22d Inf Bn two CH-47A's from ZL097530 to ZL1167. One-hundred and two tons of combat cargo and 73 pax's were lifted in 49

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sorties. Fourteen hours were flown without incident.

(4) 16 Mar - The 155th supported ARVN units in the Phu Bon Province with eight UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from BQ210820 to BQ230651. One-hundred and twenty-eight pax's were lifted in 26 sorties without incident a total of 30 hours was flown to complete the operation.

(5) 17 Mar - (189th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-16628 crashed. Tail-rotor strike was caused by passenger leaving the aircraft without permission causing an unbalance situation of the aircraft at a hover and the tail-rotor struck a stump. The aircraft was a total loss, one crew member KIA, one was WIA. (For detailed information see para 8.)

(6) 17 Mar - The 179th AHC supported the 173d Abn Bde with two CH-47A's to airlift a fire base from Kontum Airfield to ZA152901. Seventy-four tons of combat equipment was moved in 24 sorties and a total of 12 hours flown to complete the operation.

(7) 17 Mar - The 57th AHC received 14 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. There was negative damage to aircraft, equipment, no personnel KIA, one was WIA. (For detailed information see inclosure 4.)

(8) 17 Mar - The 179th conducted a second fire base move for 3/8th Inf Bn. Two CH-47's lifted 28.5 tons of cargo from YB838224 to YB941267 in twenty sorties. A total of 7 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(9) 17 Mar - The 179th supported 3/8th Inf Bn with two CH-47A's to airlift a fire base from YB873257 to Dak To Airfield. Forty tons of combat equipment were moved in 22 sorties and 5 hours were flown to complete the operation.

(10) 17 Mar - The 170th AHC supported the 3/8th Inf Bn with four UH-1H's to make a secure to secure move of 120 pax's from ZA195673 to ZA189598. The operation was completed without incident with a total of four hours flown.

(11) 17 Mar - The 119th AHC conducted a CA in support of 3/8th Inf Bn from Dak To Airfield to ZB045975 with eleven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Two-hundred and twenty-two pax's were lifted in 37 sorties without incidents. The operation was completed without incident, and a total of 74 hours flown.

(12) 17 Mar - The 119th AHC supported the 3/8th Inf Bn with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Ninety-five pax's were assaulted from YB838202 to YB975255 in 17 sorties. A total of 17 hours was flown without incident.

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(13) 17 Mar - The 119th supported the 3/8 Inf Bn on a second extraction from YB818246 to YB815255. One-hundred and eight pax's were lifted in 18 sorties by eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 18 hours were flown.

(14) 17 Mar - The 119th supported the 3/8th Inf Bn with eleven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a final extraction from YB810270 to YB87255. One-hundred and nineteen pax's were lifted in 20 sorties without incident.

(15) 18 Mar - The 170th supported the 1/22d Inf Bn with four UH-1H's to move 120 pax's in 24 sorties from Z4195673 (Secure) to Z4183-698 (Secure). A total of 5 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(16) 18 Mar - The 179th AHC supported the 3/8th Inf Bn with two CH-47A's to airlift a fire base from Dak To to ZB034039. Forth-six point five tons of combat equipment were moved in 14 sorties without incident.

(17) 19 Mar - The 170th AHC supported 3/12 with eleven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's on a CA from Dak To Airfield with eight UH-1H's and three UH-1C's. Ninty five pax's were lifted in 20 sorties and the operation was completed without incident.

(18) 21 Mar - The 57th AHC UH-1H aircraft (66-16164) was hit by an unknown type projectile that caused damage to the fuel cell and aircraft structural frame. The aircraft made an precautionary landing to CT#15 on highway 14, north of Kontum. Negative injuries to crew.

(19) 21 Mar - The 189th supported 3/8th Inf Bn during a CA with nine UH-1H's and four UH-1C's from Z4028928, ZB000045 and ZB034036 to Z4939912. Three-hundred and forty pax's were lifted in 136 sorties and contact was made 200 meters North of the LZ. Enemy small arms fire was received from the north, but there was negative damage to aircraft or crews.

(20) 21 Mar - Kontum Airfield, the 57th AHC received 3 enemy 122mm rocket that impacted and caused a sympathetic detonation of the ammo storage area. No other damage or injuries were sustained. (For detailed information see Incl 4)

(21) 21 Mar- The 189th AHC UH-1C aircraft 66-696 sustained incident damage on take-off from the HLLF refueling area.

