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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) through (3) are submitted.

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## Part I: Organizational Data

## 1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON 1 - 30 Jun 1967

Executive Officer: Major Edward J. SAMPLE 1 - 16 Jun 1967  
 Major James H. WALKER 17 - 30 Jun 1967

Operations Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1 - 16 Jun 1967  
 Major Gerald F. GALLAGHER 17 - 30 Jun 1967

Logistics Officer: Major Donald F. KELLEY 1 - 21 Jun 1967  
 Captain Delbert H. DUPONT 22 - 30 Jun 1967

Intelligence Officer: Capt Richard M. RYAN 1 - 30 Jun 1967

Administration Officer: Captain Keith M. KERR 1 - 30 Jun 1967

## 2. Unit location with inclusive dates:

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam 1 - 30 Jun 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>
47	176	1	0	223

## 4. There were no visitors during the month of June 1967.

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

1. During the period 1 - 30 June 1967, VMF-6 had 24 aircraft assigned and with 3 of these in PAR maintained an average daily availability of 18. 1649 hours and 4383 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 1180 missions. 928 passengers were carried and 75 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of June 10 confirmed and 36 probable KBA were accounted for bringing the total for the period 1 Sept 1965 - 30 June 1967 to 832.

2. During June 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>
Beacon Torch	201	620	150,000	887
Arizona	93	256	18,000	142
Union II	89	238	22,000	115
Bear Bite	26	54	2,000	22
Prarie Fire	24	26	22,000	76
Happy Dragon	14	58	13,000	77
Colgate	13	27	2,000	32

3. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 June 1967 Capt BODEN flew MGen WICKERSON, MGen ROBERTSON and BG LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

LtCol NELSON's flight was diverted from its afternoon mission to Donahue's position. Donahue was in heavy contact and LtCol NELSON controlled two flights of fixed wing on troop positions and booby traps, enabling the reconnaissance team to break contact.

2 June 1967 Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE to Danang and returned.

Capt RANKIN flew MGen TPARRIN and party throughout the Chu Lai TAOR.

Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR.

LtCol NELSON led a section of gunships in support of a troop lift carried out by Buffalo City aircraft. The Klondikers controlled 6 flights of fixed wing on designated targets in the area of the LZ, and used integral ordnance on targets in the same area.

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3 June 1967 Capt TODT flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

Capt KERR flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR.

4 June 1967 Capt SAUNDERS flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from Chu Lai to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt ARICK flew MGen ROBERTSON and BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

5 June 1967 Capt SITES flew BGen LAHUE from Chu Lai to Danang; throughout the Danang area and returned to Chu Lai.

6 June 1967 Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Quang Ngai, to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

7 June 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Danang, returned and flew throughout the ROK TAOR.

Capt PLESS flew BGen LAHUE from Chu Lai to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

During the seventh the Klondikers flew 163 sorties, accomplishing 63 tasks, totaling 55 hours. Klondikers carried 17 passengers, expended 223 2.75" rockets and 29,500 rounds of 7.62mm.

Maj HEALD lead the afternoon quick reaction section in support of ROK forces. During resupply operations suppressive fire was delivered on VC in the open gaining 3 VC KBA confirmed for the Klondikers.

8 June 1967 Capt RYAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party throughout the ROK TAOR.

LtCol NELSON flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang, throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj GALLAGHER flew MGen RICHARDSON and party from Danang to Chu Lai and returned to Ky Ha.

9 June 1967 Capt TODT flew BGen LAHUE and party to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj SAMPLE, Maj HEALD and Capt KERR each led a section of gunships in the emergency extraction of Canal Zone. Fire was received in and around the LZ and returned by the Klondike aircraft. Five flights of fixed wing

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were controlled in support of the extraction and suppressive fire was provided while Buffalo City aircraft made the pick-up.

10 June 1967 Lt THATCHER flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj WALKER flew BGen LAHUE from Chu Lai to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

11 June 1967 Lt ALMIDA flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

Capt BARNARD flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the Chu Lai/ROK TAOR.

12 June 1967 Capt ANDREWS flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Quang Ngai and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj SAMPLE flew BGen LAHUE and party from Ky Ha to Danang, throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

During June 12th, WMO-6 flew 200 sorties, accomplishing 80 tasks for a total of 77 hours. Klondike carried 52 passengers and 1,000 lbs of cargo, also expended 74 2.75" rockets and 9,000 rounds of 7.62mm.

13 June 1967 Lt ALMIDA flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party throughout the ROK TAOR.

14 June 1967 Lt CHAPMAN flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

Lt ALMIDA flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party from Ky Ha to Danang, throughout the Danang area and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt RANKIN flew Col CROSSFIELD throughout the "Arizona" operational area.

