

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 3
 Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of December 1967

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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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1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol G. R. HUNTER	1-31Dec67
b. Executive Officer	Major W.R. MUNTER	1-31Dec67
c. Operations Officer	Major J. L. PIPA	1-22Dec67
d. Operations Officer	Major P. M. HEIMAN	23-27Dec67
e. Operations Officer	Major W. J. GASH	28-31Dec67
f. Administrative Officer	Major J. R. SALES	1-31Dec67
g. Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. PERRY	1-31Dec67
h. Aviation Safety Officer	Major J. L. PIPA	1-22Dec67
i. Aviation Safety Officer	Captain W. S. WHITE	23-31Dec67
j. Material Officer	Major J. A. MILLER	1-31Dec67
k. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major H. S. LOWREY	1-31Dec67
l. Flight Surgeon	Lt. J. A. BOYLON	1-31Dec67

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE

Marine Aircraft Group 36
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF
 Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam
 1-31 December 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength: 39 Officers; 175 Enlisted

4. Important Visitors: MajGen N. J. ANDERSON

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

4 Dec: Six missions, TAC(A) and two C&C, were flown in support of an ARVN Troop Lift (Lamson 152) at YD575165.

8 Dec: Four Armed helo missions were flown in support of an emergency extract of a Recon team at YD965003.

9 Dec: Four Armed helo missions and two C&C missions were flown in support of a troop lift at YD253455.

14 Dec: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of an Emergency extract at YD432297.

16 Dec: One camouflaged hut was destroyed at YC887851 while on a visual recon mission. Six armed escort missions were flown during emergency extracts at XD800467 and YD428347.

17 Dec: Four armed escort missions were flown during an emergency extract at YD715164.

18 Dec: Twelve Armed escort missions were flown during emergency extracts at YD604232, YD464353 and YD603228.

19 Dec: Six armed escort missions were flown during emergency extracts at YD902004, YD904006 and XD755416.

20 Dec: Four armed escort missions were flown during emergency extracts at YD524233 and YD495226. VT-24 (BuNo. 154773) made a forced landing at YD793103 because of a cracked rotor blade. The squadron flew three armed escort missions in support of the sparrow hawk that was put in at the same coordinates.

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21 Dec: Six armed escort missions were flown in support of the initial troop lift for Operation Fortress Ridge at YD290751.

22 Dec: Two armed escort missions were flown during an emergency extract at XD762411. Three sampans were destroyed and one was damaged at YD585183 while on a visual reconnaissance mission.

24 Dec: Four armed escort missions were flown during an emergency extract at XD804471. Two armed escort missions were flown in support of a troop lift for Operation Fortress Ridge at YD310713.

25 Dec: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of a troop lift for Operation Fortress Ridge at YD580240.

26 Dec: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD593235. Six armed escort missions were flown in support of a troop lift for Operation Neosho at YD512424. Four armed escort missions were flown in support of a troop lift during Operation Badger Tooth at YD523493.

27 Dec: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of a troop lift to YD170728. Two armed escort missions were flown in support of a Bald Eagle to YD528450. Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD419385.

28 Dec: Four armed escort missions and two C&C missions were flown in support of a troop lift for the 26th Marines to XD824477 and XD798508.

30 Dec: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at XD765418.

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a. Promotions - Two to Captain, two to First Lieutenant, eight to Sergeant and one to Lance Corporal.

b. Three officers were joined and three officers were dropped.

c. At present we have 34 pilots on board, which represents approximately 71% of T/O. Projecting for the month of January on-board pilot strength will decrease to 58% due to rotation to CONUS.

2. ADMINISTRATION. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. AWARDS. Three Distinguished Flying Crosses; one Air Medal; seven Purple Hearts; seven Navy Commendation Medals and one Army Commendation Medal.

4. CASUALTIES. One officer wounded-in-action.

8. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERTERRORISM

a. During the month of December, thirteen briefings were given at squadron APM's averaging from ten to fifteen minutes.

b. Two briefings were conducted on the enemy situation in and around the Phu Bai TAOR, one was held on 10 December and was given to all crews chiefs and gunners. The second briefing was held on 16 December for twenty-five squadron enlisted personnel. Both briefings lasted for a duration of approximately forty minutes.

c. The total number of fire incidents for the squadron during the month was twenty-four, of which five were hits.

d. The number of spot reports increased over the previous month with a total of sixty-one.

11. AIR OPERATIONS

Total hours flown	1,116.5
Total gun hours	549.5
Total slick hours	567.0
Total sorties flown	1,957
Total med-evacs	12
Total pax carried	479

7.62 rounds expended	387,874
2.75 rockets expended	1,123

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14. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. LANCASTER, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NEOSHO, NAPOLEON, FORTRESS RIDGE, BADGER TOOTH.

17. TRAINING

a. GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING. Classes were given to twenty-one newly joined personnel and consisted of an intelligence brief, a general area brief and a weapons indoctrination brief.

b. TECHNICAL TRAINING. 280 hours of formal classes were given and 3,280 hours of on-the-job training was accomplished.

c. PILOT TRAINING. Twenty-five pilots attended a two hour briefing at the 3rd MARDIV conference room by the division G-2 section. TAC(A) syllabus training is progressing, qualifying pilots as prescribed in the squadron SOP. APM's are held 3 times weekly. One pilot was NATOPS qualified.

d. ENLISTED CREW TRAINING. Fourteen crew members were NATOPS qualified.

e. EDUCATION. Seventy-two personnel enrolled in 105 correspondence courses.

20. SUPPLY

a. During the month, this squadron moved one hundred enlisted personnel into the new two story barracks. To date, one hundred metal bunks and one hundred new steel wall lockers were received and installed in the new living quarters. In addition, new mattresses are on order thru MAG-36 Supply.

b. This unit also received ten tent stoves for the working spaces and at present two additional stoves are still required. These are on order with MAG-36 Supply.

23. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a. Aircraft availability for the month averaged 59%. Maintenance control issued 428 work orders up until 30 December.

b. Flying has been somewhat curtailed for the last several days due to inclement weather. It has given us an opportunity to catch up on maintenance.

c. The maintenance department will lose 27 enlisted personnel, of which 5 are Staff NCO's during the month of January 1968. The maintenance department deserves a "well done" for the many long hours of day and

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night work that they have contributed to the upkeep of the aircraft, enabling the squadron to perform its assigned mission.

24. AVIONICS

a. During the month the inclement weather has taken its toll of the squadron's electronic equipment, namely the TACAN AN/ARN 52V. As a consequence many of the squadron's aircraft must operate with limitations.

b. Turn around of equipment is moderately slow due to the lack of repair parts at H&MS level.

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