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d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A HOURS</u>
8636	1365	2419	586	273	19
<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C DAM/DEST</u>	
3297	12072	1649	0	0/0	
<u>CREW WIA/KIS</u>	<u>ENEMY KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES CXL/DELAYED</u>	
0/0	0	0	57	0/0	

Period 22 Mar - 28 Mar 68

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 4,000 ft (Scattered) 8,000 ft (Thin/Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 3-8 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,200 ft (High 1430 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 83 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 100 degrees - 120 degrees at 3-15 knots (Variable)

b. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Inf Div	23	8	7
ARVN	9	5	0
IFFV ARTY	4	0	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	4	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	2	0	0
CRID	2 (2 day)	0	0
2/1 CAV	0	2	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 22 Mar - The 170th supported 1/22d Inf Bn with 6 UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a final extraction from ZL197608 to ZA103685. Seventy pax's were lifted 14 sorties without incident and a total of 7 hours flown to complete the operation.

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(2) 22 Mar - The 179th Supported the 173d Abn Bde with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from Kontum to ZB115955. One-hundred and twenty pax's were lifted in 24 sorties. A total of 48 hours were flown to accomplish the operation without incident.

(3) 22 Mar - The 179th ASCH airlifted a fire support base from ZA195666 to ZA095702 in support of 1/22d Inf Bn. Ninety-five tons of combat equipment were lifted in 46 sorties without incident during the 5.5 hours flown by two CH-47's

(4) 22 Mar - The 179th ASCH supported the 173d Abn Bde with four CH-47's to airlift a fire support base from ZA033039 to YA039912 in 45 sorties. Forty-five tons of cargo were lifted without incident during the total 8.5 hours flown. One-hundred and forty-four pax's were lifted to complete the operation.

(5) 22 Mar - The 155th ALC supported ARVN units in the Phu Yen Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from C070865 to C0050820. One-hundred and ninety pax's were lifted in 30 sorties and a total of seven hours were flown to complete the mission without incident.

(6) 23 Mar - The 170th ALC supported the 173d Abn Bde with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's to extract 85 pax's from ZA018858 to ZA068997 in 17 sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(7) 24 Mar - Kontum Airfield, 400 57th ALC came under enemy attack. Seven rounds of 122-mm rocket were fired into the airfield complex, but no damage to personnel, equipment or aircraft were sustained. (For detailed information see inclosure 4.)

(8) 24 Mar - The 155th supported Det B-23/5th SFG, with eight UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from AR725245 to AQ725245. One-hundred and thirty-eight pax's were lifted in 14 sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(9) 24 Mar - The 155th supported 23d ARVN Div with 5 UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from AR801065 to BN044243. One-hundred and seventy pax's were lifted in 60 sorties and a total of 25 hours flown without incident to complete the operation.

(10) 25 Mar - The 155th ALC, with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's lifted 198 pax's in 24 sorties from Kontum Airfield to AR8894 in support of 24th ARVN Div during a CA. A total of 21 hours were flown and the operation was completed without incident.

(11) 25 Mar - The 119th ALC supported the 173d Abn with five UH-1H's and 2 UH-1C's during a CA from AR105005 and AR100966 to AR115092. Three-hundred and ninety-two pax's were lifted in 57 sorties, and a total of 3 hours were flown to complete the operation.

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(12) 25 Mar - The 155th AHC supported Det B-23/5th SFG with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from ZV03524 to AQ767237. One-hundred and eighty-five pax's were lifted in 24 sorties. Heavy fire was received in the LZ and a second prestrike was made with 4 F-4C to suppress 50 cal. machine-gun fire and b-40 rocket fire received in the LZ. The prestrike was effective and the operation was completed without damage to the aircraft or crews.

(13) 25 Mar - The 119th AHC supported the 173d Abu Ddo with six UH-1H's and 2 UH-1C's during the extraction of 70 pax's in 12 sorties from AR 160950 to AR 030935. The operation was completed without incident.

(14) 26 Mar - The 189th AHC UH-1H aircraft 66-16162 received eight hits from 30 caliber automatic weapons in the vicinity of ZA-077376 causing light damage to the aircraft and one crew member WIA.

