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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36

Subj: Chronology of significant events from 1 June thru 30 June 1966 (U)

Ref: (a) WgO. 57501A
 (b) GruO. 5750.1

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), the following is submitted:

a. Narrative of significant events occurring in reporting period:

1 June -Two Klondike aircraft delivered fire at BT 417095 by direction of ground troops. Four buildings destroyed and one male VC with weapon killed.

6 June -Two Klondike aircraft took fire from BS 785505. Fire was returned and five huts destroyed. Later flight on same mission launched as search and destroy, found five VC and took them under fire. 2 possible KBA's.

7 June -L/Cpl SCHLESER saved the life of an ARVN med-evac who stopped breathing by using mouth to mouth resuscitation.

8 June -Two Klondike escorted lift to BS 025951. After lift the flight destroyed 4 huts in area of LZ.

9 June -Flew in support of Operation Apache today as command and control, and TAG(A).

12 June -Fire was received from BS 666576, aircraft (BU 151854) received three hits that wounded the pilot and both gunners, plane flown to Med B co-pilot.

15 June -Three Klondike aircraft and crews detached to SLR aboard 3-DPH-5.

16 June -Recon team "Carnival Time" at BT 131205 were surrounded by an estimated battalion of VC. Klondike aircraft controlled Oxwood & Condole flights, adjusted arty, and provided close air support from 0220 until 0230.

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Great thanks to Spokie Cooper for his work in keeping the area lit. Klondike had three aircraft suffer battle damage, one being lost completely. We also regretfully lost our CO MAJ W. J. GOODSELL, who was KIA.

18 June -The army's 120th Aviation Co. arrived today to help out because of our aircraft shortage.

19 June -While supporting Cantilever a herd of about 30 elephants were spotted at AT 910152. Klondike killed 14, then called Condole who killed 7 more. After TAC(A) mission at BT 161144 to BT 185150, Klondike destroyed 8 huts and damaged 4 more.

22 June -Received 5 aircraft from VMO-2 today. 11 VC were seen entering a village at CQ 070815. The village was taken under fire. Four huts were destroyed. Capt BURKMAN was wounded when bolt broke on internal gun and fired round into the aircraft.

23 June -While acting as TAC(A), fixed wing and helo, all received small arms fire. The fixed wing also received anti-aircraft fire with air bursts at LT 091300.

24 June -VC was spotted at CQ 007768. He dropped his pack and ran, Klondike retrieved the pack, soon after aircraft fired on suspicious males. 1 possible KBA, 1 confirmed WIA.

Two VC with weapons were seen crossing river at CQ 013769. They were taken under fire, both confirmed kills.

25 June -Armed escort scrambled to BS 572943 to aid Crepe Mrtyle. Destroyed 7 huts, damaged 4, wounded 2 VC running from village.

27 June -Klondike launched to support Stiffbulge 9 at BS 435751. They were being held up because of med-evac cases, so Klondike took their med-evacs and then returned to BS 435751. They killed 3 VC and destroyed eleven huts. Also acted as TAC(A) for Oxwood and Condole who destroyed 7 huts, got 4 KBA's and 3 probable KBA's.

29 June -Operation Oakland began today. When escorting landing, 12 VC were spotted, one was wounded. After refueling 200 VC were spotted moving west. Klondike captured 9 of them and 2 were killed. Ground troops called Klondike to fire on CQ 010713. They destroyed 16 huts, and then acted as TAC(A) for fixed wing who destroyed seven more huts.

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Squadron statistics for period 1 June through 30 June 1966.

a. A/C assigned	16
b. Average daily avail	12
c. Flight hours	1244
d. Missions	534
e. Sorties	2110
f. Tons Cargo	0
g. Troops/Pax	267
h. Med-Evac	15
(1) US MIL	13
(2) ARVN	2
(3) CIV	0
(4) VC	0
(5) Austrilian	0
i. Casualties	6
j. Name and rank of CO & Staff	
Commanding Officer	MAJ R. E. PRESSON 1-10
	MAJ W. J. GOODSELL 11-16
	MAJ R. M. GREGORY 16-30
Executive Officer	MAJ W. J. GOODSELL 1-10
	MAJ R. M. GREGORY 11-16
	CAPT J. E. FERRYMAN 17-22
	CAPT W. E. DODDS 23-30
Operation Officer	CAPT W. E. DODDS 1-22
	CAPT R. W. BURKMAN 23-30
S-4	CAPT J. C. ARICK
S-2	CAPT W. H. HUFFCUT
S-1	CAPT J. L. SCHULER

