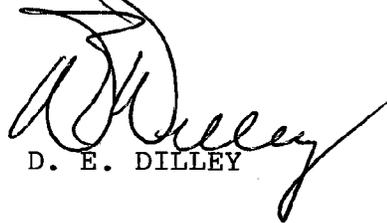


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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is  
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VMO-6 NOVEMBER CHRONOLOGY OF U. S. OPERATIONS/SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>
Marine Observation Squadron 6	LtCol D. E. DILLEY 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
<u>Staff Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>
<u>Executive Officer</u>	Major J. N. KEATHLEY 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
S-1 Officer	Captain N. J. BROSS 1 November 1972 - 23 November 1972  Captain C. R. STEINMETZ 24 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
S-2 Officer	CWO-2 J. F. DONER 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
S-3 Officer	Major D. G. WORKMON 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
S-4 Officer	Captain L. D. GABLE 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
Human Relations Officer	Captain F. A. BEST 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	Major G. A. ROSS 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
NATOPS Officer	Captain T. F. BRUNK 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972
Aviation Safety Officer	Captain V. L. GENNARO 1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972

Chief Aerial Observer

Captain M. BAKER  
 11 November 1972  
 30 November 1972

Subordinate Units

NONE

Attached Units

NONE

2. Location

1 November 1972 - 30 November 1972 MCAS (H) Futema

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
USMC	36	129
USN	None	None
Other	None	None

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November VMO-6 flew 505.9 hours. A portion of these hours were flown from NAS Atsugi Japan in support of the 12th Marines and the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion-47.8. The remaining flight hours were flown in support of squadron training and commitments from MAG-36 and 1stMAW. Missions completed by VMO-6 during November included; artillery air spotting, paradrops, pilot instrument and familiarization.

On 3 November, one OV-10 aircraft departed Futema enroute to Iruma Air Base, Japan. Iruma hosted an open house in celebration of Japanese Culture Day, and the OV-10 was used as a static display.

On 8 November the Inspector General arrived at MCAS Futema to conduct an inspection of assigned units. The inspection of VMO-6 began on 9 November and terminated on 11 November. Functions inspected included; physical fitness, clothing, personnel, maintenance management, and training.

The official results of the Inspector General visit are not available at this writing however, a debriefing by the inspection party indicated all areas inspected were satisfactory

with stated discrepancies and a noteworthy grade in NATOPS and Safety.

On 18 November two (2) aircraft and personnel were deployed to NAS Atsugi, Japan in support of the 12th Marines and the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. Missions flown by this detachment were artillery spotting, paradrops and instrument training.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 November - Colonel C. M. C. JONES, Commanding Officer of the 4th Marines, visited the squadron. LtCol DILLEY and his staff briefed Colonel JONES on the operations of a VMO squadron and the Colonel flew in the front seat of a Cobra helicopter.
- 1 - 2  
November Carrier qualifications for AH-1J pilots were conducted aboard the USS WASHTENAW COUNTY. In the two (2) days of flying, four squadron pilots and four staff pilots were shipboard qualified.
- 3 November - One (1) OV-10 aircraft was sent to Iruma, Japan, to stand a static display.
- 9-11  
November VMO-6 was inspected by a team from the Inspector General's Office.
- 10 November The Marine Corps Birthday Ball was held in the MCAS Futema Officers Club.
- 13 - 15  
November The officers and staff NCO's of VMO-6 fired the pistol for qualification. Sixty-two (62) Marines fired and all qualified. Fifty-two (52) percent of those qualifications were Expert.
- 18 November Two (2) OV-10 aircraft were sent to Atsugi in support of the 12th Marines and the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion.
- 20 November The U. S. S. OKLAHOMA CITY conducted carrier controlled intercepts utilizing VMO-6 aircraft as targets. This training was performed in order to meet minimum controller requirements aboard ship.

22 November Major General CARL flew an OV-10 to Iwakuni  
for a one night RON.

23 November Thanksgiving holiday was observed by VMO-6  
personnel.