(15) 26 Mar - The 189th supported 1/22d Inf Bn with ten UH-1H's and three UH-1C's during a CA in which 192 pax's were lifted in 72 sorties from ZA065308 to ZA055357 and ZA077378. Small arms fire and automatic weapons fire was received in the LZ, but the operations was completed without damage to aircraft or crews.

(16) 26 Mar - The 189th supported 3/8th Inf Bn with eleven UH-1H's and five UH-1C's during a CA from ZA128962 and ZA130970 to YA 939913. Two-hundred and sixteen pax's were lifted in 72 sorties and a total of 40 hours flown without incident.

(17) 26 Mar - The 155th AHC supported Det B-23/5th SFG with five UH-1H's and 2 UH-1C's during a CA in which 182 pax's were lifted from AQ880010 to ZV295195 in 27 sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(18) 26 Mar - The 155th AHC supported ARVN units of Phu Bon Province during a CA from BQ251957 to BQ190695. Two-hundred and eighty one pax's were lifted in 42 sorties, and a total of 40 hours flown without incidents. A second CA from BQ525695 to BQ708638 was completed after 207 pax's were lifted in 100 sorties. Six UH-1H's and 2 UH-1C's were utilized.

(19) 28 Mar - The 189th AHC supported 1/22 Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA/Final Extraction from ZA079375 and ZA053364 to ZA113283. Two-hundred and fifty pax's were lifted in 90 sorties without incident. A total of 40 hours were flown to complete the operation.

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d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A HOURS</u>
9107	623	2371	599	299	24
<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C DAM/DEST</u>	
3293	13865	975	1	1/0	
<u>CREWS WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES CXL/DELAYED</u>	
1/0	0	0	88	0/0	

Period 29 Mar - 31 Mar 68

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3500 (Scattered) 7000 (Thin/Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 3-7 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4300 (High 1430 Hours)
- (4) Temperature: 84 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 90 degrees - 120 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable).

B. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Inf Div	22	7	5
ARVN	8	4	0
IFFV ARTY	4	0	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	2	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	2	2	0
2/1 CAV	0	2	0

c. Significant Events:

- (1) 29 Mar - The 155th AHC supported Det C-2/5th SFG with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from II Corps Hq to AR826649. One-hundred and thirth-five pax's were lifted with 15 sorties without incident. A total of 7 hours was flown without incident to complete the operation.

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(2) 29 Mar - The 155th AHC supported ARVN units of Phu Bon Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CM from BQ240820 to BQ137540. Three-hundred pax's were lifted in 40 sorties and a total of 40 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(3) 29 Mar - HMAF, The 52d CAB received 33 rounds of enemy 82-mm mortar fire. The rounds impacted in the aircraft parking area and the following damage resulted; 15 aircraft damaged, 14 personnel WIA. (For detailed information see Incl 4).

d. Operational Statistics:

COMBAT SORTIES	OTHER SORTIES	UH-1H HOURS	UH-1C HOURS	CH-47A HOURS	CH-54A HOURS
3792	223	899	276	208	2
TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL PAX	CARGO TONS	A/C HIT	A/C DAM/DEST	
1385	4700	970	0	0/0	
CREWS WIA/KIA	ENEMY KIA	STRUCT DEST	MED EVAC	SORTIES CXL/DELAYED	
0/0	0	0	28	0/0	

Period 1 April - 4 April 68

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3500 ft (Scattered) 8000 ft (Thin/Broken)
- (2) Visibility: 3-7 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4150 (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 82 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 080 degrees - 130 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable).

b. Aircraft Allocation:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Inf Div	22	6	6
ARVN	8	5	0
IFFV ARTY	4	0	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	2	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	2	0	5 6 0
2/1 CAV	0	2	0

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c. Significant Events:

(1) 03 Apr - The 109th AHC supported Det C-2/5th SFG with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA in which 170 pax's were assaulted from AR763503 to YL904742 in 36 sorties. Enemy small arms fire was received in the LZ but there was negative damage to aircraft or crew during the total 15 hours flown to complete the operation.

(2) 03 Apr - The 109th conducted a second CA in support of Det C-2/5th SFG with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's from YL31454 to YL56533. One-hundred and two pax's were lifted 26 sorties and a total of 11 hours flown to complete the operation without incident.

