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Subj: Chronology of significant events from 1 November 1966 through 30 November 1966 (U)

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 (b) GruO 5750.1

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

a. Organization Data

(1) Commanding Officer	LtCol W. R. MALONEY	1-30
Executive Officer	Maj W. E. DODDS	1-18
	Maj J. M. WALKER	19-30
Operation Officer	Maj C. E. HENDRIX	1-18
	Maj W. E. DODDS	19-30
Logistics Officer	Capt J. C. ARICK	1-23
	Maj D. F. KELLEY	24-30
Intelligence Officer	Capt N. E. BURKE	1-30
Administration Officer	Capt E. O. MARQUETTE	1-11
	Capt K. K. KERR	12-30

Serial Dates

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

(3) Average monthly strength 142

b. Narrative of significant events occurring in this reporting period:

1 Nov 66. Capt OLSON flew BGen STILES to Quang Ngai and to the Beach House.

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During an ^{aerial} aircraft observation hop Capt HEALD spotted four (4) camouflaged boats in along a river bank in grid square BS 6054. Received fire from BS 606541 while looking over the boats. Returned fire with BDA of 4 damaged boats.

2 Nov 66. During the retraction of "Asparagus" from BS 593555 Maj DODDS' section used suppressive fire on BS 591555 then as TAC (A), controlled expenditure of Oxwood O3 ordnance on targets in area of LZ. Three confirmed KBA for Oxwood flight.

Lt. BALLENTINE flew BGen LEE around ROKMC area.

3 Nov 66. On escort of company size Helicopterborne raid on BT 362373 and BT 380245 LtCol MALONEY's section spotted a VC with rifle in LZ. Taken under fire and pinned down by gunships, VC was captured by ground forces.

Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES around the TAOR
 Capt ARICK flew a code 5 from 1stMAW pad to Phu Bai, Dong Ha, Khe Sahn, and several other points in that area.

Capt CHADWICK flew MGen NICKERSON to Kham Due and Thong Due and returned to Hilltop pad.

Lt BODEN's co-pilot, Lt. WALKER (HMM-165) was wounded in the leg by small arms projectile while escorting Super Chief MEDEVAC to YD 430604.

4 Nov 66. Lt. WILSON flew General LEE from Chu Lai to ROKCP.

At 1315 Capt. OLSON was scrambled as TAC(A) for recon extraction from BS 438728. Controlled several fixed wing strikes on BS 435725. During extraction by 2 Buffalo City, Klondike received and returned light small arms fire.

5 Nov 66. Capt. ARICK flew BGen STILES to Hilltop Pad.

6 Nov 66. At 2330 Major DODDS led a section in defense of a ROK outpost at BS 631877 which was under attack. With the help of flares, the UH-1E's were able to attack and cause the enemy to withdraw.

Major DODDS flew BGen LEE from ROKCP to several areas within the ROK TAOR.

Capt. CHADWICK flew MGen NICKERSON and MGen ROBERTSHAW to Division and Wing CP respectively.

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7 Nov 66. During MEDEVAC escort out of MMAF Capt CAVERLY and Lt FESPERMAN were both WIA by small arms fire in the vicinity of AT 992593. Both pilots hit during recovery from strafing attack. Capt CAVERLY was able to fly the Aircraft back to "C" Med where Lt FESPERMAN was admitted and continued on to MMAF. He was then taken to G-4 hospital and admitted.

While escorting TB 5-0 and BC 2-11 flights for extraction of Construe 14 and some ARVN Troops from BS 485755, Major DODDS' section received fire from BS 488756 to BS 489754. As TAC (A) controlled Oxwood 60-1 and 61-1 on targets between those coordinates, extraction then completed without incident.

Capt BARTLEY flew BGen STILES to Tam Ky and several CP's in the area.

Capt OLSON was scrambled to escort P666-1 for resupply of Pennant Winner 14 at AT 996604. After completion of the resupply and one MEDEVAC, Capt OLSON remained on the scene as TAC (A) and controlled strikes by Oxwood 05 and Condole 054 on area where heavy sniper fire had been received.

8 Nov 66. While escorting BC 2-22 flight to BT 131203 for retraction of "DAMPEN" and "CROSSING" Capt WATERS' section noted S/A fire coming from the vicinity of BT 062208, BT 062211, and BT 069203. Capt WATERS, as TAC (A) controlled strikes by Oxwood 67 flight on targets in the area of these coordinates.

9 Nov 66. As TAC (A) Maj DODDS controlled Oxwood 60-1 and Swiss 61-1 for LZ preparation at BS 445843 and BS 441848.

Capt CHILDRESS flew BGen STILES from VIP pad to ROK CP and returned to VIP pad.