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From: Officer-in-Charge
To: Commanding Officer, Special Landing Force

Subj: Combat After Action Report, Operation DECKHOUSE 1

Ref: (a) CTG 79.5 Op Order 328-66

Encl: (1) Chronology of Significant Events-Operation DECKHOUSE 1
(2) Operational Analysis-Operation DECKHOUSE 1
(3) Statistical Summary-Operation DECKHOUSE 1

1. In accordance with reference (a), Enclosure (1), (2) and (3) are submitted.

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30 June 1966CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS-OPERATION DECKHOUSE 1

At 1230H 15 June 1966 three helicopters (UH-1E) of VMO-6 were launched from Ky Ha to the USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) to support CTG 79.5 on Operation DECKHOUSE 1. This compliment of aircraft consisted of two armed gunships and one slick. On 16 and 17 June 1966 recon flights over the objective area of DECKHOUSE 1 were conducted utilizing the detachments aircraft.

18 June 1966: At 0540H all three aircraft were launched to act as TAC(A) and armed escort for the troop lift in support of BLT 3/5. Prior to the troop lift small arms fire was received from Hill 286 CQ 059793. Fixed wing aircraft on station were used to conduct an airstrike against this position with moderate damage resulting. A light prep was conducted in the vicinity of LZ CROW just prior to the arrival of the first wave of Dunbar aircraft. No hostile fire was received during the landing. Throughout the remainder of the early morning hours the detachment's aircraft continued to act as TAC(A) calling airstrikes on fortified positions in the hills surrounding the landing zones.

Two armed gunships acted as escort for a second troop lift into landing zone ROBIN. There were no incidents.

19 June 1966: The slick was used for a code 7 VIP run to CQ 087788. A visual recon of the area was accomplished also.

The gunships were launched on a Search and Destroy mission. They sighted 2 men running from a trench at CQ 089776 but did not take them under fire, being enroute to a priority mission assigned by Ice Pack. Headhunter 40 acted as controller on this mission which consisted of an airstrike against a suspected, camouflaged VC rest camp and supply dump at CQ 037298. The gunships made numerous runs destroying one hut, damaging one hut and causing a small secondary explosion. At the completion of this mission the aircraft were utilized as cover for a downed US ARMY UH-1D at CQ 108925. They were relieved on station by an ARMY maintenance crew and armed escort.

The slick was used to recon area of CQ 1432 with Glimmer 6 aboard. An area from CQ 107785 to CQ 050805 was also reconned with Glimmer 6 landing at all sighted platoon positions. During this mission the slick removed two heat casualties from "L" Company and took fire from CQ 107785. After returning to recon area the slick removed another heat casualty from CQ 087788.

Two gunships were used in support of Glimmer Lima. No incidents. On completion, Fairmont assigned a fire mission at CQ 128764 to discourage the VC from observing operations on Red Beach. Damage to trench and bunker installation was slight, however no observers were noted after airstrike. The slick was used as TAC(A) for troop lift from CQ 080795 to CQ 054796. Some light small arms fire was received in vicinity of pick-up zone.

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20 June 1966: Two gunships were used in support of Glimmer Lima and Mike. Headhunter 40 acted as controller for small arms suppression at CQ 092793 and strike against bunkers and fighting holes at CQ 095802. These gunships then acted as TAC(A) directing fixed wing aircraft against suspected VC rest area at CQ 025805 while themselves expending ordnance against a hut at CQ 025805 and destroying same.

The slick took the SLF commander to the Glimmer CP CQ 086787, Song Cau CQ 080875 and CQ 110778. They also carried two female VCS from CQ 0867-87 to Song Cau.

The gunships were launched in support of Glimmer Mike but were unable to contact them and were switched to Headhunter. They conducted a fire mission on suspected VC rest areas at CQ 042842 and CQ 032843. Damage to targets was slight due to the turbulence in the area.

