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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of October 1967

Ref: (a) MAG-36 Order 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Part I Organizational Data
✓(2) Part II Narrative Summary
✓(3) Part III Significant Events

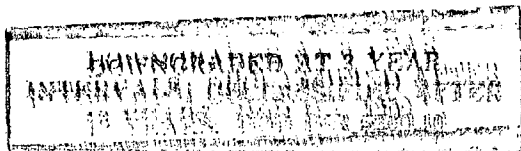
1. As directed by reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.
2. Upon removal of the enclosures, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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PERIOD COVERED 1 OCTOBER THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 1967

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol Glenn R. HUNTER	1-31Oct
b. Executive Officer	Major Weldon R. MUNTER	1-31Oct
c. Operations Officer	Major John L. PIPA	1-31Oct
d. Administration	Capt Peter M. HEIMAN	1-31Oct
e. Administrative Officer	Capt Peter M. HEIMAN	1-31Oct
f. Intelligence Officer	Capt Joseph R. SALES	1-31Oct
g. Aviation Safety Officer	Major John L. PIPA	1-31Oct
h. Materiel Officer	Major James A. MILLER	1-31Oct
i. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major Robert P. ROGERS	1-31Oct
j. Flight Surgeon	Lt Arthur G. LOCHRIDGE	1-31Oct

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE 1-15Oct

Marine Aircraft Group 16
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
Hue/Phu Bai Airport, Republic of Vietnam

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE 16-31Oct

Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
Hue/Phu Bai Airport, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength: 39 Officers, 149 Enlisted

4. Important visitors: LtGen V. H. KRULAK and MajGen N. J. ANDERSON

Enclosure (1)

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1 OCT: Two aircraft delivered suppressive fire on enemy mortar positions in the Phu Loc area. The mortar fire was silenced.

2 OCT: Four sorties were flown during an emergency extract of a recon team at YD 705145. Two aircraft sank an enemy boat at YD 730104.

3 OCT: Six sorties were flown providing cover for a downed O-1 and a Sparrow Hawk for the downed aircraft at YD 245658.

4 OCT: Four sorties were flown while making an emergency recon team extraction at YD 792068

6 OCT: Four armed helo sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extraction at YD 620211.

7 OCT: Four armed helo sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extraction at YD 353422

10 OCT: 23 armed helo sorties were flown during the initial troop lifts which began Operation Medina.

11 OCT: Four armed helo sorties were flown during emergency recon team extractions at YD 952028 and YD 203435.

13 OCT: 35 hoist pick ups and drops were made at ZD 149042 while assisting a USAF accident investigation team at a C-130 crash site.

Capt P. M. HEDMAN attempted a rescue of a F-4 pilot and RIO who had been downed 5 miles north of the DMZ. The attempt was not successful because of the capture of the pilot prior to Capt HEDMAN's arrival.

18 OCT: Six armed helo sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extraction at YC 910985. Eight armed helo sorties were flown during Bald Eagle at ZC 176988

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19 OCT 1967: Four armed helo sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extraction at YD 013417

23 OCT: Six armed helo sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extraction at YD 292527.

26 OCT: Operation GRANITE commenced with VMO-3 flying 41 sorties during the troop lift and initial phases of the operation.

27 OCT: Four armed escort sorties were flown during an emergency extract at YD 623191.

28 OCT: Four armed escort sorties were flown during an emergency extract at XD 950484.

30 OCT: 12 armed escort sorties were flown during an emergency recon team extract at YD 091598.

NOTE: VMO-3 flew numerous missions with the 190th Assault Helicopter Company during October. The professional attitude and cooperation of the 190th was demonstrated by the successful completion of all missions flown in conjunction with VMO-3.

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1. Personnel

a. Promotions- Eight to Captain, five to First Lieutenant, seven to Corporal, and one to Lance Corporal.

b. Five Officers joined - Three Officers dropped.

2. Administration

a. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. Awards. Six Good Conduct, Nineteen Air Medals, Two Navy Commendation Medals, 176 subsequent awards of the Air Medal

4. Casualties. One Officer and one Enlisted WIA when small arms fire penetrated cabin of aircraft causing shrapnel wound in arms. One enlisted WIA when small arms fire penetrated cabin of aircraft striking foot.

8. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of October, briefings were given by the S-2 section at APM's.

b. The total of fire incidents for the squadron for the month was 39 with 10 were hits.

c. The number of spot reports increased slightly over the previous month, with a total of 79 spot reports for the month.

11. AIR OPERATIONS

Total Hours Flown - 1529.4

Total Gun Hours 745.4

Total Slick Hours 784.0

Total Sorties Flown 2735

Number of Medevacs 40

Number of PAX carried 1114

7.62 Rounds Expended - 234,350

2.75 Rockets Expended- 986

14. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

"FREMONT", "KINGFISHER", "ARDMORE", "MEDINA", "FORMATION LEADER", "GRANITE", "KNOX"

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(1) Classes were given to two newly joined personnel; consisted of intelligence brief, general area brief and weapons indoctrination brief.

b. TECHNICAL TRAINING

(1) 2050 hours of on-the-job-training were accomplished and 256 hours of formal classes were given.

c. PILOT TRAINING

(1) Four newly joined pilots were given lectures as prescribed by Squadron SOP. TAC (A) syllabus training is progressing, qualifying pilots as prescribed in Squadron SOP. APMs are held 3 times a week. One MATCU lecture and one Recon Team lecture was held for all pilots. Three pilots NATOPS requalified.

d. CREW CHIEF/GUNNER TRAINING

(1) Three crew chiefs NATOPS qualified and 5 aerial gunners were NATOPS qualified.

d. EDUCATION

(1) 64 personnel are enrolled in various types of correspondence courses.

20. SUPPLY

a. During the month of October this unit received project 01 grant of \$48,000. This was the total money for the 2nd quarter FY-68.

b. A new materiel office location was established. This will greatly facilitate coordination between aircraft maintenance and the Maintenance Control Tool Room.

c. A new storage and issue building was set up for Marine Corps Property.

d. Approximately 80% of the cold weather requirements were received from MAG-16.

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23. MAINTENANCE

a. The month of October has seen several notable improvements made in the maintenance area. First, we finally have a roof over the hanger, thanks to the Sea - Bees. There are still many shrapnel holes to be covered, but it is a vast improvement over working completely out doors, as we have for the past 10 months.

Another area of improvement was the laying of steel matting alongside the hanger, to make an area for GSE. The troops from GSE shop worked many hours at night to get the matting down, and have built quite nice shop for themselves.

b. The past month has seen us come into MAG-36. We have been visited by a few key personnel from the Group, and have been assured of all the support they can muster for us. It will solve many problems having the Group near at hand. Welcome aboard!

24. AVIONICS

a. The H&MS-36 Avionics department has been set up and the caliber of support received from them is outstanding. The 3M readouts are getting back to the Squadron in shorter periods of time.

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