

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 6  
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1967;  
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Encl: ✓(1) Part I; Organizational Data  
✓(2) Part II; Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights  
✓(3) Part III; Significant Events

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

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CONFIDENTIAL**Part I: Organizational Data****1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:**

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON 1-16Sep67  
 Lieutenant Colonel William J. WHITE 17-30Sep67

Executive Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1-30Sep67

Operations Officer: Major Lloyd W. SMITH 1-30Sep67

Logistics Officer: Major Charles G. GERARD 1-30Sep67

Intelligence Officer: Captain Robert S. SAUNDERS, Jr. 1-30Sep67

Administrative Officer: Chief Warrant Officer Edwin R. VAUGHN 1-30Sep67

**2. Unit Location with inclusive dates:**

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam 1-30Sep67

**3. Average monthly squadron strength:**

<u>MARINE OFFICERS</u>	<u>MARINE ENLISTED</u>	<u>NAVAL OFFICERS</u>	<u>NAVAL ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
48	169	1	0	212

4. Brigadier General Robert P. KELLER, USMC, Assistant Wing Commander, First Marine Aircraft Wing, attended the formal change of command ceremony whereby Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON, USMC relinquished command to Lieutenant Colonel William J. WHITE, USMC.

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

1. During the period 1-30 September 1967, VM0-6 had an average of 22 aircraft assigned and maintained an average daily availability of 15. 2110.9 hours and 4390 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 1269 missions. 1030 passengers were carried and 253 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of September the number of confirmed and probable KBAs was brought from 967 to 1119 for the period 1 September 1965 to 30 September 1967. 117 MedEvac escorts and 42 MedEvac pick-ups were made.

2. During September the Squadron participated in operations Dragon Fire, Shelby, Wheeler, Fortress Sentry, Ballistic Charge, Swift, Beacon Point, Salt Drive and Cochise II. 3352,2.75 rockets and 373,850 rounds of 7.62 ammunition was expended.

3. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 September 1967 Capt RANKIN kick off Operation Beacon Point with a Naval Bombardment of LZ Sparrow. Operating with the SLF, Capt RANKIN's action escorted a flight of 12 C-130s into Sparrow with only light sniper fire being received. The sniper fire was successfully suppressed.

2 September 1967 Maj GERARD flew ECoa KEM to several CPs within the NOK TAOR.

Capt PENNINGER with a flight of three carried ECoa STRONG and party from III MAF to Duc Pho and returned them to III MAF.

3 September 1967 Capt ANDREWS flew ECoa KEM to MAG 13 and around the NOK TAOR.

4 September 1967 No significant events.

5 September 1967 No significant events.

6 September 1967 Capt ANDREWS was scrambled with a action at 1930 to assist Bialodge 14 in the Que Son Valley. Ordnance was delivered on several sources of sniper and mortar fire with the flight returning to Ky Ha at 0100 hours.

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6 September 1967 (Cont) Capt COBB flew 7.1 hours flying BGen KIM and various members of his staff to points within the ROK TAOR.

7 September 1967 Kicking off operation Dragon Fire with the ROK Marines, Major SMITH led a section escorting Powerglide 1-1 flight to insert Scorchers "A" at BS 782828 and Scorchers "B" at BS 792851. Fire was received and suppressed at BS 797851.

8 September 1967 Capt WOOD flew BGen KIM around the ROK TAOR.

9 September 1967 Major WALKER led a section in support of Operation Swift and as TAC(A) controlled 15 flights of fixed wing aircraft on targets in the Swift area.

10 September 1967 Lt ALMIDA flew 4.1 hours flying BGen KIM and a total of 30 passengers around the ROK TAOR.

11 September 1967 Maj WALKER controlled 14 flights of fixed wing as TAC(A) in support of Operation Swift.

12 September 1967 Capt MCADAMS had a busy afternoon as MedEvac Escort, flying 4.5 hours and encountering 4 separate "hot" zones.

