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

Subj: Chronology of significant events from 1 August thru 31 August 1966 (U)

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

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

a. Organizational Data

(1) Commanding Officer	MAJ	W. R. MALONEY	1-31
Executive Officer	MAJ	R. M. GREGORY	1-31
Operation Officer	MAJ	W. E. DODDS	1-31
S-4	CAPT	J. C. ARICK	1-31
S-2	LT	R. L. WILTROUT	1-30
S-2	CAPT	W. M. SHADBURNE	30-31
S-1	CAPT	J. L. SCHULER	1-31

(2) Marine Observation Squadron 6, Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam

(3) Average monthly strength 145

(4) There were no VIP visitors to VMO-6 this month.

b. Narrative of significant events occurring in reporting period:

1 Aug 66. Maj Maloney acted as TAC(A) for an LZ prep today. His flight also escorted the H-34's into the landing zone. They delivered suppressive fire in the process.

Lt Jaeger flew BGEN KYLE from Da Nang to Cam Lo and then returned him to Da Nang.

The med evac escort at Ky Ha flew nine missions.

The med evac escort at Da Nang flew eight missions. They received fire and delivered return fire on two of them.

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2 Aug 66. Lt Ross flew MGEN FIELDS and one civilian to Thien Phouc, then returned him to Ky Ha.

Maj Dodds delivered suppressive fire around the position of a recon team, before and during their retraction. Small arms fire was being received during this incident.

Lt Pecoraro flew the Isralli head of state to sites throughout the Da Nang complex today.

The med evac escort at Phu Bai flew three missions.

The med evac escort at Da Nang flew eight missions, receiving fire during two of them.

The med evac escort at Ky Ha flew eight missions, without incident.

3 Aug 66. Lt Butler led a flight to assist a recon team that was under attack by the V.C.. His flight delivered suppressive fire while the weather was swiftly going IFR. Just as the H-34's arrived to make the retraction, the weather went to zero-zero. While holding in the clear, fire was received by the H-34's. The fire soon stopped after Lt. Butler's flight returned the fire. The flight reached bingo fuel before the weather cleared, and had to return for fuel. The H-34's were able to make the retraction during a short break in the weather before Lt Butler's flight could return.

Lt Boden flew BGEN STILES to Tam Ky, then returned him to Ky Ha.

The med evac escort flew three missions today.

4 Aug 66. Capt Waters acted as TAC(A) for four fixed wing today. They damaged a trench line and destroyed one hut.

The med evac escort flew seven missions today.

5 Aug 66. Lt Jaeger while on the afternoon A/O hop was diverted to aid a recon team under attack. His flight delivered suppressive fire on the enemy, and then remained overhead to discourage the enemy from attacking again.

Capt Burkman acted as TAC(A) for a village that contained a V.C. regimental headquarters. The fixed wing destroyed eight huts, while Capt Burkman's flight destroyed four.

While escorting the retraction of an ambushed patrol, Capt Childress spotted a V.C. hiding in a trench and killed him.

Lt Wilson flew MGEN ROBERTSHAW and ADM REED around the Da Nang complex today.

The med evac escort at Da Nang flew three missions.

The med evac escort at Ky Ha flew two missions.

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6 Aug 66. Maj Dodds acted as TAC(A). The fixed wing destroyed seven huts, and damaged three trenches.

Capt Waters acted as TAC(A) on a sniper position during a troop landing. The fixed wing had good area coverage.

The med evac escort flew seven missions.

7 Aug 66. Maj Purcell acted as TAC(A) for LZ prep at AT 038208. Six fixed wing were expended with good area coverage.

Capt Schuler had an engine failure today. He accomplished a successful autorotation. The aircraft was removed to Ky Ha.

Med evac escort flew five missions today.

8 Aug 66. Maj Maloney acted as TAC(A) on a cave complex at AT 996168. Two caves opened up.

Capt Waters flew BGEN STILES to watch a recon retraction today.

