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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1971 to 14 April 1971.

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) CG 1st MAW(R) MSG 260647Z MAR 71 (C)

Encl: (1) VMO-6 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. STAFF OFFICERS</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 13 JAN	LTCOL ALBERT J. KOHANOWICH
	14 JAN - 14 APR	LTCOL ALLEN H. BLOOM
<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 14 JAN	MAJ ROBERT L. BOYER
	25 JAN - 14 APR	MAJ ELMER REICHERT
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 5 JAN	CAPT RICHARD K. PALMER
	6 JAN - 14 APR	CAPT DONALD A. MCPHERSON
<u>INTELLIGENCE OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 4 JAN	1STLT ARTHUR E. HOFFER
	5 JAN - 14 APR	1STLT JEROLD C. SLOMAKER
<u>OPERATIONS OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 22 JAN	CAPT ROBERT F. CLARK
	23 JAN - 14 APR	MAJ ROBERT L. THYEN
<u>LOGISTICS OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 1 FEB	1STLT DENNIS P. ANDERSON
	2 FEB - 14 APR	CAPT GEORGE L. BREWER
<u>MATERIAL OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 14 APR	1STLT DENNIS P. ANDERSON
<u>A/C MAINTENANCE OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 22 APR	CAPT DENNIS E. NIEDERHAUS
	23 JAN - 14 APR	MAJ RODNEY H. ALLEY
<u>SAFETY OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 1 FEB	CAPT GEORGE L. BREWER
	2 FEB - 14 APR	CAPT RICHARD W. RYAN
<u>NAIOPS OFFICER</u>	1 JAN - 11 MAR	1STLT MICHAEL L. PARKS
	12 MAR - 14 APR	1STLT ROBERT A. HOYLE

2. SUBORDINATE UNITS. NONE

3. LOCATION

1 JANUARY 1971 - 14 APRIL 1971 MCAS (H) FUTESMA, OKINAWA

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>TTL</u>
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
JAN	32	151	1	0	0
FEB	31	150	1	0	0
MAR	33	146	1	0	0
APR	37	171	1	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

JANUARY: A detachment of three (3) officers, seven (7) enlisted and two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Atsugi, Japan. The detachment deployed 21 thru 28 January to support the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marines, with TAC (A) and CAS. During the deployment a total of twenty-six (26) sorties and fifty-seven point nine (57.9) flight hours were flown. There were no outstanding maintenance problems during the deployment. Two of the three pilots contracted Flu while on the deployment which greatly decreased the total flight hours, but all commitments were met.

A detachment of four (4) officers, fourteen (14) enlisted and two (2) UH-1E aircraft assigned to SLF BRAVO returned to Okinawa on 29 January. The detachment flew a total of two hundred and sixty-six point one (266.1) hours.

Aerial firing from the UH-1E aircraft was conducted on Okinawa on 15 and 19 January and fourteen (14) squadron personnel qualified as aerial gunners on these dates.

During January VMO-6 transferred six (6) OV-10A's to VMO-2 and received five (5) OV-10A's from VMO-2. The exchange of aircraft was accomplished at Cubi Point.

On 14 January LtCol A. H. BLOOM assumed Command of VMO-6 at a Change of Command ceremony conducted in front of Base Operations. The ceremony was highlighted by a twelve (12) plane fly-over of squadron aircraft.

FEBRUARY: A detachment of four (4) officers, nine (9) enlisted and three (3) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Atsugi, Japan on 14 February to provide FAC(A)/CAS support for training exercises of BLT 2/9. The detachment flew a total of eighty-four point three (84.3) hours and thirty-six (36) sorties during the period 14 thru 28 February.

A detachment of three (3) officers, fourteen (14) enlisted and two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Cubi Point on 27 February to provide FAC(A) support for VMA-211. The detachment flew twenty-five point four (25.4) hours and eight (8) sorties in transit to Cubi Point and local area FAM flights on 27 and 28 February.

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Aerial firing from the UH-1F aircraft was conducted on 9 and 25 February and eight squadron personnel qualified as Aerial Gunners on these dates. A total of 9000 rounds of ammunition was expended during this qualification.

MARCH: A detachment of three (3) officers and ten (10) enlisted with two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Atsugi on 24 March to provide artillery spotting for training exercises conducted by the 12th Marines. The detachment flew a total of twenty-seven point zero (27.0) hours and twelve (12) sorties during the period 24 March thru 31 March.

