

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
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-36 November 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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Part I: Organization Data

1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel William J. WHITE 1-30Nov67

Executive Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1-12Nov67

Executive Officer: Major Bertram A. MASS 13-30Nov67

Operations Officer: Major Arthur C. CRANE 1-30Nov67

Logistics Officer: Major Charles G. GERARD 1-30Nov67

Intelligence Officer: Captain Gregory A. MCADAMS 1-30Nov67

Administrative Officer: Chief Warrant Officer Edwin R. VAUGHN 1-30Nov67

2. Unit Location with inclusive dates:

Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam 1-10Nov67

Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam 11-30Nov67

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	166	1	0	215

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

1. During the month of November 1967, VMO-6 flew 844.9 hours and 1850 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 352 missions. 464 passengers were carried and 19 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. The number of Viet Cong confirmed and probable KBA's remain at 1133 for the period 1 September 1965 to 30 November 1967. 71 Med Evac escorts and 11 Med Evac pick-ups were made.

2. During November the squadron participated in operations Dragon Fire and Cove. 26 2.75 rockets and 5250 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition was expended.

3. Narrative Summary of Phu Bai and Quang Tri based activities.

1 November 1967 LtCol WHITE led a section for 2.8 hours in support of Operation "Northwest".

2 November 1967 Capt NEFF was diverted from an administrative hop and successfully picked up five med evacs from a zone which was too small to accommodate a H-34.

Maj GERARD upon returning from a mission, received fire from Hue, YD430215. Incident has occurred and been reported several times previously.

3 November 1967 Capt SAUNDERS led a section of gunships on a VR flight in the vicinity of Dong Ha and received fire from four different locations. Obviously, he was not the only person observing.

5 November 1967 Capt KUFELDT came under fire today while assisting in the emergency retraction of recon team Market Place I as did Capt SAUNDERS while making a VR of Happy Valley.

6 November 1967 Capt MCMILLAN assisted in an attempted recon team insertion which was unsuccessful due to heavy enemy fire near the LZ.

7 November 1967 Lt CHAPMAN was kept busy today by flying 8.5 hours. His passengers included MajGen KERWEN, MajGen MAISSON, MajGen MURRAY, BGen METZGER and Adm BARLETT.

9 November 1967 LtCol WHITE was under fire on two occasions today while assisting in an insertion of Special Forces troops.

11 November 1967 LtCol WHITE departed Phu Bai for Quang Tri, thereby transferring the squadron colors to our new home.

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11 November 1967 Capt DUPONT took fire on four different occasions today while escorting med evacs. Welcome aboard.

12 November 1967 Admin runs and standby at Dong Ha occupied the day.

13 November 1967 Capt PENNINGER upon completing a mission took fire while on final to Quang Tri.

14 November 1967 Maj MCRANEY's section assisted in the recovery of the bodies from MajGen HOCKMUTH's aircraft.

15 November 1967 Lt GALBREATH's section was forced to abort a resupply mission today due to lack of artillery coordination. Operational discrepancy filed by HMM-163.

17 November 1967 Capt MCRANEY's section saw some action today during an emergency extraction of recon team Amanda.

Capt LEVY's aircraft took a hit while on a TAOR sweep. An AO then conducted an air strike.

18 November 1967 LtCol WHITE with Col GALLENTINE as co-pilot, called an air strike on a suspected VC rocket site he spotted while on a TAOR sweep.

23 November 1967 Maj NEEF assisted in the insertion of three recon teams today. Capt COEB took fire while on 1/2 mile final to runway 32 at Quang Tri.

24 November 1967 Med Evac birds were involved in the pick up of eight emergency cases today.

25 November 1967 Raising into a hover, Maj MCGAW's aircraft crashed on the mat at Quang Tri. No injuries. All aircraft were placed on a maintenance hold pending x-rays of the tail rotor assemblies.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during November 1967:

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Corporal W. R. MULDREW

SINGLE MISSION AIR MEDALS

Captain W. E. CAPEHART
Captain B. L. THATCHER

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS

Staff Sergeant L. F. WHITHAM
Corporal J. G. PHELPS

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

TO MAJOR

C. D. McRANEY
R. L. NEFF
D. J. WORKMAN

TO CAPTAIN

J. P. CAWLEY
R. L. WEBER
G. D. DAVIDGE
J. L. LITTLER
C. S. CROOM

TO SERGEANT

T. N. FARLEY

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