

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 6  
Marine Aircraft Group 36  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36

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Encl: ✓(1) Part I; Organizational Data  
✓(2) Part II; Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights Occurring  
✓(3) Part III; Significant Events

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 - 31 July 1967

Executive Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1 - 31 July 1967

Operations Officer: Major Gerald F. GALLAGHER 1 - 31 July 1967

Logistics Officer: Captain Delbert H. DUPONT 1 - 31 July 1967

Intelligence Officer: Captain Richard N. RYAN 1 - 31 July 1967

Administration Officer: Chief Warrant Officer Edwing R. VAUGHN  
 1 - 31 July 1967

## 2. Unit location with inclusive dates:

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam 1 - 31 July 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                     | 186                    | 1                     | 0                     | 234          |

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

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

1. During the period 1 - 31 July 1967, VMO-6 had 24 aircraft assigned and with 2 of these in PAR maintained an average daily availability of 16. 1757 hours and 4136 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 914 missions. 886 passengers were carried and 95 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of July the number of confirmed and probable KBAs was brought from 832 to 886 for the period 1 Sept 1965 - 31 July 1967.

2. During July 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> |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pecos            | 128.7        | 367            | 4,000                | 91                   |
| Beacon Guide     | 88.3         | 185            | 6,000                | 40                   |
| Beacon Torch     | 38.9         | 71             | 0                    | 0                    |
| GEM              | 23.4         | 50             | 11,500               | 53                   |
| Prarie Fire      | 19.3         | 32             | 3,000                | 46                   |
| Stockton         | 153          | 80             | 0                    | 0                    |

3. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 July 1967 LtCol NELSON flew BGen LAHUE and party throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Chu Lai and returned to the ROK CP.

2 July 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to Danang and returned.

Capt RANKIN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR, to Chu Lai, and returned to the ROK CP.

3 July 1967 Lt BOSTON flew MGen NICKERSON and BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various outposts in the ROK TAOR, to MAG-13 air freight for a passenger pickup and returned to Ky Ha.

LtCol NELSON led the afternoon quick reaction section on an insertion of "Basketball" the reconnaissance team received fire after landing. A successful retraction was accomplished after the "Hueys" called in fixed wing aircraft and delivered 28 2.75" rockets and 4,000 rounds of their own ordnance.

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4 July 1967 Lt ALMIDA flew BGen LAHUE from Chu Lai, to Danang, throughout the Danang area and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

5 July 1967 Lt BOSTON flew BGen LAHUE from the Ky Ha VIP pad, throughout the Chu Lai/Danang TAORs and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt CHIARAMONTE flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to various CPs in the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

LtCol NELSON led a section of armed gunships in support of reconnaissance team "Canal Zone." The team was extracted after three flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled in close air support.

6 July 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen LAHUE from Ky Ha to the Danang hilltop pad and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

During this day the klondikers flew 126 sorties, accomplishing 42 tasks for a total of 61.2 hours. Klondike carried 51 passengers and expended 7,300 rounds of 7.62mm and 50 2.75" rockets.

7 July 1967 LtCol NELSON flew BGen LAHUE and party from Ky Ha to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt KUFELDT flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to various CPs in the ROK TAOR.

8 July 1967 Capt RYAN flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Lt CHAPMAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Quang Ngai, and to various outposts in the ROK TAOR.

9 July 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj WALKER led a section of gunships to escort a Buffalo City flight on an emergency extraction of "Canal Zone." Maj WALKER controlled fixed wing aircraft on enemy positions and delivered 7.62mm and 2.75" rockets in suppressive fire. The retraction was completed without further fire.

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10 July 1967 Capt PENNINGER flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various points in the ROK TAOR.

Capt ANDREWS flew in support of MAG-16 from Hue. The section completed visual reconnaissance flights and receiving fire controlled fixed wing aircraft on targets in the Hue area.

Capt KUFELDT flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

11 July 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen LAHUE to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt RYAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Quang Ngai, MAG-13 air freight, and to various outposts in the ROK TAOR.

12 July 1967 Capt RANKIN flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt TODT flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Quang Ngai, MAG-13 air freight, and returned to the ROK CP.

During July 12 the Klondikers flew 125 sorties, accomplishing 42 tasks for a total of 55.8 hours. Klondike carried 13 passengers and expended 3,000 rounds of 7.62mm and 22 2.75" rockets.

13 July 1967 Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CPs in the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

14 July 1967 Capt MCRANEY flew BGen LAHUE and party from Ky Ha to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt FAIRFIELD flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) and party to MAG-13 air freight, Danang and returned to the ROK CP.

