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Part I: Organizational Data

1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel William R. MALONEY 1 - 27 Mar 1967  
 Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON 27 - 31 Mar 1967

Executive Officer: Major Edward J. SAMPLE 1 - 31 Mar 1967

Operations Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1 - 31 Mar 1967

Logistics Officer: Major Donald F. KELLEY 1 - 31 Mar 1967

Intelligence Officer: Captain Nicholas E. BURKE 1 - 31 Mar 1967

Administration Officer: Captain Keith K. KERR 1 - 31 Mar 1967

2. Unit location with inclusive dates:

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam, 1 - 31 March 1967

3. Average monthly squadron strength:

| <u>MARINE OFFICERS</u> | <u>MARINE ENLISTED</u> | <u>NAVAL OFFICERS</u> | <u>NAVAL ENLISTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 50                     | 174                    | 01                    | 00                    | 225          |

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Part II: Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights Occurring during the reporting period.

1. During the period 1 - 31 March 1967, VMO-6 had 26 aircraft assigned and with 5 of these in PAR maintained an average daily availability of 15. A squadron record of 1679.0 hours and 3,742 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 1031 missions. 564 passengers were carried and 119 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of March the Squadron accounted for 29 confirmed and 19 probable KBA bringing the total for the period 1 Sept 65 - 31 Mar 67 to 693.

As of 1 March 1967 VMO-6 not only continued in its role of providing armed med-evac escort but assumed the additional duty of supplying the med-evac aircraft itself. During the month VMO-6 flew a total of 303.9 med-evac hours, 563 sorties, 324 missions carrying 672 med-evacs.

2. During March the Squadron participated in the following operations with associated statistics:

| <u>OPERATION</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>SORTIES</u> | <u>7.62 EXPENDED</u> | <u>2.75 EXPENDED</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Desoto           | 404.3        | 1,074          | 118,750              | 1,369                |
| Beacon Hill I    | 62.6         | 127            | 26,000               | 173                  |
| Deckhouse VI     | 58.4         | 125            | 17,500               | 48                   |

3. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES throughout the Desoto Operational area.

Major DODDS carried an NBC news team to the destroyer USS Turner Joy. Major DODDS then controlled a Naval Gunfire Mission which the news team photographed and recorded.

2 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and Col HAUGHTON throughout the ROK TAOR.

Lt RANKIN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various outposts in the ROK TAOR.

Major HENDRIX launched with the afternoon Quick Reaction Section to assist the med-evac escort piloted by Captain SWINBURN. With the combined flight of armed UH-1E's delivering suppressive fire on small arms and automatic weapons positions the med-evac was accomplished. Major HENDRIX was credited with two confirmed KBA. The action took place in the vicinity of BS 633961, about 5 miles south of Chu Lai.

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3 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES to the Desoto Operational Area and the General also visited the SLF Commander on board the USS Iwo Jima Just off shore.

During an emergency med-evac of one U. S. wounded in action in the vicinity of BS 476993; LtCol MALONEY, piloting the med-evac pick-up aircraft, received one hit from small arms fire while lifting from the LZ.

4 Mar 67 Captain RYAN flew KIM (ROKMC) to various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES, Col CROSSFIELD, Col HAUGHTON and Col HUNT to various points in the Chu Lai/Quang Ngai area.

Major WALKER, leading a section on an insertion of "Donahue" (BS 725375) was credited with one KBA while delivering suppressive fire on the LZ.

5 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew Col HAYNES to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha.

7 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and Col ARMSTRONG to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

8 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and party to the Quang Ngai tropo pad and returned to Ky Ha.

Captain KERR flew MGen ROBERTSHAW to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha

9 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew LtGen KRULAK, MGen NICKERSON and BGen STILES throughout the Chu Lai area.

10 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew MGen NICKERSON and party throughout the Danang TAOR

Lt ALMY flew BGen STILES and Col CROSSFIELD to the Desoto Operational area and returned to Ky Ha.

11 Mar 67 Lt GARNER flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) through the Chu Lai area.

Major DODDS had a busy 4.5 hour morning supporting Operation Desoto. Maj DODDS controlled three flights of fixed wing aircraft and provided armed escort as directed by Landshark "Y"

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12 Mar 67 Lt PETERSON flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to the Ky Ha area and returned to the ROK CP.

Lt TODT flew BGen HERBOLD USMC from Ky Ha to the Danang beach-house pad and returned.

Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES, Col HAUGHTON and party throughout the ROK and Chu Lai TAOR.

13 Mar 67 Lt SAUNDERS flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) through the ROK TAOR.

Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES to LZ Cardinal and returned to the VIP pad. Lt ROSS also flew Col HAYNES from the Quang Ngai tropo pad direct to Ky Ha.

