

MARINE OBSERVATION EQUIPMENT SIX
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 12-31 October 1969

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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 compliance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are herewith submitted. Command Chronology for period covering 1-12 October 1969 is on file with Marine Aircraft Group 36.

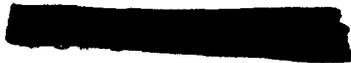
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Part I: Organizational Data

1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

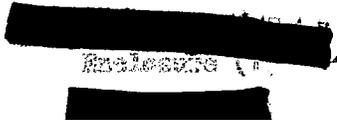
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| Commanding Officer: | LtCol A. K. CHARLTON | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Executive Officer: | Major A. S. PIPER | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Operations Officer: | Major J. A. BRANDON | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Maintenance Officer: | Major J. T. HAGAN | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Intelligence Officer: | Major R. L. THOMPSON | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Administrative Officer: | Captain R. L. PAPPAS | 12-31 October 1969 |
| Logistics Officer: | Captain R. W. HELM | 12-31 October 1969 |

2. Unit Location with inclusive dates:

HCAF Futema, Okinawa, 12-31 October 1969

3. Average monthly squadron strength:

| <u>MARINE OFFICERS</u> | <u>MARINE ENLISTED</u> | <u>NAVAL OFFICERS</u> | <u>NAVAL ENLISTED</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
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Part II: Narrative Summary to Significant Highlights

12 October 1969. At 1200 today, VMO-6 became OPCON to Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein). Our advance party arrived at MCAF Futema, Okinawa on 1 October 1969 to prepare for the squadron's upcoming redeployment from Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam to MCAF Futema. Detachment "A", consisting of 12 UH-1E's, and the main body personnel of our redeployment are awaiting arrival of LPH-7 (USS CLEVELAND) for movement to Okinawa. Detachment "A" is presently operating out of Phu Bai with its main mission of preparing squadron property and the UH-1E's for redeployment. Our 18 OV-10A aircraft left Quang Tri on 8 October 1969 on a 4-leg trip to MCAF Futema. All 18 OV-10A's have completed the second leg of their trip and are remaining at Cubi Point, Phillipines tonight.

13 October 1969. Sixteen (16) OV-10s flew from Cubi Point to Ching-Chuan Kang Air Base, Taiwan. One aircraft was down at Cubi and his wingman remained with him. Detachment "A" continuing to prepare for up-coming move with our Huey pilots flying missions for HML-367 in their aircraft.

14 October 1969. OV-10A departure from Ching-Chuan Kang was delayed until 1300, hoping the final two (2) aircraft would arrive in time to join flight. Sixteen aircraft arrived overhead MCAF Futema at 1530; Brigadier General JOHNSON, ANG 1st MAW, and Colonel Laing, Commanding Officer, MCAF, welcomed the squadron to Okinawa.

15 October 1969. OV-10A pilots and crews getting organized at Futema. Detachment "A" operating as normal.

16 October 1969. Last two (2) OV-10As arrived at MCAF Futema. All VMO-6 OV-10As secure in Futema. Detachment "A" operating as normal with test and administration flights being the only flying scheduled. Our pilots are still supporting HML-367 in carrying out missions in "I" Corps.

17 October 1969. Detachment "A" operating as normal. MAG-36 instructed VMO-6 to send 8 Huey pilots and 4 Huey crew chiefs to MAG-36 to fly with HML-367 for a period of approximately 30 days. Eight area PAM boys were flown by the OV-10As at Futema.

18 October 1969. Non-working day for personnel already in Futema. Detachment "A" at Phu Bai completing preparations for boarding ship on the 21st.

19 October 1969. Non-working day for squadron personnel in Futema. LPH-7 reported in Da Nang and will arrive off the coast of Phu Bai for loading late tomorrow. Advance loading party consisting of 62 personnel boarded USS CLEVELAND.

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20 October 1969. Ship arrived as scheduled for Detachment "A". Eight area FAN and instrument hops were flown by the OV-10As. One VMO-6 UH-1B was taken to Da Nang for PAR and will not be taken to Futema with us.

21 October 1969. Began loading LPH-7 with squadron property. Eleven UH-1B's were flown aboard and secured for trip to Okinawa. By the end of the day, all main body personnel were aboard the ship.

22 October 1969. Loading of ship completed at 0530. Ship sailed at 0500 for Okinawa. Two OV-10As departed Futema for MCAS Iwakuni to effect liaison with MAG-15.

23 October 1969. All operations at Futema shut down to prepare for arrival of the shipboard Detachment "A". Detachment "A" enroute.

24 October 1969. Two OV-10As fragged to support the Division ALO/FAC School. Shipboard activities for Detachment "A" consisted of a series of required lectures for all personnel pertaining to history of Okinawa and MCAF Futema regulations. A second day of 15-20 minutes of exercises was held on the flight deck for all personnel.

25 October 1969. Ship anchored off White Beach, Okinawa at approximately 0700 and unloading operations began immediately. Hucoys were flown to MCAF Futema. Entire day consisted of unloading and situating squadron personnel and property. Detachment "A" rejoined VMO-6.

26 October 1969. VMO-6 completely embarked to MCAF Futema. No flight operations took place today as the squadron concentrated on unpacking and setting up individual shops.

27 October 1969. All pilots attended a station operations brief on operating procedures on and around Okinawa. The squadron as a whole attended a joint information lecture from MCAF FMO, Chaplin, and Medical Officer. No flights scheduled.

28 October 1969. No flight operations. Squadron personnel busy unpacking, setting up office spaces, and preparing aircraft for flight.

29 October 1969. Began a reduced level of normal operations. Began flying area FAN and instrument hops.

30 October 1969. Four (4) area FANs were flown by the Hucoys and four (4) area/instrument hops were flown by the OV-10As. Two (2) OV-10As flew to MCAS Iwakuni and remained over night.

31 October 1969. Six (6) OV-10As and four (4) Hucoy hops were completed today. Squadron getting well organized in new environment. VMO-6 personnel show a high degree of enthusiasm and a good working attitude at MCAF Futema.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. Redeployment of the squadron was completed this month. Captain BEIN, as the S-4 officer, planned and controlled the entire embarkation of the squadron in a highly professional and competent manner.
2. The following officers were welcomed aboard during 12-31 October 1969:

Lt (USN) W. H. EMORY
CWO-2 D. L. FLOURDE
3. VNC-6 said farewell to the following officers during 12-31 October 1969:

Major L. M. DUKE
Captain S. H. BROWN
Captain J. H. PIERSON