Med evac escort flew four missions today.

✓ 9 Aug 66. Capt Wright flew CMC to various sites throughout the Chu Lai complex, and then to Que Son.

Lt Boden med evacuated a guard dog with heat stroke. A dog's life can't be too bad with aircraft assigned just for his use.

The med evac escort flew two missions today.

10 Aug 66. Lt Butler acted as TAC(A) after escorting a med evac bird. Extremely heavy fire was received by the jets from automatic weapons and 50 caliber at BT 231229.

Maj Dodds led a flight to assist the med evac in the same area that Lt Butler was working. Heavy fire was received and then the weather closed, so that the mission couldn't be completed. They proceeded on another mission as TAC(A) and expended eight fixed wing at BT 251229. BDA was five KBA confirmed, and 3 KBA's possible.

Maj Gregory's flight took V.C. under fire today. They killed three V.C. and destroyed two huts.

Med evac escort flew seven missions today.

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11 Aug 66. Maj Purcell's flight on a VIP hop spotted a V.C. in a trench. The VIPS were dropped off while Capt Arick kept the V.C. down by firing burst in his vicinity. The ground troops were called and Maj Purcell directed them to the scene. Two V.C. were captured and one was killed. On the way home another V.C. was spotted. Maj Purcell knocked him down with his skid, then Capt Arick landed, picked him up and returned him to the ground troops.

Med evac escort flew four missions today.

12 Aug 66. Maj Maloney acted as TAC(A) at BT 247217 on a V.C. platoon in the open. The fixed wing had 1 KBA.

Maj Purcell acted as TAC(A) at BT 245217. Two flights were expended, with three huts destroyed and two damaged.

Maj Purcell acted as TAC(A) again, expending two flights of fixed wing on large cave complex. Five buildings were damaged and three destroyed. Two V.C. were observed and taken under fire. One KBA probable and one possible was the BDA.

The med evac escort flew one mission today.

13 Aug 66. Capt Wright flew BGEN ELWOOD from Ky Ha to Tam Ky.

Lt Jaeger acted as TAC(A) on three V.C. in a tree line at BT 182302. The fixed wing were given three possible KBA's.

Maj Dodds acted as TAC(A) for LZ prep with good area coverage.

The med evac escort flew seven missions today.

14 Aug 66. Maj Dodds acted as TAC(A) on a cave network at BT 155285, moderate damage was done to the cave.

Capt Waters acted as TAC(A) at BT 154300. The fixed wing destroyed ten huts. A secondary explosion erupted from these coordinates about five minutes after the strike was completed.

Capt Waters flight on another hop chased and shot one V.C..

= The med evac escort flew six missions today.

15 Aug 66. Capt Wright flew MGEN ROBERTSHAW and MGEN FIELDS to Da Nang and then returned them to Ky Ha.

The med evac flew five missions today.

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16 Aug 66. Maj Dodds flight drew fire from BS 608495 while delivering fire under the control of a birddog.

Lt Butler flew ADM WELSEN from Da Nang to Hue and return.

The med evac flew four missions.

17 Aug 66. Klondike flew a great many A/O hops around the Chu Lai area today.

The med evac escort flew seven missions.

18 Aug 66. An H-34 went down at BS 769437 today, and Maj Dodds and Maj Gregory relieved each other on station as TAC(A) and helo escort all afternoon. Fire was received from all around the zone. Eight fixed wing were expended, and Naval Gun fire was adjusted in LZ prep and for fire suppression. Klondike also fired for fire suppression while escorting the helos into and out of the LZ.

The med evac escort flew four missions today.

19 Aug 66. Capt Water's flight received fire from BT 066100 while escorting a resupply. The fire was returned, and then Capt Waters acted as TAC(A) and expended two fixed wing on the positions.

Lt Bartley flew MGEN KYLE around the Chu Lai TAOR today.