Captain KERR flew BGen STILES and Col HAYNES to the Desoto Operational Area and returned to Ky Ha.

15 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha.

Captain OLSON flew a 5.2 hour morning in support of Operation Desoto. Captain OLSON provided armed escort as directed by Landshark "Y" and also expended four flights of fixed wing aircraft on designated targets.

16 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt PETERSON flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party on a tour of the ROK outposts.

At approximately 1930 Captain BARTLEY led a section to support Major HENDRIX's Operation Desoto flight on an emergency retraction of "Basket Ball." The action carried on for three hours with the Klondikers controlling three flights of fixed wing aircraft and using a flare ship for night illumination. The retraction was completed without friendly casualties.

17 Mar 67 Lt THATCHER flew BGen RYAN throughout the Danang area.

Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and Col CROSSFIELD throughout the Chu Lai/Quang Ngai area.

Lt SAUNDERS flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various points in the ROK TAOR.

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Captain OLSON led a section to insert 460 ARVN troops in the vicinity of BS 317340. Acting as TAC(A) Captain OLSON prepped the LZ with six flights of fixed wing aircraft. The transport helicopters reported only one or two rounds of sporadic sniper fire.

18 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and party to Hill #54; thence to the Desoto Operational Area, and returned to Ky Ha.

Captain CAVERLY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various points in the ROK TAOR.

20 Mar 67 Lt TODT flew Col CROSSFIELD to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha.

21 Mar 67 Lt SIPES flew BGen PEARSON (USA) to Chu Lai from the Quang Ngai tropo pad.

22 Mar 67 Lt PETERSON flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

Captain RYAN flew Col HUNT from Danang to Chu Lai.

23 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES and party to the Desoto Operational Area and returned to Ky Ha.

Captain OLSON led the afternoon Quick Reaction Aircraft on an emergency retraction of "Bedpost" which was pinned down at BT 262103. Captain OLSON's use of fixed wing aircraft enabled the transport helicopters to complete the exfiltration without further hostile fire.

24 Mar 67 Lt ROSS flew BGen STILES, Col HAUGHTON and Col CROSSFIELD to the ROK CP and returned to Ky Ha.

Major HENDRIX flew Gen BONESTEEL and party to various points in the ROK TAOR; thence to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt ALMY flew BGen LAHUE to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt THATCHER flying a usually insipid convoy escort from Chu Lai to Danang was kept busy when the convoy became stalled and then attacked by VC. Expendng his own ordnance as well as controlling fixed wing aircraft until his fuel situation became critical, he was forced to retire to Ky Ha. An Air Force Dragon Ship assumed the gap in Lt THATCHER's absence.

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25 Mar 67 Lt BALLENTINE flew MGen RUSSON (USA) and BGen LAHUE to the Desoto Operational Area and returned to Ky Ha.

Major HENDRIX, leading a section in support of Operation Desoto was credited with 26 confirmed KBA when enemy troops were spotted in the open by "M" company of 3/7 and called in the Klondikers.

26 Mar 67 Lt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt BUERGER flew BGen STILES from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

27 Mar 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Danang and returned.

28 Mar 67 Major KELLEY had a busy 8.8 hour afternoon while supporting Operation Desoto. Major KELLEY controlled four flights of fixed wing aircraft and provided aerial reconnaissance as well as armed helicopter escort.

29 Mar 67 Captain RYAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to Ky Ha and returned to the ROK CP.

30 Mar 67 Lt BALLENTINE flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various outposts in the ROK TAOR.

Lt SAUNDERS flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang/Chu Lai area.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during March 1967:

106 - Air Medals

2. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during the month of March 1967:

|                        |         |                  |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|
| ALMY, Richard D.       | 088428  | Captain          |
| KUFELDT, Edward        | 089361  | Captain          |
| MOTLEY, Lyle G. Jr.    | 090210  | Captain          |
| RANKIN, William        | 089831  | Captain          |
| BUERGER, Jerry A.      | 092627  | First Lieutenant |
| THATCHER, Bobby L.     | 092659  | First Lieutenant |
| BALDESSARI, James J.   | 2026530 | Sergeant         |
| ETHIER, Richard C.     | 2093168 | Sergeant         |
| GEBHART, John J.       | 2096701 | Sergeant         |
| GENTRY, Everett H. Jr. | 2090579 | Sergeant         |
| McDEVITT, William      | 2078479 | Sergeant         |
| OSBURN, Barney J. J.   | 2018902 | Sergeant         |
| PIGFORD, Walter N.     | 1862209 | Sergeant         |

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