The slick was used to conduct a recon of CQ 0380 with the SLF commander as passenger. They also carried one male VCS from Glimmer CP to Song Cau.

21 June 1966: The gunships were launched for a recon of CQ 990780 and the surrounding area. One trench line was discovered at CQ 984783, however no action was taken against it. Headhunter 42 acted as controller of an airstrike on a suspected VC rest area at CQ 023063. One structure was destroyed.

Two gunships were used to recon a village at CQ 067758 where a Dunbar aircraft reported small arms fire with negative results.

Two gunships were used in support of Glimmer India and after a 1.3 on station were diverted to CQ 085789 to suppress fire for Dunbar 10-0. Two huts destroyed.

Two gunships were used as escort for resupply of Glimmer India and recon of CQ 0780.

22 June 1966: Two gunships were used as escort for troop lift to CQ 0558-06 and CQ 988778. Also conducted airstrike against huts at CQ 025848. Air turbulence made firing runs ineffective and the strike was halted. No damage was done to the suspected VC rest area.

The slick was used for recon of Glimmer Kilo troop lift and of areas CQ 075755, 030760 and 035925. No significant sightings.

The two gunships were used to destroy six haystacks believed to be a VC weapon's cache at CQ 050740.

The slick was used to recon CQ 097776 and 095780 and carried one passenger from CQ 073714 to Glimmer CP.

Two gunships escorted Dunbar 8-0 on Med-Evac from CQ 054807 to Bullhorn.

The slick acted as Naval gunfire control for USS THOMASON into CQ 0862 and surrounding area.

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Two gunships were used to support Fervert who had seen 11 VC go into village at CQ 056735. Village taken under fire with rockets and machine guns. Attack called off when Co-Pilot of the second aircraft received minor wounds in the left arm from malfunction of left gunners M-60 machine gun. Village left smoking and burning.

Two gunships originally launched for armed escort of troop lift were diverted to Fervert for an emergency retraction from vicinity of 049740. The H-34's and gunships received small arms fire from CQ 049741 and 033744. Fire was returned and one hut was destroyed. One aircraft sustained slight damage with one small caliber bullet hole in the main rotor blade.

The slick directed Naval Gunfire (flares) to CQ 0376. No sightings.

23 June 1966: Two gunships escorted Dunbar 5-0 on troop lift to CQ 084792. They were then diverted to Headhunter 40 and held over CQ 9979. No action taken.

The slick was used for VIP transportation and recon of operational area. The SLF commander and BGEN RYAN were carried to BQ 913704 and CQ 072712.

Two gunships were used as armed escort for troop lift to CQ 072805. One VC noted running into village at CQ 070815. Fired on same. One confirmed KBA, 6 structures destroyed.

Two gunships flew in support of Kilo 1.

The slick was used for TAO of DECKHOUSE 1 operation area.

Two gunships were used as armed escort on troop lift from CQ 080800 to secure area.

24 June 1966: The slick took BGEN RYAN and one code 7 to Nha Trang, Glimmer 6 CP CQ 085787 and conducted recon of operating area. Received fire from CQ 025739.

Two gunships on TAC(A) mission conducted an airstrike utilizing Barn Owl aircraft on target at BQ 989834.

Two gunships acted as armed escort for troop lift to BQ 998817.

Two gunships controlled fixed wing aircraft on an airstrike against a village at CQ 015843. Two structures destroyed, two damaged.

Slick launched for recon of CQ 005777. No activity was noted.

Two gunships to check out reported VC platoon CQ 005798. Nothing sighted. Two VC were seen crossing river with their weapons at CQ 013769. Took both under fire. Two KBA and one structure destroyed.

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Two gunships used to check on reported VC sighting at CQ 007768. Negative results. One VC seen crossing river at CQ 029746. When fired upon he dropped the pack he was carrying and fled. First aircraft landed and retrieved pack which was later returned to SLF S-2. One group of about 4 VC were sighted at CQ 0276 and taken under fire. One possible KBA, one confirmed WIA.

Slick flew code 6 to Glimmer CP, picked up three passengers and then flew to Dong Tri at CQ 912798.