Capt CHILDRESS flew Gen LEE to Quang Ngai and BS 515768 and returned him to ROK CP. Later Capt CHILDRESS took Gen LEE to IIIMAF pad and then returned him to ROK CP.

Capt BARTLEY scrambled from Phu Bai to aid a Recon Team being attacked and surrounded the vicinity of VC 990967. Capt BARTLEY expended his own ordnance and controlled strikes by 3 fixed wing flights in a effort to suppress the intense fire in and around the LZ. Capt BARTLEY was forced to return to Phu Bai for fuel and ordnance, and only after returning to the LZ and again delivering suppressive fire were the transport helicopters able to complete the extraction. A pilot of one H-34 received small arms wound in his leg.

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10 Nov 66. Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES to BS 625905 and to BS 543019.

Capt ARICK flew BGen LEE from ROK CP to BS 588898 and returned him to ROK CP.

11 Nov 66. Capt OLSON flew MGen NICKERSON from Hilltop to Bluebird and to several CPs and returned him to Hilltop.

While escorting MF MEDEVAC Capt ARICK received fire from BS 531759 and BS 543765. Klondike returned suppressive fire and as TAC (A) controlled strikes by Oxwood 03 flight on same coordinates.

During escort of TB MEDEVAC for emergency at BS 537766 (SA MouA 14C) TB received damaging fire in the pickup zone, wounding the pilot and was unable to complete the pickup. Lt ROSS, as Klondike chase was advised that the ROK WIA was very serious and proceeded to land in the zone and complete the evacuation. The gunship received 4 hits from small arms fire while in the zone.

13 Nov 66. Capt SWINBURNE flew BGen STILES to LZ Penguin.

Maj DODDS section fired suppressive fire on BS 534793 and BS 534796 as escort for TB 5-0 on resupply mission for ROKMC.

Capt SHADBURNE flew BGen LEE to several places around the ROKMC TAOR.

Capt BURKE was diverted from TAC (A) chase to assist Klondike MEDEVAC chase at BS 535768. Capt BURKE fired 8 WP rockets and established a smoke screen enabling ROKMC to rescue several WIA's from an exposed area.

14 Nov 66. Capt CHILDRESS picked up MGen NICKERSON and VADM GETNER at Hilltop and took them to AT 937828, then returned them to Hilltop. Later took VADM GETNER to Phu Bai, picked up MGen KYLE and continued to Dong Ha, YD 066558, XD 970558, then returned VADM GETNER to IIIMAF pad after dropping MGen KYLE at PHU BAI.

The squadron was saddened today by the loss of three (3) squadron mates killed in action. Capt CHADWICK, Sgt BENNETT, and Cpl GONZALEZ died when their aircraft was brought down by intense enemy fire during a strafing attack in support of an H-34 nine miles SW of Danang. Col K. L. REUSSER, as co-pilot, miraculously survived, however, he remains in serious condition at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

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Captain SWINBURNE, acting as MEDEVAC escort for a TB H34, requested additional support from airborne section with LtCol MALONEY and Capt OLSON. MEDEVAC was able to pick up 8 evacuees from BS 577677 while three gunbirds suppressed fire 500 meters away.

16 Nov 66. Capt HEALD flew LtGen LEK and MGen NICKERSON from LZ Woodpecker to AT 968623 and returned them to Hilltop Pad. Later Capt HEALD flew LtGen LEK to other local points around the Danang area.

Capt BURKE flew Gen CHEA and Gen LEE from BS 628892 to BS 628992, BS 516778, BS 677860, Chu Lai RMK, then to BS 628892.

17 Nov 66. Capt PECORARO flew Gen KIM to several places in and around Chu Lai, Quang Ngai, and the ROK CP.

Capt SHADBURNE scrambled a section to aid MEDEVAC escort at BS 515805. Suppressed fire at BS 515818. Remained on station and suppressed fire during resupply at BS 556774.

19 Nov 66. Capt OLSON's section provided suppressive fire at BT 287134 for troop extraction by BC 2-11 flight. Received and returned fire at BT 292142.

20 Nov 66. Capt PECORARO had an unusual day as pilot for a Command and Control "slick" on this first day of operation Rio Blanco. He landed at the site of a crashed CH-46 at BS 495690 and discovered the seriously injured co-pilot to be still pinned in the wreckage. Capt PECORARO proceeded to dig an access hole and then with the aid of some hand operated cutting tools he was able to free the injured co-pilot and evacuate him to Ky Ha.

LtCol MALONEY was TAC (A) for LZ preparation at BS 425754. Controlled Swiss 52, Swiss 41, and Oxwood 67 received fire from BS 429758.

21 Nov 66. Lt GARNER flew LtGen CARTER, MGen KYLE, and BGen VAN STOCKUM from IIIMAF to Phu Bai, Dong Ha, YD 979556 and returned them to IIIMAF.