LtCol NELSON led a flight of six armed UH-1E's to escort a two company troop insertion to start operation Arizona. LtCol NELSON expended five flights of fixed wing in zone prep, and the Klondikers fired 9,500 rounds of 7.62mm and 66 2.75" rockets in close air support.

15 June 1967 Capt CAPELLART flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE from Chu Lai to Danang, throughout the Danang TAOR, and returned to Ky Ha.

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16 June 1967 Capt KUFELDT flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

Capt SIPES flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang/Chu Lai TAORS.

17 June 1967 Capt JAMES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR.

Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt RANKIN led the morning quick reaction force in an escort of Buffalo City 4-5 and flight from the Tra Bong outpost to BS 455908. Capt RANKIN then prepped the LZ with two flights of fixed wing aircraft. Capt RANKIN then escorted the transports into the zone, delivering suppressive fire.

18 June 1967 Lt ALMIDA flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR.

19 June 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

Lt THATCHER flew BGen LAHUE to Danang, to various points in the Danang TAOR, and returned to Ky Ha.

20 June 1967 LtCol NELSON led a section escorting Buffalo City 2-3 flight to BT 013145 for an insertion of Bennington, and to BT 072097 for an extraction of April Date. The flight was diverted for an emergency extraction of Bennington who found themselves in a booby trapped LZ. Bennington was extracted and then the April Date extraction was completed, both without incident.

Lt BOSTON flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Chu Lai and returned to the ROK CP.

Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

21 June 1967 Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

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

22 June 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen LAHUE to Danang, on a visual reconnaissance of various areas in the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various outposts throughout the ROK TAOR.

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23 June 1967 Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party from the ROK CP to Danang, back to Quang Ngai and returned to the ROK CP.

During June 23rd, VMO-6 flew 348 sorties, accomplishing 177 tasks for a total of 100.4 hours. The Klondikers carried 17 passengers, expending 483 2.75" rockets and 62,000 rounds of 7.62mm.

24 June 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Danang, then to Hue/Phu Bai, returned to Danang and then to Ky Ha.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen LAHUE to Danang, Que San, Hill 29, and returned to Ky Ha.

25 June 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Danang and returned to the ROK CP.

Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE to Danang, LZ 469, Hill 29 and returned to Ky Ha.

26 June 1967 Maj SMITH flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to Quang Ngai and returned to the ROK CP.

During June 26th, VMO-6 flew 158 sorties, accomplishing 65 tasks for a total of 38.4 hours, the Klondikers carried 29 passengers along with expending 81 rockets and 14,000 rounds of 7.62mm.

27 June 1967 Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt JAMES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Quang Ngai and returned to Ky Ha.

29 June 1967 Capt RYAN flew BGen LAHUE and BGen ROBERTSON throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt KERR led a section of gunships on an insertion of 50 ARVN Special Forces troops at BS 32804. Capt KERR controlled 2 flights of fixed wing aircraft in a LZ prop and the insertion was completed without incident.

30 June 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE to Danang, Hill top Pad, Hill 29, and returned to the VIP pad.

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## Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during June 1967:

## Distinguished Flying Cross

Capt J. C. ARICK	084195
Capt J. B. BODEN	092341
Capt K. K. KERR	081295

## Bronze Star

Capt S. W. PLESS	079156
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## Purple Heart

Capt S. W. PLESS	079156
LCpl J. G. PHELPS	2076833

## Navy Commendation Medal

Cpl P. R. BEAUPRE	2141300
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## Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

Cpl R. E. LEFEBRE	2137773
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2. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during the month of June 1967:

J. D. GARNER	092317	Captain
S. R. SIPES	091165	Captain
R. E. DONAGHY	090845	Captain
J. C. BODEN	092341	Captain
D. L. MCBRIDE	1460114	Staff Sergeant
G. G. CONTRERAS	2202439	Sergeant
W. B. WHITE	2055943	Sergeant
J. A. LEVARK	2040987	Sergeant

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D. A. BEAULE	2148877	Corporal
T. J. JOHNS	2177055	Corporal
D. D. DONLIT	2097902	Corporal
J. L. HOOVER	2177966	Corporal
R. O. CARR	2197530	Lance Corporal
M. J. FERREIRA	2277070	Lance Corporal
J. G. PHELPS	2076833	Lance Corporal

D. A. BEAULE	2148877	Corporal
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D. D. DONLIT	2097902	Corporal
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R. O. CARR	2197530	Lance Corporal
M. J. FERREIRA	2277070	Lance Corporal
J. G. PHELPS	2076833	Lance Corporal