(3) 04 Apr - HMF, the 52d CAB received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire that impacted in the CH-47 parking area. Three CH-47's were damaged to include other miscellaneous equipment. There were no personnel injured during the attack. (For detailed information see Incl 3)

(4) 04 Apr - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and Two UH-1C's during a CA of 180 pax's lifted in 88 sorties from CQ112677 to CQ016601. A total of 25 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>	<u>CH-54A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
4473	219	1087	324	124	17
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C</u>	
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>LIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>	
1570	5858	6097	0	0/0	
<u>CREW</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SCORTIES</u>	
<u>WIA/KIA</u>	<u>KDA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVAC</u>	<u>CXL/DELAYED</u>	
0/0	3	2	37	0/0	

Period 5 April - 11 April 68

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3500 ft to 7500 ft (Scattered)
- (2) Visibility: 3-5 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4200 ft (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 80 degrees - (High), 59 degrees - (Low)

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b. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENT	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th INF Div	23	8	7
ARVN	8	4	0
IFFV ARTY	4	0	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	4	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	3	0	0
2/1 CAV	0	2	0

Significant Events

(1) 05 April - Kontum Airfield, the 57th AHC received 22 rounds of 122mm rocket fire which impacted in the aircraft parking and billeting areas. Ten aircraft were damaged and eight personnel were WIA. (For detailed information see Incl 4).

(2) 06 April - The 155th AHC supported ARVN units of the Tuyen Duc Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's to assault 170 pax's in 20 sorties from BP145001 to AP985138. A total of 28 hours were flown and the operation was completed without incident.

(3) 07 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA of 180 pax's in 85 sorties from BQ225820 to BR110155. A total of 25.5 hours was flown to complete the operation without incident.

(4) 07 April - The 189th AHC supported 42 ARVN Regt with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's to extract 365 pax's from ZBO49156 to ZBO45225. Eighty sorties and a total of 15 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident. The extracted unit was resupplied and equipped at ZBO45225 and combat assaulted to ZBO45118 and ZBO58124. Eighty sorties and an additional 18 hours were flown during the operation.

(5) 07 April - The 155th AHC conducted a night CA in support of Det B-23/5th SFG. One-hundred and ten pax's were lifted in 36 sorties from Ban Me Thuot AF to LQ810060. The operation was completed without incident.

(6) 08 April - The 155th AHC conducted a CA in support of the 22d ARVN Div. Three-hundred and seventy-seven pax's were lifted in 104 sorties from LQ420825 to BR172283 with six UH-1H's and two

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UH-1C's. No enemy fire was received and the operation was completed without incident.

(7) 09 April - The 155th AHC extracted 331 pax's in support of an ARVN unit of the Phu Don Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's in 83 sorties. A total of 40.5 hours were flown without incident to complete the mission.

(8) 09 April - 57th AHC supported 1/22d Inf Bn with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from ZA028936 to YA998328. Six-hundred and sixty-five pax's were lifted in 81 sorties during the total 60 hours flown to complete the mission without incident.

(9) 10 April - The 57th AHC supported 1/14th Inf Bn with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a Combat Assault of 220 pax's in 42 sorties from ZA028936 to ZB000062. A total of 18 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(10) 11 April - The 189th AHC supported Det C -2/5th SFG with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's to extract 171 pax's in 21 sorties from YA804734 to AR765498. Sixteen hours were flown to complete the operation.

(11) 11 April - The 155th supported an ARVN unit on Phu Don Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from AQ220820 to AQ930830. Two-hundred and fifty pax's were lifted in 90 sorties and a total of 38 hours flown to complete the operation.

(12) 11 April - The 57th AHC supported 1/14 Inf Bn with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA of 150 pax's in 22 sorties from ZA029933 to ZB006060. The operation was completed without incident.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A HOURS</u>
9220	459	2118	548	278	22
<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C DAM/DEST</u>	
2966	12,373	2035	0	0/0	
<u>CREW WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY KIA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVACS</u>	<u>SORTIES CXL/DELAYED</u>	
0/0	0	0	59	0/0	

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d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A</u> <u>HOURS</u>
9220	459	2118	548	278	22
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>HIT</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>DAM/DEST</u>	
2966	12,373	203	0	0/0	
<u>CREW</u> <u>WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KDA</u>	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u>	<u>MED</u> <u>EVACS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>CXL/DELAYED</u>	
0/0	0	0	59	0/0	

Period 12 April - 16 April 1968

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3500 ft to 7500 feet (Scattered)
- (2) Visibility: 3-5 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4250 ft (High 1530 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 83 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 080 degrees - 140 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable)

b. Aircraft Allocations:

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div	23	8	6
ARVN	9	5	0
ITFV ARTY	4	0	0
DSA II Corps	9	0	0
PRESS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	4	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	3	0	0
2/1 CAV	0	2	0
WHIRL	4 (1 day)	0	0

c. Significant Events:

- (1) 12 April - (189th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-1067 received 9 hits at ZB150750 which caused light damage to the aircraft. Two crew members were WIA.