Maj WALKER had a busy afternoon leading a section in support of Operation Swift. Five flights of fixed wing were controlled and Klondike received fire on four occasions in supporting a number of units.

13 September 1967 Capt KERR's quick reaction section had a busy night. Scrambled at 1815 in support of Operation Dragon Fire, suppressive fire was delivered for Ham Salad "B" and "C" as they established night defensive positions. Launching again at 2000 to escort Millpoint 3-9 for emergency ammo resupply of Ham Salad "B" and "C", the section returned to Ky Ha at 2130. At 0130 the section was again airborne in support of "Duckbill" at AT 9925 who was under attack by a strong VC force and had sustained 8 WIA. In coordination with Spooky 1-2 suppressive fire was delivered and at approximately 0500 the team was extracted by Buffalo City 2-3, 4 with no additional casualties.

Lt PRICE flew 7.7 hours carrying BGen KIM and members of his staff around the ROK TAOR.

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14 September 1967 No significant events.

15 September 1967 No significant events.

16 September 1967 Capt PENNINGER operating with the SLF kicked off Operation Ballistic Charge escorting Superchief flight into LZ Goose at BT 206477.

Capt RANKIN flew Adm BUCKLEY and party around the Chu Lai area.

17 September 1967 Capt HANLEY flew BGen KIM to MA: 13 and around the ROK TAOR.

Working with the SLF on Operation Fortress Sentry, Capt CHIARAMONTE's section spotted 2 VC with rifles at YD 263736 and accounted for 2 confirmed KIA.

18 September 1967 Maj WALKER's section was credited with 1 confirmed and 5 probable VC KIA working with Scorchers 14A on Operation Dragon Fire.

Capt RANKIN led a section in support of Operation Swift. Four flights of fixed wing were controlled and the Klondikes expended 81, 2.75 rockets and 9000 rounds of 7.62.

19 September 1967 Lt MILES flew 5.6 hours with BGen KIM and other passengers operating in the ROK TAOR.

20 September 1967 Maj GERARD's section controlled 10 flights of fixed wing in support of Operation Swift.

At 2100 hours Capt SAUNDERS launched with a section in support of Operation Dragon Fire. Coordinating with Ham Salad 14 and Ancestor 247 in the vicinity of BS 730874, the section expended 28, 2.75 rockets and 8000 rounds of 7.62 on 200 VC moving through the area. At first light the next morning Ham Salad "C" swept the area and confirmed 60 KBA for Klondike.

21 September 1967 No significant events.

22 September 1967 Capt PENNINGER's section logged a total of 19.4 hours kicking off Operation Shelby. During the days activities of LZ prep, escort of the transports, recon, and CAS of BLT 1/3, 7 flights of fixed wing were controlled and the Klondikes Section expended 90, 2.75 rockets and 14000 rounds of 7.62.

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22 September 1967 (Cont) During the afternoon, three sections, led by Major SMITH, Major GERARD and Captain KERR, worked in support of Crankcase who was in heavy contact with a large VC force at BS 282865. After a period of approximately 5 hours of CAS in which 6 flights of fixed wing were expended and 98, 2.75 rockets and 12000 rounds of 7.62, the recon team was successfully extracted by Buffalo City without casualties.

On Operation Fortress Sentry, Captain CHIARAMONTE's section accounted for six confirmed KBA while working with Red Dancer in the vicinity of YD 274718.

23 September 1967 LtCol WHITE led a section and as TAC(A) controlled 9 flights of fixed wing in support of Dislodge. A secondary explosion was observed at BT 068397.

Capt CHIARAMONTE had a busy day with his section on Operation Fortress Sentry. The section logged a total of 15.2 hours, 38 sorties, and 12 tasks. Three flights of fixed wing were controlled and 138, 2.75 rockets and 8500 rounds of 7.62 were expended. At YD 265728 an estimated company of VC were attacked and Red Dancer credited Klondike with 22 confirmed and 17 probable KBA.

