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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36

Subj: Chronology of significant events from 1 September 1966 thru
 30 September 1966 (U)

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1A
 (b) GruO 5750.1

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following is submitted:

a. Organization Data.

(1) Commanding Officer	Maj	W. R. MALONEY	1-31
Executive Officer	Maj	R. M. GREGORY	1-31
Operations Officer	Maj	W. E. DODDS	1-31
Logistics Officer	Capt	J. C. ARICK	1-31
Intelligence Officer	Capt	B. M. SHADBURNE	1-31
Personnel Officer	Capt	E. O. MARQUETTE	1-31

(2) Marine Observation Squadron 6, Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam

(3) Average monthly strength 121

(4) There were no VIP visitors to VMO-6 this month.

b. Narrative of significant events occurring in reporting period:

1 Sep 1966. Maj DODDS took a VC prisoner on an A/O hop. The VC identified a VC rest area at BS 418783. Maj DODDS acted as TAC(A) for fixed wing with good coverage on this target.

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Maj PRESSON flew B/Gen STILES and B/Gen JONES to various points in the TAOR.

Capt OLSON flew B/Gen STILES to Quang Ngai and return to Ky Ha.

2 Sep 1966. Maj MALONEY's flight was diverted for a LZ prep at BS 421780, after he completed a recon retraction at BS 469855. Four fixed wing expended their ordnance with good area coverage. The flight then acted as Helo Escort for the troops landing. Ten VC were spotted at BS 421778 during the landing. Six fixed wing expended their ordnance on this position. There were two secondary explosions and ten confirmed KBA.

4 Sep 1966. Maj GREGORY's flight escorted a convoy from Chu Lai to Danang today. The convoy was attacked and suppressive fire was delivered.

Capt WRIGHT flew B/Gen LEE around the ROK TAOR.

5 Sep 1966. Capt WATER's flight spotted six to eight VC in uniform at BT 232230. Fire was received from these people. Fire was returned which killed one and wounded another.

Capt SHOEMAKER took B/Gen STILES to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

1stLt BALLENTINE flew Lt/Gen KRULAK and Maj/Gen KYLE and Maj/Gen ENGLISH around Phu Bai and Danang TAOR.

6 Sep 1966. The recon radio relay station on Hill 707 was attacked today. Capt WATER's flight acted as TAC(A) and also expended ordnance. He was relieved on station by Maj MALONEY's flight, which acted in the same capacity. The two flights stayed on station delivering suppressive fire and acting as TAC(A). Capt ARICK delivered twelve hundred rounds of ammunition. It took three attempts before the mission could be completed, because of heavy ground fire. Maj DODDS' flight joined the 4 Klondike aircraft already committed and together the six aircraft delivered suppressive fire while a White Gold H-34 placed an external emergency ammo resupply load on the hilltop. Unfortunately the lowering ceiling prohibited further use of the fixed wing aircraft which had earlier delivered accurate Close Air Support. Capt HEALD was finally able to lead the H-34's into the zone during a break in the weather, with a 22 man reinforcing element.

Capt SHOEMAKER took B/Gen STILES to the Wing Pad, then to Hill 707 to watch Capt WATERS act as TAC(A).

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7 Sep 1966. Lt JAEGER's flight received fire while on a recon retraction at AT 923136. Four fixed wing expended their ordnance. The fixed wing had all hits on target.

8 Sep 1966. Lt GARNER flew B/Gen STILES to BT 224244. Five rounds were shot at the aircraft on the approach to the zone.

Lt BUTLER flew Maj/Gen FIELDS on a tour of the Chu Lai TAOR.

9 Sep 1966. Capt CHILDRESS's flight spotted fifteen VC about 100 yards from the position of the recons which we were inserting. They were taken under fire, and one secondary explosion erupted.

Lt JAEGER flew B/Gen LEE to Danang and returned to Ky Ha.

Maj PRESSON flew Maj/Gen FIELDS to BT 227230 and returned to Ky Ha.

11 Sep 1966. Capt HEALD acted as TAC(A) at BS 755535, with seven flights of fixed wing expending their ordnance as well as his own flight. The fixed wing destroyed 43 buildings, while Klondike destroyed 8. Capt HEALD's flight also got 13 KBA's.

Capt ARICK flew Maj/Gen ROBERTSHAW to BT 597928 then returned him to Ky Ha. He then flew Maj/Gen FIELDS to various points in the Chu Lai TAOR.

12 Sep 1966. Maj MALONEY acted as TAC(A) for LZ prep at BS 620503. Two flights of fixed wing expended their ordnance with good target coverage. The flight then acted as helo escort for the transports.

Capt WRIGHT flew ROK Gen LEE from Chu Lai Air Freight on a recon of the ROK TAOR.

14 Sep 1966. Maj DODDS acted as TAC(A) for LZ prep at BS 666565. One flight of fixed wing had good target coverage. Maj DODDS flight then acted as helo escort and killed one VC. Maj DODDS then acted as TAC(A) again on a fortified village at BS 665577. Two flights of fixed wing expended their ordnance and they had four probable KBA's.

Capt CHILDRESS flew Maj/Gen FIELDS to Quang Ngai, and then returned him to Ky Ha.

