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From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1967; submission of
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Encl: (1) Part I; Organizational Data
(2) Part II; Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights Occurring
(3) Part III; Significant Events

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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Part 1: Organizational Data

1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON 1 - 30 Apr 1967

Executive Officer: Major Edward J. SAMPLE 1 - 30 Apr 1967

Operations Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1 - 30 Apr 1967

Logistics Officer: Major Donald F. KELLEY 1-30 April 1967

Intelligence Officer: Captain Nicholas E. BURKE 1 - 30 Apr 1967

Administration Officer: Captain Keith K. KERR 1 - 30 Apr 1967

2. Unit location with inclusive dates:

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam, 1 - 30 April 1967

3. Average monthly squadron strength:

<u>MARINE OFFICERS</u>	<u>MARINE ENLISTED</u>	<u>NAVAL OFFICERS</u>	<u>NAVAL ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
46	174	01	00	220

4. MGen CUSHMAN and BGen KELLER visited the squadron on 24 April 1967.

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Part II: Narrative Summary of Significant Highlights Occurring during the reporting period.

1. During the period 1 - 30 April 1967, VMO-6 had 26 aircraft assigned and with 5 of these in PAR maintained an average daily availability of 15. 1455 hours and 3,476 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 985 missions. 332 passengers were carried and 47 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of April 11 confirmed and 4 probable KBA were accounted for bringing the total for the period 1 Sep 65 - 30 Apr 67 to 708

VMO-6 continued its role of MEDEVAC compiling the following statistics: 296 hours; 812 sorties; 200 missions; 355 MEDEVACS carried.

During the month 4 aircraft operated out of Phu Bai in Support of "Shining Brass", flying 419 sorties and 270 hours.

2. During April the Squadron participated in the following operations with associated statistics:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>7.62 EXPENDED</u>	<u>2.75 EXPENDED</u>
Desoto	95	287	20,100	221
Sea Dragon	30	54	1200	89
Shawnee	49	95	1500	47
Beaver Cage	29	82	18,500	106
Union	20	51	300	

3. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 Apr 67 Lt THATCHER flew BGen KIM to III MAF and to several points within the ROK TAOR.

Lt BUERGER flew BGen LAHUE to Budda Mountain and the ROK CP.

Capt CHIARAMONTE led a section escorting Mohair 4-1 flight for the Retraction of Cottage 14 at BT 352080. Two Mohair A/C hit by small arms and aw fire approaching the zone. Capt CHIARAMONTE controlled Penguin 24 and Swiss 069 on source of enemy fire. Relieved on station by Maj WALKER's section who provided a CAP until 2000.

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2 Apr 67 Maj HENDRIX's section scored 7 VC KBA confirmed and 4 probable while providing fire support during an emergency MEDEVAC for Crepe Myrtle "K" at BS 770410.

Lt PETERSON flew BGen KIM and party to Budda Mountain and on a tour of the ROK TAOR.

3 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIM and Staff around the ROK TAOR.

Lt BALLENTINE had a busy afternoon as a TAC(A) in support of Operation Desoto. Controlled Penguin 18 and Miss Muffit 24 at BS 804323 in support of Crepe Myrtle "K". Also controlled Condole 051 at BS 683354 during the extraction of "Duckbill", Klondike also provided suppressive fire during the extraction.

4 Apr 67 Capt CHIARAMONTE flew BGen LAHUE to Nui Dang, BS 662755, LZ Marion, and returned him to the VIP pad

5 Apr 67 Capt SAUNDERS flew LGen SHIN and BGen KIM around the ROK TAOR.

The Squadron was saddened today by the loss of four (4) squadron mates killed in action. Captain's DEAN and SHADBURNE, Cpl SCRUGGS, and HMI PARKER of MABS-36 died when their UH-1E was destroyed by a large enemy mine in a landing zone near Nui Dang in support of Operation Desoto.

6 Apr 67 Capt RYAN flew MGen EUBANKS (USAF) to ROK CP and Budda Mountain and returned him to MAG-13.

Lt GARNER flew BGen LAHUE to Nui Dang and returned him to VIP pad.

7 Apr 67 During the retraction of "Hong Kong" at BT 255110 as escort for Mohair 6-1 Maj WALKERS Section received and returned automatic weapons fire from close proximity to the LZ. Controlled Penguin 3 and December 3 flights.

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Capt BARTLEY flew BGen LAHUE to Hilltop and returned.

Lt BALLENTINE flew BGen KIM around the various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

8 Apr 67 Lt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE to Nui Dang and returned him to VIP pad

9 Apr 67 Lt LEVY flew BGen KIM and Staff to Quang Ngai and various CP's in the ROK TAOR.

Capt WATER's section received light to heavy small arms fire from vicinity of BT 258108 during insertion of Donohue. Controlled Miss Muffet 3 flight on automatic weapons position and Penguin 03 flight on VC reported by Donohue after insert.