25 June 1966: Two gunships used as armed escort for troop retraction from CQ 054803. Also performed recon of Song Cau river and took fire from a village at CQ 066745. Returned fire destroying two structures and damaging one.

Two gunships used for armed escort of troop lift to BQ 990833 also utilized by Headhunter 42 for airstrike on suspected VC hospital at CQ 003861. Three huts destroyed.

The slick was used for a recon of BQ 985840 and vicinity.

26 June 1966: Two gunships were used for armed escort for troop insertion at CQ 098802 and recon of BQ 966870. Spotted three VC on trail at CQ 065746. They hid and were taken under fire. No BDA.

Two gunships used for recon CQ 043732. Negative sightings. Sighted one man running from river to CQ 040735. Took him under fire. No BDA.

The slick was used to recon CQ 020760 and also made a passenger drop at CQ 072713.

27 June 1966: The slick took four code 7's to Tuy Hoa CQ 179465.

NOTE: Landing Zone Coordinates as follows:

CROW	CQ 061793
ROBIN	CQ 060793

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OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS - Operation DECK HOUSE 1

1. ITEM: FM Radio Frequencies, Usage of

COMMENT: Aircraft were briefed to contact ground units on Bn. Tac. Primary (M-34) and have them switch to Bn. Tac. Secondary (M-31) for necessary communications. This procedure was rarely successful due to the large amount of administrative traffic being used on Bn. Tac. Primary. Once the ground unit came up on M-31 it could only stay for a short time due to lack of radio equipment, (2 sets per Co.) and the requirement to monitor Bn. Tac. Primary and Company Tac. This problem is especially troublesome when aircraft are directed to support two different units at the same time for an extended period of time.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a. That unnecessary administrative traffic be kept to a minimum on Bn. Tac. Primary.
- b. That each ground unit be provided with three FM radios capable of ground to air communications and that one frequency be assigned strictly for this use to be monitored during daylight hours and at night when expecting aircraft for support.

2. ITEM: Target Marking By Troops In The Field.

COMMENT: On several occasions we were called on to soften up or destroy targets which ground troops were unable to neutralize. Many times we would circle the target for extended periods trying to establish a definite target verbally. It is apparently not realized by those on the ground that their view of the target area is quite restricted, therefore when they say "the tree line running South" we look down and see perhaps four tree lines running south in the same area. With a marking device such as 3.5 rocket launcher firing white phosphorus or an M-79 grenade launcher, confusion could be eliminated and target position along with friendly troop positions could be pin-pointed using the clock code system from North and meters.

RECOMMENDATION: That ground units including patrol size units carry weapons which can, if needed, be used to mark targets for CAS, and they should advise CAS aircraft if they can mark the target.

3. ITEM: Wind Over The Deck During Carrier Operation

COMMENT: Several times wind was marginal or less than necessary to safely launch fully loaded UH-1E gunships.

RECOMMENDATION: That UH-1E aircraft when armed be given a minimum of 15 knots of wind no more than 30° off the bow.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY OPERATION DECKHOUSE 1

DATE	HOURS	TOTAL SORTIES	AH	SORTIES BY TYPE					VC KBA C/P	VC WIA C/P	STRUCTURE DEST/DAM	7.62 ROUNDS	ROCKETS
				RECON	TAC(A)	MED-EVAC	VIP	PAX					
18 June	13.7	30	20	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	5500	36	
19 June	12.1	33	18	2	6	4	3	9	-	-	12000	125	
20 June	11.2	30	16	6	-	-	8	6US 3VCS	-	-	14300	205	
21 June	11.5	20	18	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6350	113	
22 June	17.4	42	30	8	2	-	2	7	-	-	20100	116	
23 June	8.4	30	24	2	-	-	4	7	1/0	-	320	21	
24 June	16.9	30	24	2	-	-	4	9	2/1	1/0	6400	9	
25 June	11.9	20	10	2	8	-	2	1	-	-	6200	73	
26 June	8.7	13	9	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	4100	0	
27 June	2.8	7	5	1	-	-	2	4	-	-	3000	0	
TOTALS	114.6	255	174	31	22	4	27	47	3/1	1/0	78,270	698	

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Ref: (a) CTG 79.5 Op Order 328-66
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(3) Statistical Summary-Operation NATHAN HALE
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2 July 1966CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

At 1200H 27 June 1966 this detachment was employed in support of Operation NATHAN HALE. The detachment maintained a fifteen minute alert throughout this operation until 1400H 2 July 1966.