The med evac escort flew seven missions today. On one the zone was extremely hot with intense automatic and small arms fire. The first attempt to get into the zone had to be aborted. But after artillery was called on the area, the missions was completed.

20 Aug 66. Klondike got twelve confirmed KBA's today. A recon team requested support, and under there direction, Maj Gregory flight shot and killed three V.C. of six sighted.

Later that afternoon another recon team was attacked. They were surrounded on three sides and engaged in a fire fight. Capt Water's flight rolled in on the enemy and after a few runs had the fire suppressed. The retraction was completed while the flight layed down suppressive fire. When the retraction was completed the recon team told Capt Waters of the nine confirmed KBA's.

The med evac today flew three missions.

21 Aug 66. While on a recon insertion Maj Maloney's flight sighted a meeting of over 200 people.

The med evac escort flew five missions today.

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22 Aug 66. BGEN STILES flew around the Chu Lai TAOR with Capt Arick today.

The med evac escort flew seven missions today. On one of them the H-34 and the ground troops received fire. Capt Heald put fire on the enemy and no more fire was received.

23 Aug 66. Maj Dodd's flight received fire from BT 053222. They spotted four V.C. running into a village. Took them under fire, but no BDA was available.

The med evac escort flew three missions today.

24 Aug 66. The med evac escort flew nine missions today.

Two crews were standby at Tien Phouc all day.

25 Aug 66. Klondike acted as TAC(A) after escorting H-34's on a recon retraction. Six fixed wing were expended. They destroyed 33 structures and got one secondary explosion.

The med evac escort flew four missions today. They received fire on one hop while escorting a retraction of an ARVN patrol.

26 Aug 66. Capt Wright acted as TAC(A) for an LZ prep. Five aircraft were expended. The flight then acted as helo escort. They received fire and expended on it's origin. Four more fixed wing were then expended on this spot.

Capt Burkman led another flight in support of an ARVN strike. He acted as TAC(A), and expended two fixed wing on BS 587387. The flight acted as helo escort.

Maj Dodds acted as TAC(A) at BT 155116. He expended two fixed wing. The flight then acted as helo escort for the recon insertion.

Capt Burkman's flight drew fire during a recon retraction today. One aircraft took a round in a rocket pod.

The med evac escort flew three missions today.

27 Aug 66. Maj Maloney acted as TAC(A) for operation "Jackson" today. He expended ten aircraft in LZ prep. His flight then spotted two V.C. and took them under fire, claiming one probable and one possible KBA.

Lt Boden flew BGEN STILES to Binh Son, and then in the area of Operation "Jackson" so the General could observe the landing.

28 Aug 66. The med evac escort launched nine times today without incident.

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29 Aug 66. Maj Presson flew BGEN STILES to III MAF Pad and then returned him to Ky Ha.

The med evac escort flew nine missions today. They took fire on one. Suppressive fire was delivered, and the fire ceased.

Capt Waters acted as TAC(A) for and LZ prep. He expended six fixed wing with good coverage.

30 Aug 66. Capt Burkman acted as TAC(A) at BT 011232. Four aircraft expended on trench with fifty percent destroyed. Eight huts were destroyed.

Capt Downey flew BGEN STILES to Binh Son, then back to Ky Ha.

31 Aug 66. Klondike flew A/O missions and many recon insertion and retraction today.

The med evac escort flew 13 missions today.

c. List of awards presented during the reporting period.

