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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 January 1968

Ref: (a) GruO 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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PART I ORGANIZATION DATA

## 1. Staff Listing

a. Commanding Officer	LtCol G. R. HUNTER	1-31JAN68
b. Executive Officer	Major W. R. MUNTER	1-31JAN68
c. Operations Officer	Major W. J. GASH	1-31JAN68
d. Administrative Officer	Major J. R. SALES	1-31JAN68
e. Intelligence Officer	Captain R. E. PERRY	1-31JAN68
f. Aviation Safety Officer	Captain W. S. WHITE	1-31JAN68
g. Material Officer	Major J. A. MILLER	1-31JAN68
h. Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major H. S. LOWREY	1-31JAN68
i. Flight Surgeon	Lt. J. A. BOYLON	1-31JAN68

2. MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON THREE  
 Marine Aircraft Group 36  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III MAF  
 Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam  
 1-31 January 1968

3. Average monthly strength: 35 Officers 162 Enlisted

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of Operation Badger Tooth during troop lifts and resupplies.

2 JAN: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD 483263. Four armed escort missions were flown in support of troop lifts for Operation Badger Tooth.

4 JAN: One VIP mission was flown carrying Senator Edward KENNEDY on a tour of positions south of DANANG.

5 JAN: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD 426355. Six armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces.

7 JAN: Twelve armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces.

9 JAN: Four Search and Rescue missions were flown during the recovery of the crew of a downed UH-34 at ZC 118962.

11 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions. One armed escort mission and one slick escort mission were flown in support of CMC's visit.

12 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces on classified missions. One slick escort mission was flown in support of CMC's visit.

14 JAN: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD 585234. Eight armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

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15 JAN: Eight armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions. Two armed escort missions and two command and control missions were flown in support of an ARVN troop lift (LAMSON 179) at YD 638170.

17 JAN: Five armed escort missions were flown in support of Special Forces on classified missions.

18 JAN: Twelve armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions, VT-9 crashed into the water at AT 894969. The crew chief and gunner SSgt FAIR and SSGT SPRING were killed.

19 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of an emergency extract at YD 789055.

24 JAN: Ten armed escort missions and five command and control missions were flown in support of the initial troop lift for Operation Badger Tooth.

25 JAN: Twelve armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

26 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

27 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

29 JAN: Four armed escort missions were flown during an emergency extract at YD 795065. Nine armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

30 JAN: Two armed escort missions were flown in support of the Special Forces in classified missions.

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- a. Promotions - One to First Lieutenant, two to Sergeant.
- b. 4 officers were joined and 7 dropped.

2. ADMINISTRATION. No outstanding administrative problems.

3. AWARDS. 15 Aircrewman Insignias

4. CASUALTIES. Two officers WIA, two enlisted WIA, two enlisted KIA.

8. INTELLIGENCE/COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

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

b. The total fire incidents for the month was forty-eight, of which seven were hits.

c. The number of spot reports decreased over the previous month, with a total of thirty-seven reported.

11. AIR OPERATIONS

Total hours flown	1,173.7
Total gun hours	821.0
Total slick hours	352.0
Total sorties flown	2,094
Total med-evacs	6
Total pax carried	444

7.62 rounds expended	252,405
2.75 rockets expended	1,152

14. SPECIAL OPERATIONS. LANCASTER, KENTUCKY, SCOTLAND, NEOSHO, NAPOLEON, OSCEOLA.

17. TRAINING

a. GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING. Classes were given to thirteen newly joined personnel and consisted of an intelligence brief, a general area brief and a weapons indoctrination brief. Intelligence briefs are given to all enlisted personnel each week approximately one and one-half hours per lecture.

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b. TECHNICAL TRAINING. 273 hours of formal classes were given and 3,161 hours of on-the-job training was accomplished.

c. PILOT TRAINING. Four newly joined pilots were given all lectures as prescribed by a squadron SOP. TAC (A) syllabus training is progressing, qualifying pilots as prescribed in the squadron SOP. Three pilots renewed on instrument cards. One pilot was NATOPS qualified. AFM's are held 3 times weekly. Intelligence briefs and Escape and Evasion tactics are reviewed at each AFM.

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

e. EDUCATION. 48 personnel enrolled in 53 correspondence courses.

20. SUPPLY. During the past thirty days this office has had a new supply officer report in, CW-4 PRESTGARD and a new material chief. SSGT FARREN relieved GYSGT WILLIAMS. We have also had a preliminary A&M inspection from group supply and have been correcting our discrepancies in preparation for the wing A&M inspection which will be administered in the near future. A complete inventory is being held at this time and all records are being updated. Training classes are being held on various matters pertaining to supply and a new expeditor has been trained to represent this squadron at group supply. Work requests have been submitted to install sufficient lighting within the barracks and to date we are still receiving the new steel racks and mattresses for the barracks and hutches. The main hold-up in this matter seems to be due to lack of transportation.

### 23. AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a. Aircraft availability for the month averaged 65%. Maintenance control issued 949 Job Control Bumbers, for a total of 6000.2 completed man-hours.

b. Approximately 120 reports and documents were processed by maintenance admin.

d. As of 1 January 1968 all squadron aircraft were put on the oil analysis program.

d. The maintenance department received five transistor radios for faster 3M Communication.

e. Approximately 27 maintenance personnel were transferred in January with a replacement of only 15 men.

### 24. AVIONICS.

a. No events of historical value occurred in this section during the month of January.

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