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(2) 12 April - The 119th AHC supported 2/35th Inf Bn with eleven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA/FINAL EXTRACTION. Ninety-five pax's were lifted from ZA027906 to YA977923 in 16 sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(3) 12 April - The 119th AHC supported 2/35th Inf Bn by lifting 98 pax's in 17 sorties from ZA057991 to ZA065905 during a final extraction. A total of eight hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(4) 12 April - The 189th AHC supported Det C-2/5th SFG with six UH-1H's and four UH-1C's to extract and combat assault 85 pax's from YB952683 to ZB014713 in 28 sorties. The operation was completed after a total of 22 hours were flown.

(5) 12 April - The 155th AHC supported ARVN units of the Tuyen Duc Province with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from CQ110684 to BQ972662 and BQ970546. Five-hundred and twenty-five pax's were lifted in 127 sorties. A total of 30 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(6) 12 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from BQ980845 and BQ245835. Two-hundred and fifty-two pax's were lifted in 56 sorties and the operation was completed without incident.

(7) 13 April - The 155th supported ARVN units of the Phu Bon Province with two UH-1C's and five UH-1H's to complete a CA from BQ 231860 to BQ182671. One-hundred and thirty pax's were lifted in 35 sorties and a total of 30 hours flown to complete the operation without incident.

(8) 14 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's to assault 200 pax's in 75 sorties from BQ360175 to BR240830. The operation was completed without incident.

(9) 15 April - The 189th AHC supported 2/35th Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from ZA035927 and ZA063911 to ZA155937. One-hundred and fifty-eight pax's were lifted in 44 sorties. Twenty-two hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(10) 16 April - The 170th ASCH UH-1H aircraft 66-1210 received five hits in a classified area. The aircraft continued to fly and landed at a secure area. Light damage to the aircraft, one crewmember was KIA.

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(11) 17 April - The 155th supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CM from CQ240825 to CQ260320. Two-hundred and eight pax's were lifted in 44 sorties. A total of 21 hours were flown and the operation completed without incident.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A</u> <u>HOURS</u>
10390	551	2371	553	317	34
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>HIT</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>DAM/DEST</u>	
3273	15,243	2048	2	2/0	
<u>CREW</u> <u>WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u>	<u>MED</u> <u>EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>CXL/DELAYED</u>	
3/0	4	4	46	0/0	

Period 19 April - 25 April 1968

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 3000 ft to 7500 foot scattered
- (2) Visibility: 3-5 miles (Haze and Smoke)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4150 ft (High 1530 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 82 degrees (High) 59 (Low)
- (5) Wind: 070 degrees - 140 degrees 5-15 knots (Variable)

b. Aircraft Allocations:

ELEMENTS	UH-1H	UH-1C	CH-47A
4th Inf Div	23	7	8
ARVN	7	4	0
1STV ARTY	4	0	0
DSM II Corps	9	0	0
THUSS	1	0	0
OMEGA	4	4	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
5th SFG	3	0	0
GRID	6 (2 days)	2 (2 days)	0
WIRID	0	2 (2 days)	0

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c. Significant Events:

(1) 19 April - The 119th AHC supported the 1/8th Inf Bn with six UH-1H's and two UH-1C's. One-hundred pax's were lifted during a CA from YA965855 to YA995825 in 17 sorties. The operation was completed without incident. A second CA was completed by the same aircraft in support of the 1/35th Inf Bn. Seventy-three pax's were lifted from Folie Kleng to ZA170003. A total of 14 hours were flown to complete both operations.

