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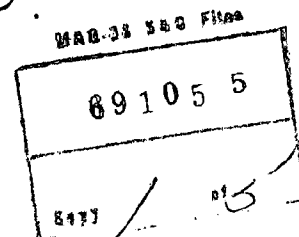
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(2) HEMS-36 Command Chronology for November 1969  
(3) MABS-36 Command Chronology for November 1969  
(4) HMH-462 Command Chronology for 19 to 30 November 1969  
(5) VMO-6 Command Chronology for 19 to 30 November 1969  
(6) MATCU-66 Command Chronology for 19 to 30 November 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanders and Staff of MAC-36 and attached squadrons

CO	1 to 30 November 1969	Col	OWEN V. CALLENTINE
XO	1 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	WILLIAM R. RICE
ADJ	1 to 30 November 1969	2ndLt	DAVID L. HARRIS
S-1	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	JOHN C. McDONALD
S-2	1 to 30 November 1969	1stLt	STEPHEN ATTEL
S-3	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	LAMAR V. PHILLIPS
S-4	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	ROBERT L. LEVAN
GSO	1 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	OLIVER R. BARRITT
Sp1Ser O	1 to 30 November 1969	1stLt	RONALD E. SORENSON
FISCAL O	1 to 4 November 1969	Capt	ROBERT B. GAUNTNER
FISCAL O	5 to 30 November 1969	Maj	WALTER S. ZUCK
Chaplain	1 to 30 November 1969	Lt	WILLIAM J. KLAPPS
Disb O	1 to 15 November 1969	1stLt	LARRY F. WAHLERS
Disb O	16 to 30 November 1969	CWO-2	PATRICK J. MONGOVEN
FltSurg	1 to 15 November 1969	Lt	WILLIAM A. HOLMAN
FltSurg	16 to 30 November 1969	Lt	WARDEN H. EMORY
MTO	1 to 30 November 1969	Capt	RICHARD A. DITTMAN
Enb O	1 to 30 November 1969	CWO-2	JOSEPH J. KOSINSKI
Ord O	1 to 15 November 1969	1stLt	LOUIS B. STEFAN
AMO	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	CHARLES A. CAREY
ASO	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	MICHAEL E. COLLINS
Legal O	1 to 30 November 1969	1stLt	JOHN JONES
SgtMaj	1 to 30 November 1969	SgtMaj	BERNARDINO R. STABILE

H&MS-36

CO	1 to 27 November 1969	LtCol	BOBBY R. WILKINSON
CO	28 to 30 November 1969	Maj	JOSEPH F. GOLDEN
XO	7 to 27 November 1969	Maj	JOSEPH F. GOLDEN

MABS-36

CO	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	EDWIN W. LOCKARD
XO	1 to 30 November 1969	Maj	JOHN A. HELLRIEGEL

\*HMH-462

CO	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	PETER F. LOTTSFELDT
XO	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	THOMAS W. AMIS
OPS O	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	DARCY L. CLASEN

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\*VMO-6

CO	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	ALBERT K. CHARLTON
XO	19 to 24 November 1969	Maj	ARTHUR S. PIPER
XO	25 to 30 November 1969	Maj	GEORGE C. PSAROS
OPS O	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	JACK A. BRANDON

\*MATCU-66

OIC	19 to 28 November 1969	1stLt	JAMES S. QUINN
OIC	29 to 30 November 1969	1stLt	CHARLES A. PARSONS

\*\*HMM-164

CO	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	ROBERT D. FOWNER
XO	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	WILLIAM J. SMITH

\*\*HMM-165

CO	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	DAVID H. MITCHELL
XO	19 to 30 November 1969	Maj	EDWARD J. KUYKENDALL

\*\*VMGA-152

CO	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	ALBERT M. MANHARD JR.
XO	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	LEON B. TURNER
OPS O	19 to 30 November 1969	LtCol	THOMAS C. COX

LEGEND: \* DENOTES UNITS THAT MAC-36 ASSUMED COMMAND OF ON 19 NOVEMBER 1969  
 \*\* DENOTES UNITS THAT MAC-36 ASSUMED COMMAND LESS OPCON OF ON 19 NOVEMBER 1969

2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATIONa. Units assigned to MAC-36 on 1 November 1969

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MAC-36	PHU BAI COMBAT BASE RVN	1 to 15 November 1969
MAC-36	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	16 to 30 November 1969
H&IS-36	PHU BAI COMBAT BASE RVN	1 to 7 November 1969
H&IS-36	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	8 to 30 November 1969
MACS-36	PHU BAI COMBAT BASE RVN	1 to 29 November 1969
MACS-36	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	30 November 1969

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03A34669b. Units attached to MAG-36 as of 19 November 1969

HMH-462	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969
VMO-6	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969
MATCU-66	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969
HMS-15 Sub-Unit #1	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969

c. Command less OPCON units attached to MAG-36 as of 19 November 1969

HMM-164	USS TRIPOLI CTG 79.5	19 to 30 November 1969
HMM-165	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969
VMGR-152	MCAF FUTEMA OKINAWA	19 to 30 November 1969
VMGR-152 Sub-Unit #1	DANANG COMBAT BASE	19 to 30 November 1969

