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Encl: (1) VMO-6 September Chronology of U. S. Operations/Support for Vietnam

1. (U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. (U) This letter is downgraded to ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ up on removal of enclosure (1).

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Marine Observation Squadron 6

LTCOL DILLEY, D. E.

<u>STAFF OFFICERS</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>NAME</u>
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	1 Sep - 26 Sep 72	MAJ D. D. JOHNS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CAPT N. J. BROSS
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CWO J. F. DONER
OPERATIONS OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	MAJ D. G. WORKMON
LOGISTIC OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CAPT L. D. GABLE
MATERIAL OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	1STLT K. E. SMITH
A/C MAINTENANCE OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	MAJ G. A. ROSS
SAFETY OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CAPT V. L. GENNARO
NATOPS OFFICER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CAPT T. F. BRUNK
CHIEF AIR OBSERVER	1 Sep - 30 Sep 72	CAPT R. E. DIETMEIER

SUBORDINATE UNITS

NONE

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 Sep - 30 Sep 72 MCAS(H) FUTEMA, OKINAWA

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	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
USMC	35	132
USN	0	0
OTHER	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During September, VMO-6 flew 491.6 hours with the OV-10A and 48.6 hours with the AH-1J. All of the AH-1J flight hours were utilized for test flying and initial pilot refresher training. The bulk of the OV-10A flight hours were devoted to unit training; however, a variety of missions were flown in support of other units. Visual reconnaissance, hand held photography, and TACP training are representative of the type of support provided to the 3rd Marine Division during this period.

The acceptance of five (5) AH-1J Cobra helicopters on 1 September marked the beginning of another era as VMO-6 once again became a composite Squadron. An initial complement of fifteen (15) maintenance personnel and four (4) pilots were assigned to the squadron in support of the AH-1J program. The tempo of training for both the maintenance personnel and pilots was steadily increased throughout the month, and VMO-6 now stands ready to support HMA-369 with replacement pilots and maintenance personnel.

In a continuing effort to promote mutual understanding within the Marine Air/Ground Team, VMO-6 participated in three (3) noteworthy events. Captain Ed THRUSTON flew LtGen METZGER, Commanding General III MAF, on a local orientation flight to Amamio-Shima. The flight afforded LtGen METZGER an excellent opportunity to acquire personal knowledge of <sup>the</sup> capabilities and limitations of the OV-10A. Later in the month, VMO-6 gave lectures and provided static display aircraft to acquaint a group of hospital corpsman with the OV-10A and AH-1J. Another series of lectures and aircraft displays were provided by squadron personnel as part of a training program for 3rd Marine Division TACP personnel.

Individual training was emphasized throughout September. On 13 September, 84 members of the Squadron were helo lifted to Camp Hansen to conduct annual

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rifle requalification. Later in the month, all Squadron Personnel completed a twenty (20) hour course in human relations, and the physical fitness test was administered to all eligible personnel on the last day of the month.

In mid-September Typhoon "HELEN" posed a threat to flight operations, and all Squadron aircraft and equipment were placed in hangars when Typhoon Condition II was established. Prior to reaching Okinawa, "HELEN" altered her track to the North and Okinawa was no longer threatened. Normal flight operations were resumed immediately without any loss of flight hours attributed to the typhoon threat.

The day prior to Typhoon "HELEN's" scheduled arrival on Okinawa, Major D. D. JOHNS departed with a flight of two (2) OV-10A's for Yokota AFB, Japan to participate in an open house and static display in honor of the 25th anniversary of the U. S. Air Force. Upon arriving at Yokota, the flight discovered that the celebration had been cancelled because "HELEN" had altered her track and was bearing down on the Japanese Islands only a few hours behind the VMO-6 flight. Major JOHNS placed his aircraft in hangars and the flight spent two (2) days in Yokota awaiting the storm's passage.

Colonel MALONEY, Commanding Officer of MAG-36, presented LtCol DILLEY with an award for 6000 hours of accident free flying, and at the same time, delivered the kick-off address for VMO-6's quarterly safety stand-down. For two days, the 22nd and 23rd of September, all hands participated in a rigorous training program emphasizing both air and ground safety. This included class room lectures and discussions as well as practice of emergency drills for officer and enlisted. The program was completed on the 23rd with LtCol DILLEY's closing remarks reemphasizing safety and professionalism.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1Sep72 (U) VMO-6 accepted five (5) AH-1J helicopters from H&MS-36.
- 5Sep72 (U) BGen TAYLOR and Colonel MALONEY toured VMO-6 working spaces.
- 8Sep72 (U) LtGen METZGER visited VMO-6 and was flown to Anamio-Shima by Captain Ed THRUSTON.
- 13Sep72 (U) Corporal Thomas HERNANDEZ received the Marine of the Month award. VMO-6 personnel conducted annual rifle requalification at the Camp Hansen range.
- 15Sep72 (U) Two (2) OV-10A aircraft were flown to Yokota Japan to participate in the Air Force 25th Anniversary Open House.
- 16Sep72 (U) Typhoon "HELEN" passed without damage to either aircraft or station property.
- 18Sep72 (U) 1stLt Vance HOWERTON was awarded his second Air Medal for participation in aerial flight with H&MS-15 in DaNang RVN.
- 19Sep72 (U) Major George ROSS was promoted to his present rank.
- 22&23Sep72 (U) Squadron conducted a quarterly safety stand-down.
- 25-29Sep72 (U) VMO-6 participated in the Human Relations program.
- 30Sep72 (U) VMO-6 completed squadron PFT for this quarter.

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