A detachment of three (3) officers, fourteen (14) enlisted and two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Cubi Point from 25 February to 3 March. The detachment flew a total of twenty-two (22) sorties for fifty-seven point one (57.1) total hours. Two hundred and sixty-two (262) 2.75" rockets were expended. On 1 March, the ground FAC's lost UHF radio communication, and the range would have been closed if the OV-10A's with FM radios had not been there. The deployment provided excellent training in FAC(A) and ordnance delivery from the OV-10A's.

A detachment of three (3) officers, fourteen (14) enlisted and two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Cubi Point on 14 March and was scheduled to return on 8 April. The detachment deployed to provide FAC(A) support for MAC-12.

APRIL: A detachment of three (3) officers and ten (10) enlisted with two (2) OV-10A aircraft were deployed to NAS Atsugi to provide artillery spotting for training exercises conducted by the 12th Marines. For the period 24 March thru 14 April the detachment had flown one hundred and fifteen point four (115.4) flight hours. Maintenance problems resulting from unavailable parts caused one aircraft to be down 30 March thru 14 April. Only 33% of all scheduled sorties in support of the 12th Marines were flown due to poor visibility and low clouds.

A detachment of three (3) officers, fourteen (14) enlisted and two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Cubi Point. The detachment deployed 21 March thru 10 April to provide FAC(A) support for MAC-12. During the deployment the detachment participated in STATO exercise PX-43 on 5 and 6 April. Liaison was established with PROVMAG TFW through VMA-211 and the detachment flew five (5) sorties and seventeen point seven (17.7) hours in support of PX-43. The detachment flew

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a total of seventy-three point eight (73.8) hours. During this period 540 2.75 inch rockets were fired. The major problem area was parts availability. Spare parts and electronic publications peculiar to the OV-10A are not directly available at Cubi Point, but must be obtained thru the Squadron via MARLOG, thus extending NCMS time.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel/Awards/Promotions

a. <u>Promotions</u>	LCPL	1	
	CPL	9	
	GSYSGT	1	
	MSYSGT	2	
	CAPT	2	
b. <u>Awards</u>	Air Medal	2	2
	Good Conduct Medal	22	22
	Letter of Appreciation		1
	Meritorious Mast		7

2. Training

a. Eighteen (18) officers and one hundred forty six (146) enlisted were tested in PFT. All hands participated daily in an organized PFT program.

b. Eighteen (18) SNCO's and seventy-two (72) Sgt's and below were administered the essential subjects exemption test.

c. Five (5) enlisted personnel are on the Squadron weight control program.

d. Two (2) officers and twenty-five (25) enlisted are enrolled in the MCI program.

e. Mission oriented subjects given during this period included:

- (1) Leadership - LtCol BLOOM
- (2) Organization of Marine Aviation - Capt CLARK
- (3) Drug Abuse - 1stMAW Drug Abuse Team
- (4) Veterans Benefits - Mr SMITH (VA Representative)
- (5) Personal Affairs - Capt NAY (MAG-36 Legal)

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f. Officers, Staff NCO's and Enlisted attended a presentation by LTGEN JONES, CG FMFPAC.

g. Technical training, classroom and on the job training was conducted for pilots and maintenance personnel by technical representatives of North American Rockwell, Garrett Air Research and Lycoming.

3. Air Operations

<u>OV-10A</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
JAN	473.0	229
FEB	285.0	134
MAR	321.0	179
APR (1-14)	99.4	107
TOTAL	1178.4	649

<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
JAN	457.0	304
FEB	338.0	150
MAR	306.0	190
APR (1-14)	167.7	98
TOTAL	1268.7	742
TOTAL BOTH A/C	2447.1	1391

4. Deployments

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>#A/C</u>	<u>HOURS FLOW</u>
21 Jan 28 Jan	NAS Atsugi	3rd Bn 3rd Marines	2 OV-10A	57.9
14 Feb 4 Mar	NAS Atsugi	2nd Bn 6th Marines	2 OV-10A	84.3
27 Feb 4 Mar	NAS Cubi Point	VMA-211	2 OV-10A	57.1
14 Mar 10 Apr	NAS Cubi Point	MAG-12	2 OV-10A	73.8
23 Mar 14 Apr	NAS Atsugi	12th Marines	2 OV-10A	53.9

5. Other Matters of Significance

a. On 8 January VMO-6 hosted two (2) Chinese Majors from the Chinese Marines who were here to study the organizational structure of a VMO Squadron.

b. VMO-6 furnished one platoon for the MAG-36 Change of Command Ceremony on 3 February.

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c. VMO-6 participated in an Aerial Review for the Change of Command during which Major General WILSON JR. was relieved as CG I MAF and CG Third Marine Division by Major General MOTTGER.

d. During the reporting period VMO-6 has transferred/received twenty-two (22) OV-10A's and eight (8) UH-1E's.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None.

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