3. STRENGTH AT END OF MONTHa. Command Units

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MAR OFF</u>	<u>MAR ENL</u>	<u>NAV OFF</u>	<u>NAV ENL</u>
HMS-36	57	405	0	0
MAB-36	11	405	0	0
HMH-462	32	166	1	3
VMO-6	42	215	1	4
MATCU-66	3	25	0	0
HMS-15 Sub-Unit #1	6	26	0	0
Sub Total	<u>151</u>	<u>1242</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>

b. Command less OPCON Units

HMM-164	46	190	1	2
HMM-165	43	153	1	4
VMGR-152	46	392	1	0
Sub Total	<u>135</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	<u>286</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>

4. Important Visitors

On 20 November 1969, Brig Gen William G. JOHNSON, Commanding General, 1stMAW(R), visited this Command and was briefed by Col OWEN V. GALLENTINE.

On 23 November 1969, General Lewis W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, arrived at MCAF Futema to present VMO-6 with the Commandant's Aviation Efficiency Award for Fiscal Year 1969. He also received a brief by Brig Gen JOHNSON and Col GALLENTINE.

On 28 November 1969, MajGen William K. JONES, Commanding General 3rd Marine Division, and Brig Gen Leonard E. FRIBOURG, Assistant 3rd Marine

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Division Commander, attended the change of command ceremony of H&MS-36.  
Major Joseph F. GOLDEN assumed command of H&MS-36 from LtCol Bobby G.  
WILKINSON.

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November 1969, MAG-36 continued the redeployment of its two remaining squadrons: H&MS-36 and MABS-36. Personnel and equipment were moved overland to Tan My port without incident, and embarked aboard shipping for the voyage to Okinawa. Major General William G. THRASH, Commanding General 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, honored the departure of MAG-36, from four years of combat in Vietnam, with a Farewell Ceremony on 4 November 1969. The ceremony reviewed the Group's impressive combat history and paid special tribute to its "Fallen Comrades" who gave the fullest measure of their devotion, to duty and the cause of freedom.

H&MS-36 officially stood down as of 1 November to prepare for sailing on 7 November. All support possible continued to MAG-16 (Forward) as they assumed responsibilities for Phu Bai Combat Base and combat operations of the three squadrons remaining; HML-367, HMM-161 and HMM-262. Finally, H&MS-36 embarked aboard 4 ships, and sailed for Naha, Okinawa. Heavy seas churned by a typhoon made the journey a rough one and the USS Sutter County was to be plagued still further by two fires enroute. Nevertheless, though delayed several days by the storm, all arrived safely. The final ship, the USS Pitkin County dropped anchor in Naha Harbor on 15 November.

Meanwhile MABS-36 was relieved of base support responsibilities by MAG-16 on 10 November in order to begin its move to Tan My. On 20 November MABS-36 relinquished defense of the Alpha Sector of the Phu Bai Combat Base perimeter to the CG, XXIV Corps. Initial elements of the squadron set sail on 2 November aboard the first of four ships. The final contingent completed its journey to MCAF Futema on 6 December. This date also marked the completion of MAG-36 redeployment from Phu Bai Combat Base, RVN to MCAF Futema, Okinawa. MAG-36 Headquarters had previously shifted the Command post by air on 15 November.

On 18 November MAG-36 assumed command of HMM-462, VMO-6 and H&MS-15 Sub-Unit #1; command less OPCON of HMM-164, HMM-165 and VMGR-152. OPCON of these squadrons was retained as follows: HMM-164 as aviation element of SLF B under CTB 79.5; HMM-165 as aviation element of SLF A under CTG 79.4; and VMGR-152 under CG 1stMAW(R).

Many routine problems associated with relocating a Marine Aircraft Group from combat to a garrison status have been met and solved. Lack of troop billeting, hangar and office space continue to be significant problems. The opening of a new four story barracks in December will alleviate the billeting problem.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Significant Events for the Month of November