15 July 1967 Lt THATCHER flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CPs in the ROK TAOR.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen LAHUE throughout the Danang area and returned to Ky Ha.

LtCol NELSON commenced operation GEM with a zone prep using 18 flights of fixed wing aircraft. The Klondike flight flew 17.4 hours expending 50 2.75" rockets and 12,000 rounds of 7.62mm. The landings were accomplished without incident however secondary explosions were observed during the prep.

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16 July 1967 Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

17 July 1967 Capt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE from the Ky Ha VIP pad to Danang.

Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to MAG-13 air freight, and to various points in the ROK TAOR.

During 17 July, Klondike flew 181 sorties, accomplishing 59 tasks for a total of 83.4 hours. The Klondikers carried 19 passengers and expended 217 2.75" rockets and 20,000 rounds of 7.62mm.

18 July 1967 Capt DUPONT flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

19 July 1967 Capt CAVERLY flew BGen LAHUE and party from the Ky Ha VIP pad to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt HENRY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj SMITH led a section of armed "Hueys" in support of a troop lift of 200 CIDG. A LZ prep was conducted utilizing two flights of fixed wing aircraft and no fire was received upon landing.

20 July 1967 Capt McMILLIAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CPs in the ROK TAOR, to Quang Ngai and returned to Ky Ha.

21 July 1967 Capt COBB flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various outposts in the ROK TAOR.

During 21 July, Klondike flew 182 sorties, accomplishing 54 tasks for 114.1 hours. The Klondikers carried 12 passengers and expended 13,000 7.62mm and 148 2.75" rockets.

22 July 1967 Capt PETERSON flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to Quang Ngai, various points in the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj SMITH led the afternoon quick reaction force on an emergency retraction of "Bennington." Maj SMITH controlled two flights of fixed wing aircraft, and delivered suppressive fire on enemy in the vicinity of the LZ. The retraction was then completed without further enemy fire.

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23 July 1967 Lt PICKETT flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Hue, returning to Danang and Chu Lai.

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

24 July 1967 Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various positions throughout the ROK TAOR.

During 24 July, Klondike flew 176 sorties accomplishing 46 tasks for a total of 55 hours. The Klondikers carried 42 passengers and expended 12,000 rounds of 7.62mm and 73 2.75" rockets.

25 July 1967 Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

During 25 July, Klondike flew 124 sorties accomplishing 49 tasks for a total of 109.9 hours. The Klondikers carried 10 passengers and expended 18,000 rounds of 7.62mm and 98 rockets.

26 July 1967 Lt CHAPMAN flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to MAG-13 air freight and returned to Ky Ha.

27 July 1967 Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to various points in the ROK TAOR, to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

28 July 1967 Capt HENRI flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) throughout the ROK TAOR, to Danang and returned to the ROK CP.

LtCol NELSON led a section of gunships on an insertion of 200 ARVN troops. The LZ prep was accomplished with the expenditure of 3 flights of fixed wing aircraft, with one secondary explosion noted. When the transport aircraft received fire in the zone another flight of fixed wing aircraft was utilized effectively eliminating the hostile fire.

29 July 1967 Lt PRICE flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CPs in the ROK TAOR and returned to Ky Ha.

LtCol NELSON flew BGen ANDERSON from Ky Ha to Danang and Returned.

30 July 1967 Lt MILES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) from the ROK CP to Chu Lai and returned to the ROK CP.

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31 July 1967 Capt SIPES flew BGen KIM (ROKMC) to various CPs in the ROK TAOR.

Maj GALLAGHER led the morning quick reaction section on a series of reconnaissance team insert and extracts. Maj GALLAGHER expended 2 flights of fixed wing aircraft in LZ preps. The missions went smoothly and no fire was received.

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## Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during July 1967:

## Bronze Star

Capt S. W. PLESS 071156  
 Cpl R. WOERTZ 2195121

## Purple Heart

Capt S. W. PLESS 071156  
 LCpl P. N. GREENE 2218486  
 LCpl J. G. PHELPS 2076835

## Navy Commendation Medal

Cpl M. R. NICKERSON 2134119

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

|                   |         |                  |
|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| D. T. ALMIDA      | 095242  | First Lieutenant |
| R. M. HOCKENBURY  | 1553666 | Staff Sergeant   |
| T. L. HULSE       | 2135735 | Sergeant         |
| J. F. O'CONNOR Jr | 2112908 | Sergeant         |
| R. N. SOUNUP      | 2116546 | Sergeant         |
| T. E. ACKERS      | 2177055 | Corporal         |
| D. D. DONBERT Jr  | 2097902 | Corporal         |
| J. L. HOOPER      | 2177966 | Corporal         |