- (1) SSGT MARINOS 1st Award Air Medal
- CPL LAFFERTY 1st Award Air Medal
- SGT PETREN 1st Award Air Medal
- LCPL BRY 1st Award Air Medal
- LCPL GEBHART 1st Award Air Medal, Gold Stars 2d & 3rd Awards Air Medal
- LCPL HAIRSTON 1st Award Air Medal
- LCPL HENDRICKSON 1st Award Air Medal, Gold Star 2d Awd Air Medal
- LCPL SOUKUP 1st Award Air Medal, Gold Stars 2d & 3rd Awards Air Medal
- LCPL WELTY 1st Award Air Medal
- PFC NICKERSON 1st Award Air Medal
- SSGT BOWDEN Gold Stars 2d & 3rd Awards Air Medal
- SSGT CULLENS Gold Star 4th Award Air Medal
- SSGT DAVIS Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
- SSGT FORSYTH Gold Stars 4th & 5th Awards Air Medal
- SGT BASTIEN Gold Stars, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd Awards Air Medal, Cross of Gallantry
- SGT DALTON Gold Stars 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd Awards Air Medal, Cross of Gallantry
- SGT DAVISON Gold Stars 3rd & 4th Awards Air Medal
- SGT ENSIGN Gold Stars 3rd & 4th Awards Air Medal
- SGT DEVINE Gold Stars 2nd, 4th & 5th Awards Air Medal
- SGT JENSEN Gold Stars 3rd & 4th Awards Air Medal
- SGT KMIEC Gold Stars 14th, 15th, 17th & 18th Awards Air Medal
- SGT LAMOUREAUX Gold Stars 3rd & 4th Awards Air Medal

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SGT MITCHELL Gold Stars 9th, 10th, 13th Awards Air Medal, Cross of Gallantry
 SGT MITSIN Gold Stars 7th & 8th Awards Air Medal
 SGT PETREN Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 SGT PORTER Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 SGT RAY Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 SGT RODGERS Gold Stars 15th & 19th Award Air Medal
 SGT WACHS Gold Stars 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 22nd Award Air Medal
 SGT WADLEY Gold Stars 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th & 15th Award Air Medal
 SGT WATSON 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th & 19th Award Air Medal
 CPL CAETANO Gold Stars 2d & 3rd Award Air Medal
 CPL CROSBY Gold Stars 2d, 3rd & 4th Awards Air Medal
 CPL DRESCH Gold Stars 8th, 9th & 10th Award Air Medal
 CPL PAGEL Gold Star 10th Award Air Medal
 CPL ROBINSON Gold Star 3rd Award Air Medal
 CPL VOREL Gold Star 12th Award Air Medal
 CPL WILLIAMS Gold Stars 8th, 9th, 10th, & 12th Award Air Medal
 LCPL ANTONE Gold Stars 5th, 7th, 8th & 9th Award Air Medal
 LCPL BLACKWELL Gold Stars 5th & 7th Award Air Medal
 LCPL COLLUM Gold Stars 7th, 8th & 10th Awards Air Medal
 LCPL GONZALEZ Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 LCPL LEVARDI Gold Stars 5th, 7th & 8th Award Air Medal
 LCPL MAESTINI Gold Star 3rd Award Air Medal
 LCPL POPE Gold Stars 7th, 8th & 9th Award Air Medal
 LCPL SCHIEBER Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 LCPL WOOLUM Gold Stars 13th, 14th & 15th Awards Air Medal
 PFC CANON Gold Stars 10th, 12th & 13th Award Air Medal, Gold Star in lieu of 2d Award Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V"
 PFC KASUBA Gold Star 2d Award Air Medal
 PFC MARGHERIO Good Conduct Certificate 1st Award
 CAPT HEALD Purple Heart
 LT Wilson Purple Heart
 SGT DIAS Purple Heart
 MAJ MALONEY Cross of Gallantry
 MAJ GREGORY Cross of Gallantry
 MAJ DODDS Cross of Gallantry
 CAPT SCHULER Cross of Gallantry

(2) Casualties

CAPT HEALD - WIA returned to duty
 LT WILSON - " " " "
 SGT DIAS - " " " "

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d. Squadron statistics for period 1 August through 31 August 1966.

a. A/C assigned	22
b. Average daily avail	14
c. Flight Hours	1441
d. Missions	733
e. Sorties	2369
f. Tons Cargo	0
g. Troops/Pax	488
h. Med Evacs	3
i. Flights of Fixed Wing Expended	85
j. Med Evac escorts	186

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