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Subj: Command Chronology for the month of November 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), enclosure (1), (2), and (3) are submitted.
2. Upon removal of the enclosure, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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PART I ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol G. R. HUNTER	1-30Nov
b. Executive Officer	Major W. R. MUNTER	1-30Nov
c. Operations Officer	Major J. L. PIPA	1-30Nov
d. Administrative Officer	Major J. R. SALES	1-30Nov
e. Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. PERRY	1-30Nov
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Major J. L. PIPA	1-30Nov
g. Materiel Officer	Major J. A. MILLER	1-30Nov
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major R. P. ROGERS	1-22Nov
i. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Captain J. M. KORTE	23-24Nov
j. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major H. S. LOWREY	25-30Nov
k. Flight Surgeon	Lt. A. G. LOCHRIDGE	1-27Nov
l. Flight Surgeon	Lt. J. A. BOYTON	28-30Nov

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE

Marine Aircraft Group 36
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF,
Hue/Phu Bai Airport, Republic of Vietnam
1-30 November 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength: 39 Officers; 153 Enlisted.

4. Important Visitors: MajGen N. J. ANDERSON

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 Nov: Six armed helo missions were flown as cover for the visit of the Vice President of the United States.

2 Nov: Twelve armed helo missions were flown in support of emergency extractions at YD 252418 and YD 972468. These missions resulted in 2 VC KBA confirmed and 3 KBA probable.

5 Nov: Twenty three armed helo missions were flown in support of a VM0-3 UH-1E downed at coordinates XD 778260. The aircraft, VT-13, could not be recovered and was subsequently destroyed.

6 Nov: Three camouflaged structures were damaged at YC 882865 and one sampan was sunk at YD 563187.

9 Nov: Thirteen armed helo missions were flown in support of a troop lift at YD 573177, and YD 563187. Six armed helo missions were flown in support of the Special Forces. VT-15 crash landed at John Brown 14's position as a result of an engine failure.

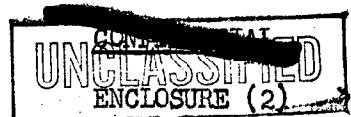
10 Nov: Four armed helo missions were flown in support of the Special Forces.

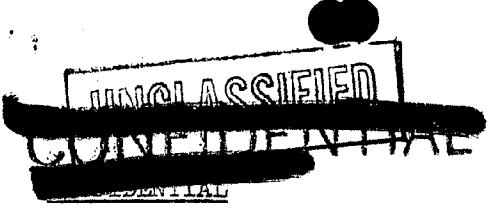
11 Nov: Six armed helo missions were flown in support of the Special Forces.

13 Nov: Four visual recon missions were flown in support of the initial troop lift for operation Badger Hunt. Twenty-two armed helo missions were flown in support of the same troop lift and they resulted in five huts destroyed, four damaged and six probable VC KBA.

14 Nov: VT-4 carrying Major General HCOMMUTH disintegrated in flight resulting in ALFA injury to 3 passengers and 3 crew members.

15 Nov: Sixteen armed helo missions were flown in support of a troop lift at AT 983517, operation Badger Hunt, and an emergency extract at AT 808486.




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16 Nov: Four armed helo missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at XD841441.

18 Nov: Four armed helo missions were flown in support of the troop lift for operation Cove at ZD133975

19 Nov: Six armed helo missions were flown in support of a troop lift at YD358317.

20 Nov: Attack of a suspected enemy position at ZD140010 resulted in one VC KBA confirmed, five possible KBA and ten sampans destroyed. Four armed helo missions were flown in support of an ARVN troop lift at YD687295.

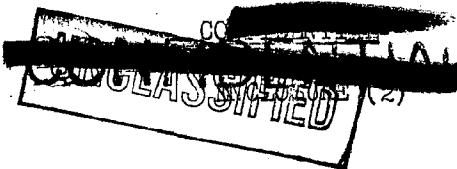
21 Nov: Two armed helo missions were flown in support of an emergency extraction at YC988967.

22 Nov: Two camouflaged rafts were attacked and destroyed at YD788108.

23 Nov: Eight armed helo missions were flown in support of an ARVN troop lift at YD517446 and YD492468. A rope bridge at YD588155 was damaged and two boats at YD583181 were also damaged.