27 June 1966: Two gunships were used in a recon of a bunker at CQ 017747. Negative sighting of personnel or activity; however, machine gun passes were made at the request of Glimmer 6.

28 June 1966: The slick took Hearsay 6, Glimmer 6 and party to C.P. located at CQ 072713, and then performed a recon of area at BQ 950720. Later, on the same flight, the slick took Glimmer 6 and a Dunbar representative on a recon of BQ 990735.

Two gunships capped a troop lift from CQ 990831 to the LPH-5.

The slick took Hearsay 6 to the Glimmer C.P., Tuy An, Tuy Hoa, and returned to LPH-5.

Two gunships escorted Dunbar 6-0 on troop lifts to BQ 947713, BQ 967717, BQ 941717 and CQ 995787. They also covered a lift from CQ 995787 to the LPH-5 and carried two passengers back from the zone.

29 June 1966: The slick reconned CQ 0770 to 9470 and CQ 0772. They also directed naval gunfire into CQ 032843.

Two gunships escorted Dunbar on two troop insertion. Both from LPH-5 to CQ 075704.

The slick flew Hearsay 6 to the Glimmer C.P. and then flew COL DUFFY to CQ 110678 and Tuy Hoa.

Two gunships checked out reported VC at CQ 123769. Individuals considered civilians.

The slick was sent to check out reported sighting of 50 VC but suspects appeared to be civilians.

Two gunships launched on a recon in vicinity of CQ 1375. USS COOK reported hostile fire, directed at two small boats, from a village at CQ 155766. Recon of the village revealed many persons fleeing into tree line. Took the village under fire. Destroyed 25 structures and left village burning.

The slick with Hearsay Playboy aboard directed naval gunfire into CQ 152779, CQ 145779 and CQ 128765. They also directed arty into CQ 152766 and CQ 128765.

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The two gunships during a recon of the general operating area received fire from CQ 027628. The fire was returned resulting in one confirmed KBA.

30 June 1966: The slick reconned areas of CQ 0770 to 9470 and CQ 0772 to 9442.

Two gunships escorted a Med-Evac to CQ 010713. They fired on a village at those coordinates on request of Glimmer Mike destroying 16 structures. Then directed fixed wing aircraft against the same target destroying 7 structures and burning most of the area.

Two gunships investigated reported 20 VC coming out of cave at CQ 108720. Nothing of military interest sighted.

Two gunships flew cover for Glimmer Mike and Kilo. They sighted 3 VCS at BQ 995780, and reconned a supposed radio station at CQ 007944. Nothing was confirmed.

1 July 1966: Two gunships escorted a troop insertion to CQ 119720 and CQ 114716.

The slick directed naval gunfire and arty into CQ 061753.

Two gunships escorted a retraction of Glimmer Kilo from CQ 064748 to Tuy Hoa south.

2 July 1966: Two gunships flew escort for a troop retraction of Glimmer Mike at CQ 012704. The Dunbar aircraft was fired on and the gunships returned fire destroying 6 structures and damaging one.

Two gunships fired on houses and a tree line at CQ 099723 where Dunbar aircraft had been taking fire. 2 structures were destroyed.

Two gunships escorted a retraction of Glimmer Lima from CQ 073713. They fired on houses at CQ 094725 where automatic weapons fire had been noted earlier by Dunbar, and destroyed 3 houses.

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				RECON	TAC(A)	MED-EVAC	VIP	PAX					
27 June	1.8	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3000	-	
28 June	14.0	24	16	2	-	-	6	9	-	-	-	-	
29 June	15.4	37	30	5	-	-	2	4	1/0	-	25/0	6800	45
30 June	8.9	16	12	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	16/0	3000	35
1 July	6.6	13	8	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 July	6.7	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11/1	19100	92
TOTALS	53.4	106	82	16	0	0	8	13	1/0	0/0	72/1	31900	172

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