(2) 19 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22nd ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from BQ230825 to BQ 920815 in 60 sorties. A total of 23 hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(3) 20 April - The 155th AHC supported the ARVN units of the Phu Bon Province during an extraction from BQ020910 to Cheo Reo Airfield. Two-hundred and thirty-five pax's were lifted in eighty-four sorties and thirty-five hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(4) 23 April - The 57th AHC supported the 2/35th Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from YA935938 to YA912921. Eighty-eight pax's were lifted in 15 sorties without incident to complete the operation.

(5) 23 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from CQ130645 to CQ050760. One-hundred and seventy pax's were lifted in 51 sorties and a total of sixteen hours were flown to complete the operation without incident.

(6) 23 April - The 119th AHC supported the 2/35th Inf Bn with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's to extract 88 pax's from YA912922 to YA 935938 in fifteen sorties. The operation was completed without incident.

(7) 24 April - (57th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-1063 received 15 hits from a 50 Calibre weapon and crashed at YA845851. The aircraft was a total loss, three crew members were injured.

(8) 24 April - The 155th AHC supported the 47th ARVN Regt with six UH-1H's and three UH-1C's during a CA from CQ140480 to CQ 028532 in which 1,040 pax's were lifted in 36 sorties and a total of 32 hours flown to complete the operation without incident.

(9) 24 April - (119th AHC) UH-1H aircraft 66-16524 was hit 15 times by 50 Calbre fire. The aircraft made a precautionary landing to a secure area and was later recovered. The aircraft received moderate damage and one crew-member was WIA.

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(10) 25 April - The 57th AHC supported Co B/5th SFG, with twelve UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. Seven-hundred and fourth-three pax's were lifted in 24 sorties and a total of 12 hours flown to complete the operation without incident.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A</u> <u>HOURS</u>
9035	236	1728	436	270	10
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>HIT</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>DAM/DEST</u>	
2444	10,278	1585	2	2/0	
<u>CREW</u> <u>WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u>	<u>KED</u> <u>EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>CXL/DELAYED</u>	
4/0	0	0	54	0/0	

Period 26 April - 30 April 1968:

a. Weather: Local Summary (Averaged)

- (1) Ceiling: 2,500-ft 6,000 ft Broken
- (2) Visibility: 3-5 miles (Smoke and Haze)
- (3) Density Altitude: 4,100 ft (High 1500 hours)
- (4) Temperature: 80 degrees (High) 60 degrees (Low)
- (5) Wind: 010 degrees - 120 degrees at 5-15 knots (Variable)

b. Aircraft Allocations:

<u>ELEMENT</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Infantry Division	22	8	8
ARVN	7	4	0
IFV Artillery	4	0	0
DSA II Corp	9	0	0
THES	1	0	0
5th SFG	3	0	0
PRAIRIE FIRE	4	4	0
OMEGA	4	4	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 26 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from CQ080875 to CR95055 in

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which 540 pax's were lifted in 156 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 42 hours flown.

(2) 26 April - The 189th AHC supported the 3/12 Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from ZB015216 to YB853187 in which 103 pax's were lifted in 38 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 15 hours flown.

(3) 26 April --The 189th AHC supported 3/8 Inf Bn with seven UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from ZB015216 to YB882291 in which 103 pax's were lifted in 42 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 15 hours flown.

(4) 26 April - (57th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 66-15147 received automatic weapons fire (30 Cal) and was hit six times in the vicinity of YA848899. One crew-member was WIA and the aircraft received light damage.

(5) 26 April - (179th AHC) CH-47A aircraft 66-19669 crashed and burned with ten personnel on board at YA183533. The accident is presently under investigation. The cause is unknown at this time. All ten personnel were KIA and the aircraft destroyed.

(6) 27 April - The 57th AHC supported project Prairie Fire with eighteen UH-1H's and twelve UH-1C's during a tactical emergency extraction of 118 pax's in 18 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 27 hours flown.

(7) 27 April - The 57th AHC supported 1/12 Inf Bn with ten UH-1H's and four UH-1C's during a CA from YA815963 to YA829909 in which 200 pax's were lifted in 40 sorties to complete the operation. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were received in the LZ but there was negative damage to friendly elements.

(8) 28 April - The 57th AHC performed multiple lifts in support of the 3d Inf Bde, 4th Inf Div, with eight UH-1H's and four UH-1C's. A total of 450 pax's were lifted in 64 sorties during a total of 15 hours flown.

(9) 28 April - (189th AHC) UH-1C aircraft 67-17263 was hit 3 times in the vicinity of YA814893. One crew-member was WIA, the aircraft received light damage.

