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Encl: (1) VMO-6 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), 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 OFFICER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
COMMANDING OFFICER	15 APR 71-14 MAY 71	LTCOL ALLEN H. BLOOM
	15 MAY 71-30 JUN 71	LTCOL JEROME L. NORTON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	15 APR 71-30 JUN 71	MAJ ELWIN REICHERT
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	15 APR 71-28 JUN 71	CAPT DONALD A. MCPHERON
	28 JUN 71-30 JUN 71	MAJ PETER M. HEIMAN
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	15 APR 71-30 JUN 71	1/LT JEROLD C. SLOMAYER
OPERATIONS OFFICER	15 APR 71-19 JUN 71	MAJ ROBERT L. THIEN
	20 JUN 71-30 JUN 71	MAJ GARY HARLAN
LOGISTICS OFFICER	15 APR 71-3 MAY 71	CAPT GEORGE L. BREWER
	4 MAY 71-30 JUN 71	CAPT CHARLES W. ANDERSON
MATERIAL OFFICER	15 APR 71-28 MAY 71	1/LT DENNIS P. ANDERSON
	29 MAY 71-30 JUN 71	2/LT STEPHEN C. MCFEYRE
A/C MAINTENANCE OFFICER	15 APR 71-30 JUN 71	MAJ RODNEY H. ALLEY
SAFETY OFFICER	15 APR 71-15 MAY 71	CAPT RICHARD N. RYAN
	16 MAY 71-30 JUN 71	CAPT WILFRED P. WOLDYLA
NATOPS OFFICER (UH-1E)	15 APR 71-16 MAY 71	1/LT ROBERT A. HOYLE
	17 MAY 71-25 JUN 71	1/LT CRAWFORD J. MACCLIN
NATOPS OFFICER (OV-10A)	15 APR 71-28 MAY 71	1/LT ROBERT A. SHINN
	29 MAY 71-24 JUN 71	1/LT ROBERT C. TERRETTTS
	25 JUN 71-30 JUN 71	1/LT JEROLD C. SLOMAYER

2. SUBORDINATE UNITS. NONE

3. LOCATION

15 APR 71-30 JUN 71 MCAS (H) FUTEWA, OKINAWA

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
APR	38	174	1	0
MAY	47	181	1	0
JUN	46	180	1	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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. The 12th Marines made two (2) A/O's available at NAS Atsugi for liaison and mission requirements. For the period 24 March thru 21 April the detachment flew a total of fifty-two (52) sorties accumulating one hundred and ten point three (110.3) flight hours. Only 33 percent of all scheduled sorties in support of the 12th Marines were flown due to poor visibility and low clouds.

During the period 26 thru 30 April the Squadron was inspected by the Inspector General of the Marine Corps. All hands participated in at least one phase of the inspection. The Squadron personnel put forth a great deal of effort in preparing for the inspection. The Squadron overall got a satisfactory grade and discrepancies noted were corrected.

MAY: A detachment of three (3) officers and ten (10) enlisted with two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Atsugi, Japan during the period 12 May thru 25 May to provide FAC(A)/CAS support for training exercises conducted by BLF 2/4. During the deployment the detachment flew a total of twenty-nine (29) sorties accumulating sixty point eight (60.8) hours. In addition to support of BLF 2/4 training was accomplished in International Navigation and Cross Country Flying.

Two (2) OV-10A aircraft departed for NAS Atsugi on 12 May 1971. Approaching MCAS Iwakuni the scheduled RON/refueling enroute stop, the two aircraft had a Mid-Air collision. All three crew members ejected and were safely picked up at sea by the Japanese Coast Guard. Both aircraft were lost at sea.

On 14 May LTCOL J. L. NORTON assumed command of VMO-6 at a Change of Command Ceremony conducted on the Squadron Flight Line.

On 27 May SGTMAJ AURIN was transferred to Group Headquarters and 1STSGT A. T. TORIZZO assumed the SGTMAJ duties of VMO-6.

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JUNE: A detachment of six (6) officers and fourteen (14) enlisted with two (2) OV-10A aircraft deployed to NAS Atsugi on 21 June and is scheduled to return on 2 July 1971. The detachment deployed to provide artillery spotting for training exercises conducted by BLT 3/9. The detachment has flown a total of forty-eight point seven (48.7) hours and twenty (20) sorties during the period 21 June thru 30 June.

On 25 June 1971 the UH-1E Pilots, UH-1E maintenance personnel and UH-1E aircraft were transferred to HML-367.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel/Awards/Promotions

a. <u>Promotions.</u>	CAPT	2
	MSGT	2
	SCT	3
	LCPL	5
b. <u>Awards.</u>	Flight/Strike Award	1

2. Training.

a. Fifteen (15) Staff NCO's and one hundred and ten (110) sergeant and below were administered the Essential Subjects Exception Test.

b. Two (2) enlisted personnel are on the Squadron Weight Control Program.

c. Three (3) officers and fifteen (15) sergeants and below are presently enrolled in the MCI program.

d. The Squadron presented the following mission oriented subjects:

- (1) Drug Abuse- 1stMAW Drug Abuse Team
- (2) Veterans Administration Lecture- Mr SMITH
- (3) Security of Military Information- 1/LT SLONAKER
- (4) Individual Rights and Search and Seizure- 1/LT PYRON

3. Air Operations.

<u>OV-10A</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
APRIL(15-30)	256.4	99
MAY	314.5	173
JUNE	331.3	197
TOTAL	902.2	469
<u>UH-1E</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
APRIL(15-30)	111.2	72
MAY	172.0	100
JUNE(1-24)	314.8	179
TOTAL	598.0	351
TOTAL BOTH A/C	1500.2	820

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TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS FY71	OV-10A	5,480
TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS FY71	UH-1E	4,343
TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS FY71	BOTH A/C	9,823

4. Deployments

<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNIT SUPPORTED</u>	<u>#A/C</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>
21MAR-21APR	NAS Atsugi	12th Marines	2 OV-10A	110.3
12MAY-25MAY	NAS Atsugi	BLT 2/4	2 OV-10A	60.8
21JUN-30JUN	NAS Atsugi	BLT 3/9	2 OV-10A	48.7

5. Other Matters of Significance

a. On 21 April a General Recall was initiated by the Group Headquarters. Within forty (40) minutes 96% of the Squadron personnel were present in the Squadron area.

b. On 9 May General DAVIS the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps toured the Squadron area.

c. On 2 June Major General OWENS the Commanding General of the First Marine Air Wing visited the Squadron for individual informal discussions with any E-5 and below and Captains or Lieutenants that wished to talk with the General.

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1. None.

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