Capt CHIARAMONTE's Section escorted Mohair 5-13 to BT 250113 for Emergency extraction of "Donohue". Mohair, Klondike, Swiss, and Penguin aircraft all took fire from vicinity of pickup zone. After Klondike directed ordnance of Penguin 4 and Swiss 062 on source of fire, extraction was completed without incident.

10 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIM around the ROK TAOR.

11 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIM from I Corps pad to ROK CP.

12 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew MGen CUSHMAN and party from Hilltop to III MAF POW Camp and LZ Railbird and returned them to III MAF Pad.

Lt BALLENTINE flew MGen BRICKER from Railbird to An Hoa and Nui Loc San and returned him to Danang.

Capt ROSS flew MGen BOUKER from LZ Marlin to III MAF and then to Hill Top.

13 Apr 67 Capt RANKIN flew MGen CUSHMAN and BGen LAHUE around the Chu Lai TAOR.

15 Apr 67 Capt RANKIN flew BGen LAHUE to several points around the Chu Lai and ROK TAOR's.

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Capt RYAN flew LtGen CHAE, MGen LEE, BGen LEE, BGen CHUNG, and BGen KEELER from MAG-13 to ROK CP and later returned them to MAG-13.

Major WALKER's section escorted Mohair 5-10, 11 to BT 252066 for retraction of "Basketball". Fire was received and returned in Vicinity of pickup zone. Controlled Jersey Day 173 on sources of fire at BT 230075 and BT 253067.

16 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIM to several CP's in the ROK TAOR.

18 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen KIMM to MAG-13 and returned him to ROK CP.

20 Apr 67 Capt SAUNDERS flew BGen KIM around the ROK TAOR.

21 Apr 67 Lt BODEN flew BGen LAHUE and part of CINCPACFLT party around the Chu Lai TAOR and then to Hilltop Pad.

Major KELLEY received small arms fire from BT 185155 while escorting Clip Clop MEDEVAC to BT 177143 for a CIDG MEDEVAC. Suppressed fire on clearance from Tricky Misfit.

Major WALKER had a busy day as TAC(A) while escorting Buffalo City 2-6 and Clip Clop 1-8 flights for insertion of Connie 14 at BT 100295 Controlled Condole 055, Condole 056, Miss Muffet 18, Miss Muffet 19 on LZ prep. Klondike received and suppressed fire at BT 102304.

22 Apr 67 Capt CAVERLY's Section received small arms fire from BT 305038 while escorting Buffalo City 2-5 flight to same coordinates for insertion of "Basketball". Klondike returned fire and controlled strike by December 3. "Basketball" was then extracted and returned to LZ Quail. Later, proceeding to BS 450814 to retract "Bedpost", fire was received and suppressed at BS 450844 by Klondike and a strike by December 15 was controlled on the same coordinates.

Lt, PETERSON flew BGen KIM and Staff around the ROK TAOR.

23 Apr 67 Major WALKER flew a host of ROK Generals (BGen SUE, BGen KIN, BGen HO, BGen KIM) to various places around Chu Lai and the ROK TAOR.

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24 Apr 67 Capt SAUNDERS flew BGen KIM from ROK CP to MAG-13 and returned to ROK CP.

25 Apr 67 Lt MURPHY flew MGen CUSHMAN and BGen KELLER from Chu Lai to Hilltop pad.

26 Apr 67 Lt BUERGER flew BGen LAHUE from VIP pad to Hill 29, III MAF Hilltop, Beach House, and returned him to VIP Pad.

Major HENDRIX's section had a busy morning of Recon insertions and extractions while escorting Buffalo City 2-3 flight. Inserted "Antifreeze" and extracted "Lefthook" at BS 418998. Inserted "Overpay" at BS 332987. Inserted "Crankcase" BT 127055. Extracted "Consulate" at Bt 027146. Inserted "Pottery" at BT 299045 and extracted "Basketball" from BT 277061. Received small arms fire from BT 280068 during extraction of "Basketball". "Hong Kong" extracted from BS 394771.

27 Apr 67 Lt BARNARD flew BGen LAHUE to BT 234315 and returned to Ky Ha.

Capt ANDREWS section escorted Bonnie Sue 1-1 flight to XD 728443 to insert "Breaker". Bonnie Sue 1-1 downed in LZ by heavy enemy fire. Klondike section suppressed fire while Bonnie Sue 1-1 evacuated crew and team.

28 Apr 67 While flying in support of Operation Beaver Cage Capt CHIARAMONTE spotted two (2) VC in the open, landed, captured the VC's and took them to Hill #2.