(10) 29 April - The 155th AHC supported the 22d ARVN Div with five UH-1H's and two UH-1C's during a CA from CQ084884 to CQ042846 in which 170 pax's were lifted in 59 sorties. The operation was completed without incident and a total of 29 hours flown.

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(11) 30 April - The 57th AHC supported the 24th ARVN Div with twelve UH-1H's and four UH-1G's during a CA from the KONTUM AIRFIELD to AS945132 in which 505 pax's were lifted without incident. The operation was completed with a total of 30 hours flown.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>COMBAT SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1G HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A HOURS</u>	<u>CH-54A HOURS</u>
7953	562	1423	465	296	18
<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>TOTAL PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C DAM/DEST</u>	
2202	10260	1559	5	5/0	
<u>CREW WIA/KIA</u>	<u>ENEMY KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVAC</u>	<u>SORTIES CXL/DELAYED</u>	
2/0	0	0	51	0/0	

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II Section II Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and Recommendations:

a. Personnel (None)

b. Operations

c. (1) Allocation of assets to perform airmobile tasks:

(a) Observations: Allocations of aircraft to perform airmobile task have been made by ground commanders on numerous occasions without the first step of airmobile planning i.e., liaison between the airmobile task force commander and the air mission commander. This battalion has received requests for the air mission commander to report one hour prior to pick up zone time for recon and selection of an LZ. Often during liaison with the airmobile task force commander, recommendations were made for aviation assets necessary to complete the airmobile task by the air mission commander, to include other support such as TAC/AIR and artillery.

(b) Evaluation: In most cases the airmobile tasks were completed with less than the aviation assets required and without supporting fire due to the short notice and required completion time of the airmobile task. Operating under these conditions have resulted in higher risk rates to the lifting and lifted elements in the PZ and LZ of airmobile operations that require a final extraction in conjunction with a combat assault.

(c) Recommendation: Frequently, very little planning and reaction time will be available to the airmobile task force commander, however, operating principles of an airmobile combat assault are nevertheless valid. Ground commanders can reduce the risk factors by requiring the same short order responsiveness of available artillery fire support for LZ preparation, and insure that the required aviation assets recommended by the air mission commander are made available. The requirement to plan, organize and execute a successful airmobile operation, with minimum risk to both ground and aviation elements on short notice, can be met but ground commanders must adhere to published standard operating procedures of airmobile operations. Further recommend that a review of ground unit SOP's for airmobile operations be conducted to insure that valid operating procedures are included.

(2) Medium Helicopter Operations (CH-47):

(a) Observations:

1. Medium helicopter (CH-47) employment as requested, and directed, is not achieving maximum utilization in its primary role.

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The CH-47 helicopter is being used extensively in lieu of fixed wing, aircraft for the airlift of combat equipment and personnel from one fixed wing landing strip to another.

2. Supported ground units have on numerous occasions scheduled airlift of non-essential cargo for CH-47 delivery to forward units when requirements existed for combat essential cargo. Requirements for combat essential cargo can normally be determined a day prior to actual need. This battalion has received requests for airlift of combat essential cargo as tactical emergency missions the same day that non-essential cargo was being lifted for the requesting tactical unit (normally battalions). CH-47 helicopters have flown during the hours of darkness, at considerable risk of losing both the aircraft and supplies, to complete these emergency resupply missions.

(b) Evaluation: CH-47 helicopter support in terms of flight time, has been improperly utilized and not available to support in its primary role i. e., airlift of combat troops, supplies and equipment to units inaccessible by other expedient transportation means.

(c) Recommendation:

1. Ground units must be required to submit requests for airlift of combat essential supplies a minimum of 24 hours prior to required delivery. Non-essential cargo will be scheduled as a second priority for movement.

2. Further recommend that fixed wing aircraft (C-74 and C-123) support at division level to release CH-47 helicopters from missions that involve airlift of combat troops and cargo from one fixed wing airfield to another.

(3) UH-1H Utilization:

(a) Observation: Utilization reports maintained by this unit indicate that an ever increasing number of hours are being flown by UH-1H type aircraft on command/control or administrative/liason type missions to support ground units. In the past these aircraft were allocated to the ground unit to support airlift of supplies and equipment or for troop lift during combat assaults (the primary role of the UH-1H type aircraft).