- 4 November 1969 - MAG-36 Farewell ceremony was held this date with all squadrons at Phu Bai participating. Each type aircraft attached to MAG-36 was represented in a fly-over.
- 6 November 1969 - The first of two detachments from H&MS-36 departed from Tan My RVN aboard the USS Park County (LST 1077) and USS Sutter County (LST 1150). Both ships arrived at Naha harbor on 15 November 1969.
- 7 November 1969 - The USS Pitkin County (LST 1082) sailed with a detachment of H&MS-36 from Tan My and arrived at Naha harbor on 15 November 1969.
- 9 November 1969 - The remaining detachment of H&MS-36 departed Tan My aboard the USS Union (AKA 106) and arrived at Naha harbor on 14 November 1969.
- 10 November 1969 - M&BS-36 stood down and turned over responsibility of the base support to MAG-26 (Forward).
- 15 November 1969 - MAG-36 Headquarters shifted command from Phu Bai Combat Base to MCAF Futema.
- 18 November 1969 - CO, MAG-36 assumed command of the following units: HMM-462, VMO-6, AND H&MS-15 Sub-Unit #1. Command less OPCON was assumed of HMM-164, HMM-165 and VMGR-152.
- 19 November 1969 - USS Union (AKA 106) departed Danang harbor with the first detachment of M&BS-36 and arrived at Naha harbor on 25 November 1969.
- 20 November 1969 - M&BS-36 passed responsibility of Alpha Sector at Phu Bai Combat Base to CG, XXIV Corps.
- 21 November 1969 - The USS Washoe County (LST 1165) departed Danang with a detachment of M&BS-36 personnel and arrived at Naha harbor on 29 November 1969.
- 23 November 1969 - General Lewis W. WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, visited MAG-36 and was briefed by Brig Gen William G. JOHNSON. Gen WALT presented VMO-6 with the Commandant's Aviation Efficiency Award for Fiscal Year 1969.

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28 November 1969 - The USS Pitkin County (LST 1082) departed Tan My RVN and arrived Okinawa on 6 December 1969.

28 November 1969 - Major Joseph F. GOLDEN assumed command of H&MS-36 from LtCol Bobby G. WILKINSON.

29 November 1969 - The remaining detachment of M&BS-36 departed Phu Bai Combat Base via KC-130 and arrived the same date with Squadron Colors.

## 2. Air Operations

a. MAG-36 accomplished the following during the month of November 1969:

(1) Flight Hours .....218  
(2) Sorties.....169

## 3. Intelligence

a. During the overland movement from Phu Bai Combat Base to Tan My and Danang no enemy harassment or fire incidents were encountered.

## 4. Administration

a. Casualties. None

b. Civic Action. Although the Civic Action Program was officially terminated in October some activity was continued. The MAG-36 Chaplain maintained contact with his Vietnamese counterparts. Visits were made and assistance given to the American Sisters in Hue, the Catholic School and Orphanages in Hue and Phu Luong. Chaplain Civic Action gifts for the period of 1-15 November consisted of one 6x6 load of scrap lumber to Father Joseph Phuoc, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Hue, RVN; 100 lbs of clothing to Father Joseph Phuoc and \$300.00 to Father Joseph Phuoc, to assist in his boys' boarding house.

c. Chaplain Services

(1) During the month of November, the MAG-36 Chaplain conducted services for the Catholic personnel and the Protestant Chaplain from the 85th Evacuation Hospital provided for the services of the Protestant personnel. Divine Services were available for Latter Day Saints personnel at the 26th Support Group and for Jewish personnel at the XXIV Corps Chapel.

(2) The Catholic Chaplain conducted Divine Services for the 101st Airborne Administration Section, Phu Bai and for NSAD, Tan My, each Sunday morning. The Catholic Chaplain also conducted Divine Services for the

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outlying CAG units. Hospital visits were made to the MAG-36 personnel at the 85 th Evacuation Hospital.

(3) A total of 34 services were conducted aboard MAG-36 compound and MCAF Futema with 590 personnel attending. Off base services at Tan My, 101st Airborne Administration Section and outlying CAG units were conducted with 90 personnel in attendance.

(4) One memorial service was conducted at MAG-36 with an attendance of 12.

(5) The MAG-36 Chaplain departed RVN on 15 November with his clerk for MCAF, Futema, Okinawa. MAG-16 (Forward) assumed occupancy of the MAG-36 Chapel with Chaplain Peter J. CARY, Lt, CHC, USNR as the Group Chaplain. The Chapel at Phu Bai was left to MAG-16 (Forward). Complete Chapel needs were provided by MAG-36 before redeployment. In addition to the supply of their needs, MAG-36 contributed \$1,000.00 to the establishment of a MAG-16 (Forward) Chapel Fund. The Protestant and Catholic Chapel Funds of MAG-36 each contributed \$500.00.

(6) The MAG-36 Chaplain and his clerk arrived in Okinawa on 15 November 1969. The Chaplain was provided an office in the MCAF Station Chapel. All Divine Services are conducted in the MCAF Chapel. MCAF has one Chaplain aboard (Protestant, CDR. D. G. ALEXANDER, CHC, USN). Chaplain ALEXANDER provides coverage for Station and MAG-36 Protestant Personnel. The MAG-36 Chaplain provides services for Station and MAG Catholic personnel.

##### 5. Communications

a. During the period 1-10 November the message center handled approximately 3000 incoming and outgoing messages. Communications guard was via MAG-16 (Forward) during the period 11-15 November 1969.

b. All communication efforts for the month were aimed at embarkation readiness, mount-out and shipboard movement to Futema. Existing wire cable-system and fixed plant facilities at Phu Bai were turned over to MAG-16 (Forward) on 15 November 1969.

c. The Communications Section was aboard ship 21-29 November 1969.

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