24 Nov: Four armed helo missions and four C&C missions were flown in support of the initial troop lift for Operation Ballistic Arch at YD302698. Eight armed helo missions were flown in support of the recovery of a downed H-34 at YD475433.

Flight operations were sharply reduced from 25-30 November while aircraft underwent tail rotor and main mast inspections. Six pilots and six crewmen were sent TAD to VMO-2 on 9 November. On 6 November 1 aircraft was transferred to the custody of VMO-2 and on 12 November a second one was transferred ^{also, 70 vmo-2}.


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1. Personnel.

a. Promotions - Four to Major, two to Captain, one to First Lieutenant, and one to Sergeant.

b. Three officers joined; four officers dropped.

2. Administration.

a. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. Awards:

a. 12 Air Medals; 2 Good Conduct Medals; 137 subsequent awards of the Air Medal.

4. Casualties.

a. Two officers and one enlisted - ALFA injury.

8. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. During the month of November, six ten minute briefings were given at the APM's. On 29 November a thirty minute briefing was given on the 140mm and 122mm Rockets.

b. A briefing on the enemy situation in and around the Phu Bai TAOR was given to the Officers and Staff NCO's lasting about twenty minutes. Eight officers and seventeen Staff NCO's attended. There was also a briefing of about fifty minutes covering the South Viet Nam and North Viet Nam situations.

c. The total fire incidents for the squadron for the month was eighteen, of which one was a hit.

d. The number of spot reports decreased over the previous month, with a total of 43 spot reports this month.

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11. AIR OPERATIONS

Total Hours Flown	971.1
Total Gun Hours	507.6
Total Slick Hours	463.5
Total Sorties Flown	1991
Number of Medevacs	22
Number of PAX carried	765
7.62 Rounds Expended	176,600
2.75 Rockets Expended	880

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14. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

LANCASTER, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NEOSHO, NAPOLEON, COVE, OSCEOLA, BALLISTIC ARCH, BADGER HUNT, LAMSON 147.

17. TRAININGa. GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING

(1) Classes were given to 28 newly joined personnel; consisted of intelligence brief, general area brief and weapons indoctrination brief.

b. TECHINCAL TRAINING

(1) 3240 hours of on-the-job training were accomplished and 263 hours of formal classes were given.

c. PILOT TRAINING

(1) TAC (A) syllabus training is progressing, qualifying pilots as prescribed in the Squadron SOP. APM's are held 3 times a week. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours of lectures on the UH1E systems were held for all pilots by the Bell Tech Rep; Three pilots NATOPS requalified.

d. ENLISTED CREW TRAINING

(1) 21 crew members were NATOPS qualified.

e. EDUCATION

(1) 67 personnel enrolled in 103 correspodance courses.

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20. SUPPLY

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a.. During the month of November the material section submitted two major budgets which were BPN 09 and BPN 11.

b. These budgets covered the NAVAIR 00 - 35QM - 6 - 2 tools and materials for Motor Transport. The BPN 09 came to \$2,987.54. The BPN 11 came to \$2,316.86. Both budgets cover the 3rd and 4th quarter fiscal year 68.

c. During the month of November adequate rain gear was received for all personnel in the Squadron. Also knee length rubber boots were put on order for all hands.

23. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a.. For the period of 1-25 November 1967, aircraft availability averaged 57%. The planes were grounded on 26 November for a special main rotor mast and tail rotor hub inspection. As of this date they are in the process of coming back into an A10 status, hopefully return to normal operations shortly.

b. The monsoon season is upon us. As a result, considerable effort has gone into trying to make the maintenance hangar as dry as possible. It is a slow process, with hundreds of shrapnel holes to repair, but we are gaining slowly. We also have lights installed in the hangar, so that night maintenance will be a little less difficult to perform.

24. AVIONICS

a.. The 3M documentation for the AVIONICS section was greatly improved. Documentation increased from 43% to 94%. Five personnel joined, three radiomen and 2 electricians. MSGT F. C. KNUTH is now assigned as NCOIC.

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