Capt WATERS flew Gen LEE to several points within the ROK CP/ Chu Lai area.

LtCol MALONEY as TAC (A) controlled Swiss 49 for LZ preparation at BS 435782, also escorted BC 42-1 to BS 425795 and suppressed fire at those coordinates.

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At 1800 Maj DODDS launched with a section to escort two Buffalo City aircraft to BT 167064 for emergency retraction of "Better Ridge." Small arms fire received from BT 165062 and BT 169068. Suppressed fire with one probable VC KIA. Due to "bingo" fuel state, Maj DODDS was relieved on station by Capt BARTLEY. Capt BARTLEY was fired on from BT 290090. Capt BARTLEY lost his FM and was relieved on station by a section led by Capt OLSON. Capt OLSON had received small arms fire from vicinity of BT 3017 and BT 2117 enroute. With assistance from Lamplighter 835 extraction was completed at approximately 2100.

22 Nov 66. Capt HEALD scrambled with a section to assist Construe "B". The unit was receiving heavy fire and requested fixed wing strikes. Controlled Swiss 06-0 on BS 715979 and Swiss 42 on BS 714976. Five KBA confirmed and 15 huts destroyed. Klondike flight put all ordnance on tree line at BS 715979.

23 Nov 66. Lt BALLENTINE flew Gen LEE to several CP's within the ROK area.

Capt HEALD flew LtGen KRULAK and MGen NICKERSON to BS 628999, Budda Mountain, BS 543738, Hill 69, Hill 54 and returned them to VIP pad.

24 Nov 66. Maj HENDRIX's section had two confirmed KBA and three possible while escorting Buffalo City 2-1 flight at classified coordinates on "Shiney Brass" mission.

Maj DODDS launched in support of ROK. ROK's spotted VC boats at BS 512748 and BS 531761. Fired on boats and received fire from same, also delivered and received fire from BS 518765. BDA was 2 boats and one structure destroyed and seven boats and fourteen structures damaged.

25 Nov 66. Lt GARNER flew Gen LEE and party around the Chu Lai/ROKMC areas.

29 Nov 66. Lt RANKIN flew Gen LEE around the ROKMC TAOR.

Lt GARNER flew BGen STILES to Hilltop Pad and returned him to VIP Pad.

Lt WILSON flew Gen HERBOLD from Division Admin Pad to ROKMC CP. Later the General was flown to Division Admin Pad by Capt ARICK.

30 Nov 66. Lt RANKIN flew BGen STILES around the Chu Lai TAOR.

Lt GARNER flew Adm SHARP, Gen WESTMORLAND, Gen WALT, and Gen STILES from VIP Pad to Chu Lai.

Capt HEALD flew BGen LEE and party from ROK CP to BT 029761, AT 967755, and then to MMAF.

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c. Squadron statistics for period 1 November through 30 November 1966

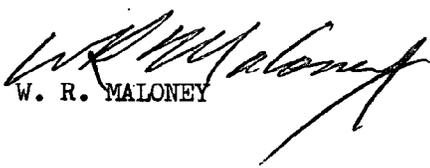
(1) Aircraft assigned	24 (Includes 2 in PAR)
(2) Average daily availability	17
(3) Flight hours	1205
(4) Missions	748
(5) Sorties	2448
(6) Tons Cargo	0
(7) Troops/Passengers	391
(8) Med Evacs	11
(9) Flight of Fixed Wing	33
(10) Med Evac Escorts	272
(11) Klondike KBA confirmed	545
total from 1Sep65 to 30Nov66	

d. The following awards were presented during this reporting period:

- (1) 7 Air Medals
- (2) 5 Purple Hearts-Captain CHADWICK, KIA on 14Nov66
Captain CAVERLY, WIA on 7Nov66
Lt. FESPERMAN, WIA on 7Nov66
Sgt. BENNETT, KIA on 14Nov66
Cpl. GONZALEZ, KIA on 14Nov66

e. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during Nov 66

LTCOL W. R. MALONEY 052112
 LCpl D. R. BAUD 2149973
 LCpl M. J. BISACCIA 2105930
 LCpl J. W. CULVER 2113702
 LCpl A. E. KELLY 2151830
 LCpl J. A. MILLER 2152938
 Cpl P. R. BEAUPRE 2141300
 Cpl R. A. BLACKWELL 2115220
 Cpl E. J. DIORIO Jr. 2169981
 Cpl R. E. DEAL 2151748
 Cpl T. D. GIBBS Jr. 2110989
 Cpl J. J. MADDEN Jr. 2121671
 Cpl M. T. MORRIS 2158362
 Cpl K. R. PERKINS Jr. 2091539
 Cpl R. C. RECHONIE 2088574
 Cpl M. A. SKREIGAN 2042747


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