24 September 1967 No significant events.

25 September 1967 Maj GERARD's section controlled 10 flights of fixed wing for Dislodge. Fire was received at 3 of the target areas.

Lt ROSENIAL logged 4.9 hours flying BGen KIM and staff around the ROK TAOR.

26 September 1967 Capt MCRANEY led a section in support of Dislodge. Logging a total of 9.4 hours the section controlled 10 flights of fixed wing and expended 22, 2.75 rockets and 800 rounds of 7.62.

27 September 1967 Capt DONAGHY logged 6.8 hours flying BGen KIM and others around the ROK TAOR. A total of 27 passengers were carried during the day.

28 September 1967 Capt KUFELDT led a section in support of Dislodge and as TAC(A) controlled 7 flights of fixed wing and expended 20, 2.75 rockets.

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29 September 1967 No significant events.

30 September 1967 No significant events.

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## Part III: Significant events.

## 1. The following awards were presented during September 1967:

## Distinguished Flying Cross

Captain K. K. KERR

Captain R. S. SAUNDERS, JR.

## Purple Heart

Corporal S. J. RIZZO, JR.

## 2. The following personnel were promoted to the rank indicated during September 1967:

TO SERGEANT

E. J. DIORIO, JR. 2169981  
B. T. GOSSAR 2127946  
J. W. JORDAN 2100557  
D. S. KRISTICH 2142287  
R. C. MEAD 1886718  
D. J. SHENRILL 2151926  
R. S. WATSON 2103260

C. R. FREY 2173540  
D. C. HAMILTON 2121534  
A. E. KILLEY, JR. 2151830  
J. J. MADDEN, JR. 2121671  
M. T. MORRIS 2158362  
T. A. SERRA 2132176  
L. P. WESSON 2132451

TO CORPORAL

J. S. COOPER 2211078  
A. C. BOWEN, JR. 2181314  
A. J. CALLAWAY 2151139  
R. N. CHRISTENSEN 2250159  
J. W. CULVER 2113704  
B. DEFEO 2205637  
D. G. FOSSUM 2163948  
D. J. GAY 2158534  
M. W. HARDY 2169800  
S. J. IPPOLITO, JR. 2149938  
E. S. JOZITIS 2249935  
J. R. KESTER 2147876  
R. S. HEINRICHS 2248837  
T. P. KWIAKOSKI 2150710  
R. S. MALLOY 2174790

W. R. MULDREW 2209768  
W. A. BYRNES 2105817  
J. J. CHISHOLM 2191187  
W. J. COOPER 2183862  
R. M. CURTIS, JR. 2221472  
J. R. EVANS 2136486  
A. G. FRIEND 2313224  
P. N. GREENE 2218486  
E. S. HARRIS 2318179  
R. D. JONES 2175034  
L. KELLEHER 2206565  
J. R. KING 2204727  
R. F. LEEN 2136490  
N. E. LOWERY 2157501  
S. D. MANRIQUEZ 2198612

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2. The following personnel were promoted to the rank indicated during September 1967. (Cont)

TO CORPORAL

R. P. MAZIKOWSKI 2158141  
 K. R. PERKINS, JR. 2091539  
 S. J. RIZZO, JR. 2178833  
 R. L. RUSSOM 2192807  
 L. R. SHIVELY 2265055  
 M. F. SINGH 2080537  
 W. E. SWEAT 2208634  
 E. J. BIELINSKI 2259346

V. G. MEDLEY 2219714  
 T. R. POHRT 2178932  
 R. S. ROSS, JR. 2180019  
 H. W. SCHNEIDER 2201849  
 W. M. SHORT 2190444  
 M. E. SISSON 2156237  
 R. TELLES 2125973  
 R. E. GAGNON 2182006

TO LANCE CORPORAL

W. L. ARMSTRONG 2151919  
 H. B. LEE 2306518  
 B. H. TARVER 2208558

R. L. GILBERT 2245698  
 J. E. NEWBERRY 2054287  
 L. J. VEACH 2196719