

MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON 5  
Marine Aircraft Group 36  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear), FMFPac  
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Subj: Command Chronology for the Period 1-31 December 1969

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1969

1. In compliance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1969 -- 31 December 1969

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PART I: ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

|                         |   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Commanding Officer:     | Major J. A. BRANDON   | 1-31 December 1969   |
| Executive Officer:      | Major G. C. PSAROS  | 1-31 December 1969   |
| Operations Officer:     | Major J. T. HAGAN, III  | 1-31 December 1969   |
| Maintenance Officer:    | Major T. WILLIAMS, Jr.  | 1-31 December 1969   |
| Intelligence Officer:   | 1stLt O. H. BLAYTON   | 1-31 December 1969   |
| Administrative Officer: | Major W. H. HUFFCUT, II<br>Captain R. L. SNYDER<br>Major M. V. SULLIVAN | 1-6 December 1969<br>9-17 December 1969<br>18-31 December 1969 |
| Logistics:              | Captain R. W. HSIN  | 1-31 December 1969   |

2. Unit Location with inclusive date:

HCAF Futema, Okinawa, 1-31 December 1969.

3. Average Monthly Squadron strength:

| <u>Marine Officers</u> | <u>Marine Enlisted</u> | <u>Naval Officer</u> | <u>Naval Enlisted</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 37                     | 182                    | 1                    | 3                     | 223          |

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PART II: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

December proved to be a productive month for VMO-6. The first of the month included the Squadron Change of Command followed by the squadron moving from its initial location at NCAF to another area. Flight operations consisting of VIP, photo, training, and other various missions in support of military establishments on the island accumulated a total of 735 flight hours. On 27 December, Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON visited VMO-6. General JOHNSON was briefed on squadron readiness and operations, presented four officers with awards they had earned while in Viet Nam, and toured the squadron area. The month of December was a functional period with emphasis placed on a complete squadron inventory with both Navy and Marine Corps property receiving command attention.

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## PART III: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Significant Events:

1 Dec 1969: VMO-6 conducted a Change of Command ceremony, during which LtCol. A. K. CHARLTON relinquished his Command to Major J. A. BRANDON. Upon his relief, LtCol. CHARLTON assumed duties as the Operations Officer, MAG-36. Brigadier General L. E. FRIBOURG was the senior Distinguished Guest at the ceremony.

6 Dec 1969: A squadron personnel inspection was held by Colonel O. V. CALLENTINE, MAG-36 Commanding Officer. Following the personnel inspection, Major J. A. BRANDON, Commanding Officer of VMO-6, conducted an inspection of barracks 412 and 420. Inspections were satisfactory as indicated verbally by the inspecting officers.

27 Dec 1969: Brigadier General W. G. JOHNSON visited the squadron. His visit entailed conferences with the Commanding Officer and department heads, plus touring the squadron area. During his visit to the squadron, the General presented eleven squadron members with awards.

31 Dec 1969: The squadron completed the month of December with a total of 735.2 flight hours. Our UH-1E's accumulated 383.2 hours while the OV-10A's flew 352.0 hours during the month.

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