Capt DOWNEY flew B/Gen STILES to Quang Ngai, and then returned him to VIP Pad.

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15 Sep 1966. Maj DODDS led a flight in the Dong Ha area near the DMZ, that was scrambled to assist a recon team that was under attack. A flight of H-34's from the SLF were attempting to evacuate the team in a rainshower. The enemy put up heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, hitting all gunbirds and several H-34's. The VMO-6 flight continued to attack the enemy even after 1stLt GARNER was wounded, and Maj DODDS called in a flight of F4B's which killed 10 north Vietnamese. The gunbirds claimed two more KBA's, maybe more. The survivors of the recon team were then extracted without further incident.

16 Sep 1966. Capt HEALD spotted VC at BT 0179 while on an A/O hop today. He took them under fire, killing seventeen. He then acted as TAC(A), while one fixed wing expended ordnance with good coverage.

Capt DOWNEY flew B/Gen STILES to points in the Chu Lai TAOR.

18 Sep 1966. Maj GREGORY acted as TAC(A) at BS 709499. Two flights of fixed wing expended their ordnance with good area coverage, and three confirmed KBA's.

Capt ARICK was called to act as TAC(A) at YD 152718. This target was the source of mortar and 57mm fire. One flight of fixed wing stopped the fire.

19 Sep 1966. Maj GREGORY acted as TAC(A) at BS 652505. Three flights of fixed wing expended their ordnance. Eight huts were destroyed, three damaged, and one secondary explosion was observed.

20 Sep 1966. Capt OLSON's flight received heavy fire during the extraction of a recon team from BS 454815. He expended his ordnance on this position and then acted as TAC(A) for two flights of fixed wing upon the removal of the recon team. The fixed wing had excellent target coverage and three confirmed KBA's.

22 Sep 1966. Maj GREGORY's flight received fire from BS 385805 during the retraction of a recon team. The fire was returned, and the enemy fire was suppressed so that the retraction could be completed. The flight had one confirmed KBA. Maj GREGORY then acted as TAC(A) and two fixed wing flights expended their ordnance on this position upon the completion of the retraction.

1stLt GARNER flew Maj/Gen FIELDS from the VIP Pad to LZ Railbird and back.

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26 Sep 1966. While on a routine photo mission, Capt HEALD was informed that 100 VC were in the open at BT 400867. He proceeded to this area, and acted as TAC(A), and two flights of fixed wing expended their ordnance with good target coverage.

Maj DODDS came to the assistance of recon team at BT 212158. The fire was coming from a hut which Maj DODDS burned. He then strafed the VC running from the hut, and wounded one.

28 Sep 1966. Capt OLSON's flight launched to the ROK area for a Sparrow Hawk mission. They escorted the lift into BS 680802. They received fire from this area, so acting as TAC(A), he called for two flights of fixed wing.

Maj MALONEY flew B//Gen STILES from the VIP pad to III MAF pad and back.

Capt CAVERLY flew Maj//Gen FIELDS from the VIP Pad to III MAF and back.

30 Sep 1966. Capt OLSON acted as TAC(A) at BS 662578. He called for three fixed wing flights on an automatic weapons position and on two small boats that contained VC. The fixed wing had three confirmed KBA's.

c. No awards were presented during this reporting period.

(1) The following were promoted to their present rank.

Capt M. J. BARTLEY	087944
Capt L. G. CHADWICK	087306
Capt A. PECORARO	088009
Capt C. SWINBURN	087360
SSgt J. L. ENSIGN III	1871571
SSgt H. L. MITCHELL	1847199
Sgt A. F. CORNING	1898208
Sgt F. DALTON	2007315
Sgt J. E. JENSEN	1973999
Sgt L. MITSIN	2066618
Sgt L. W. MURPHY	1913510
Sgt C. P. PETREN	1924205
Sgt L. A. SUTTON JR.	2042641
Sgt K. G. WACHS	1991123
Cpl W. C. BRY	2097115
Cpl J. J. GEBHART	2096701
Cpl R. M. GONZALEZ	2110474

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Cpl J. A. HENDRICKSON	2082467
Cpl J. A. LEVARDI	2010987
Cpl D. J. MAESTRINI	2040922
Cpl C. L. MALONEY	2082854
Cpl J. A. THOMAS	2072917
Cpl A. D. VOEGELE	2059510
Cpl N. WOOLUM	2033336
Cpl A. BROWN	2106730
Cpl R. C. ETHIER	2093168
Cpl E. H. GENTRY JR.	2090579
LCpl A. G. MARGHERIO	2051113
LCpl M. R. NICKERSON	2134119
PFC E. L. HAYNES	2078135

d. Squadron statistics for period 1 September through 30 September 1966.

(1) Aircraft assigned	24 (3 in PAR Japan)
(2) Average daily availability	16.6
(3) Flight hours	1517
(4) Missions	752
(5) Sorties	2578
(6) Tons Cargo	0
(7) Troops/Passengers	844
(8) Med Evacs	21
(9) Flights of Fixed Wing Expe	87
(10) Med Evac Escorts	266
(11) Klondike KBA confirmed	
Total from 1Sep65 to 1Oct66	540
(12) Casualties	1. (1stLt GARNER WIA ret to du)

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