(b) Evaluation: Aircraft have been flown during the hours of darkness due to improper planning by ground units to effect tactical resupply earlier in the day. Often non-essential cargo and personnel have been moved with a resulting tactical emergency declared as late as 1700 hours to insure adequate class V stores were airlifted in, often after dark. The resultant crew fatigue and delayed maintenance has effected other missions assigned to the aircraft and crews.

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(c) Recommendations: Ground units must plan ahead to live within their craft allocations, reduce administrative requirements and accomplish resupply in all categories prior to darkness. Higher tactical headquarters must coordinate resources to assist in their effort when aircraft are utilized on late combat assaults and extractions.

C. Training

(1) Aviation

(a) Observation: USARV Reg 95-6, dated 15 April 67 required flight orientation and training of assigned aviators prior to their operation of aircraft in RVN, for the purpose of determining flying proficiency and to insure that aircraft operation and flight procedures are standardized. In addition, 17th Combat Aviation Group Regulation 250-1, requires that all assigned aviators receive and units to conduct an instrument flight training and proficiency program. Maximum utilization has been made of aircraft available (not mission scheduled) to meet the requirements as outlined in current directives.

(b) Evaluation: Due to the limited availability of aircraft to be used for training and standardization purposes, standardization and Instructor Pilots (SIP's and IP's) were unable to conduct a comprehensive standardization program. Training flights were conducted during actual missions which does not facilitate the touch-down autorotation, a primary maneuver during emergency conditions i.e., forced landing. In addition, armament systems must be removed to facilitate autorotation in UH-1C (A) which changes the status of a mission ready and flyable aircraft to, flyable not mission ready. Availability of UH-1C (A) has completely precluded standardization and training in this type aircraft. Statistics indicate that no crew member has been involved in an accident or incident who had received a comprehensive standardization flight check.

(c) Recommendations: Aircraft should be allocated to meet unit requirements for standardization and training program. Requests for aircraft to meet these requirements can be made far enough in advance to allow an adjustment of total allocation of aircraft by higher headquarters to make UH-1 aircraft, especially UH-1C (A), available.

D. Logistics:

(a) Operations: During extended operations from strategically located POL points operated by this battalion, CH-47 helicopters exhausted the JP-4 supply. Valuable flight time was lost as a result of increased elapsed time involved in refueling operation. On several occasions these strategic POL points were bypassed POL (JP-4) convoys

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resupplying POL facilities of lesser priority. All attempts by this headquarters to route JP-4 to these locations were unsuccessful.

(b) Evaluation: POL consumption of the CH-47 helicopter is a consideration factor which cannot be over-emphasized. Ground planners who are unfamiliar with the operating characteristics of the CH-47 helicopter have invariably under-planned POL requirements.

(c) Recommendation: That aviation liaison officers be included in all planning aspects by logistics personnel involving the resupply of JP-4 to POL refueling points so that proper priorities can be established.

F. Organization: (None)

G. Other-(Aircraft Maintenance), (Safety),

(1) UH-1H transmission input quill seals:

(a) Observation: Numerous transmission input quill seals (FSN 6330-763-1473) are leaking and causing premature removal and excessive maintenance effort in removal of the item, replacement of the seal, and reinstallation of the quills into the transmissions on UH-1 helicopters.

(b) Evaluation: In most cases of input quill seal leakage, the quill seal itself is the cause of the leaks. If the seal is the cause of the leak, the only recourse is to replace the seal. In some instances, the leak has been found to have been caused by a defective "O" ring located behind the input quill seal in the input quill assembly.

(c) Recommendations: In each case of a input quill seal leak, the exact cause of the leak should be determined before automatically replacing the input seal. Further recommend that a study be conducted to determine if the design of the component is a possible cause of input quill leaks.

(2) Protection of Wreckers and other critical maintenance equipment from enemy mortar, rocket, and small arms fire:

(a) Observation: Items of equipment such as wreckers, forklifts and compressors are critically needed in the performance of aircraft maintenance. These items of equipment are highly susceptible to damage during enemy attacks.

(b) Evaluation: In most cases there are insufficient revetments available for storage of critical maintenance equipment.

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(c) Recommendations: Critical items of maintenance equipment should be protected by revetments not occupied by aircraft. If insufficient revetments are available, additional revetments should be constructed which can be utilized for storage of critical aircraft maintenance equipment.

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