Earlier in the day Captain CHIARAMONTE's Section, operating from the SLF, escorted Safety Zone 1-1 flight to BT 195265 to insert "C" Company. Small arms fire received and suppressed at Bt 185265. Controlled strike by Miss Muffet flight on same coordinates.

29 Apr 67 Capt ARICK launched with the night Standby to escort Buffalo City 2-19 and Mohair 5-11 flights for emergency resupply of Arnica "F" at BT 018270. Small arms fire was received from BT 280252, BT 115292, BT 034275. The mission was completed at 0245 without incident.

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Major KELLEY's MEDEVAC Slick received fire from BT 111229 while departing BT 096235 after picking up 3 WIA. The crew chief, LCpl FRIEND received shrapnel wounds in one leg.

Lt MURPHY flew BGen KIM from ROK CP to III MAF and returned to ROK CP.

30 Apr 67 Operating from the SLF Capt CHIARAMONTE's section escorted Safety Zone Flight to BT 132399 and BT 128382. Prepped LZ's with Miss Muffet Flight. After the ground forces had been inserted, Klondike received fire from BT 128382. Fire suppressed by Klondike and an additional fixed wing strike.

Maj GALLAGHER's section, operating out of Phu Bai received and returned fire at XD 800454 in support of Pygmaton 14E. Later escorting Sky Shadow flight to XD 785450, Klondike 16 took one hit from XD 793450.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during April 1967:

243 - Air Medals

Distinguished Flying Cross

Major William E. DODDS, 067429 - 2 Gold Stars in lieu of 2nd and 3rd Awards

Captain Michael J. BARTLEY, 087944 - 1 Gold Star in lieu of 2nd Award

Captain Lyle C. MOTLEY Jr. 090210

Captain Kenneth D. WATERS 076044

Captain Steven C. WILSON 090758

Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V

Major James H. WALKER, 061243

Sergeant Robert M. HOCKENBURY, 1553666

Sergeant Alan D. STORMS, 1652533

Corporal Michael J. BISACCIA, 2105930

Corporal Robert E. DEAL, 2151748

Purple Hearts

First Lieutenant Larry E. GRIMM, 091693

Lance Corporal Arthur G. GRIEND, 2213228

Captain Alan J. DEAN, 075354 (Posthumously)

Captain Brooke H. SHADBURNE, 086095 (Posthumously)

Corporal Joseph A. SCRUGGS, 2152686 (Posthumously)

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2. The following personnel were promoted to their present rank during the month of April 1967:

COLLUM, James I.	2108821	Sergeant
BISACCIA, Michael J.	2105930	Corporal
ELAM, Dennis W.	2177220	Corporal
FREY, Charles R.	2173540	Corporal
KELLY, Albert E. Jr.	2151830	Corporal
KENDRICK, Hendry L.	2160062	Corporal
KNORR, Gary O.	2197154	Corporal
LAFFERTY, Rueben R.	2137773	Corporal
LEVANDUSKI, Michael F.	2217924	Corporal
MEAK, Randall C.	1886718	Corporal
MILLER, James A.	2152938	Corporal
RICH, Robert C.	2150648	Corporal
SHERRILL, Danny J.	2151926	Corporal
BOWEN, Alfred C. Jr.	2181514	Lance Corporal
CARR, Ronald O.	2197530	Lance Corporal
CHISHOLM, Jerry J.	2191127	Lance Corporal
CURTIS, Raymond M. Jr.	2221492	Lance Corporal
ERCOLANI, Stephen J.	2132187	Lance Corporal
GAGNON, Rene G.	2182006	Lance Corporal
HARRIS, Edward S.	2218179	Lance Corporal
JIMENEZ, Pedro	2243538	Lance Corporal
JOZITIS, Edward S.	2249935	Lance Corporal
KELLEHER, James	2206565	Lance Corporal
KERR, Thomas C.	2251927	Lance Corporal
MALLOY, Robert S.	2174790	Lance Corporal
MANRIQUEZ, Steven D.	2198613	Lance Corporal
MCKINNEY, William T.	2259055	Lance Corporal
MCBRIDE, Billy L.	2241383	Lance Corporal
MULDREW, William R.	2209760	Lance Corporal
PAULSON, Daniel J.	2214110	Lance Corporal
POHRTE, Timothy R.	2178932	Lance Corporal
RIZZO, Samuel J. Jr.	2178833	Lance Corporal
SCHOENHERR, David G.	2202374	Lance Corporal
SUTTON, Arnold L.	2241584	Lance Corporal
SWEAT, Winston E.	2208624	Lance Corporal
WATASHE, Joe W.	2237175	Lance Corporal
WILSON, Frank W. A.	2080717	Lance Corporal