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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1967; submission of

Ref: (a) 1stMAWO 5750.1C  
(b) GruO 5750.1A

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 I: Organizational Data

## 1. Commanding Officer and Staff with inclusive dates:

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. NELSON 1-31Aug67

Executive Officer: Major James H. WALKER 1-31Aug67

Operations Officer: Major Gerald F. GALLAGHER 1-20Aug67  
 Major Lloyd W. SMITH 21-31Aug67

Logistics Officer: Captain Delbert H. DUPONT 1-8Aug67  
 Major Charles G. GERARD 9-31Aug67

Intelligence Officer: Captain Richard N. RYAN 1-8Aug67  
 Captain Robert S. SAUNDERS Jr. 9-31Aug67

Administrative Officer: Chief Warrant Officer Edwin R. VAUGHN  
 1-31Aug67

## 2. Unit location with inclusive dates:

Ky Ha, Republic of Vietnam 1-31Aug67

## 3. Average monthly Squadron strength:

<u>MARINE OFFICERS</u>	<u>MARINE ENLISTED</u>	<u>NAVAL OFFICERS</u>	<u>NAVAL ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
45	181	1	0	227

## 4. The Commandant and Staff visited during the month of August 1967.

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

1. During the period 1-31 August 1967, VM0-6 had an average of 23 aircraft assigned and maintained an average daily availability of 18. 1843 hours and 3882 sorties were flown in the accomplishment of 1032 missions. 997 passengers were carried and 126 flights of fixed wing aircraft were controlled. During the month of August the number of confirmed and probable KBAs was brought from 886 to 967 for the period 1 Sept 1965 - 31 Aug 1967.
2. For the action described for 19 August 1967, paragraph 4 below, Captain S. W. PLESS has been recommended for the Medal of Honor and Captain R. E. FAIRFIELD Jr, Gunnery Sergeant L. N. POULSON, and Lance Corporal J. G. PHELPS have been recommended for Award of the Navy Cross.
3. During August the Squadron participated in the following operations with associated statistics:

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>7.62 EXPENDED</u>	<u>2.75 EXPENDED</u>
Cloud	15.8	24	1,500	14
Hood River/Lien Ket 110	35.9	138	1,100	14
Pike	6.8	15	50	6
Beacon Gate	114.5	317	29,450	393
Lien Ket 112	22.2	42	7,100	61
Cochise	300.5	799	75,946	619
Project Delta	35.2	85	33,200	91
Cochise II	158.3	381	32,100	345
Belt Drive	184.3	417	23,300	176
Yazoo	6.8	15	-	-

4. Narrative Summary of Ky Ha based activities:

1 August 1967 Capt PLESS led a flight of 2 to prep LZ to kick off Operation Cloud.

Capt KERR led a flight of 2 to start Operation Hood River/Lien Ket 110.

2 August 1967 Med Evac had a busy day with 16 missions.

Major WALKER led a flight of 2 on a busy day of resupply for ROK

4 August 1967 1stLt THATCHER flew Gen KIM throughout the ROK TAOR

Maj WALKER led a flight of 2 in support of Operation Hood River/Lien Ket 110. Numerous resupply and Med Evac runs were made.

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4 August 1967 (Continued) Capt SAUNDERS led a flight of 2 to kick off Operation Project Delta in support of Special Forces.

5 August 1967 Capt SAUNDERS picked up Gen KIM and took him to Budda Mt. and Nul Tron.

LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2 in Operation Hood River. Took one round of small arms fire in port rocket pod and jettisoned same.

6 August 1967 LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2 in two extractions and two insertions.

Capt PLESS had a busy day as TAC(A), expending 6 flights of fixed wing and had 3 KBAs for Klondike.

7 August 1967 Capt WOOD took BGen KIM around the ROK area of operation.

Capt KUFELDT had a busy day chasing NVA's and ended up with 3 Confirmed kills.

1stLt CHAPMAN picked up MGen Anderson at 1stMAW pad and took him to III MAF. Picked up General Greene and party at Danang Air Force Operations and took them to Hill Top pad.

8 August 1967 LtCol NELSON picked up Gen LaHue and 2 passengers at LZ 401 and took them to Tam Ky, Quang Ngai, Hill 63, Budda Mt. and return to LZ 401.

Capt PLESS with another busy day controlling fixed wing took two hits in his aircraft.

1stLt CHAPMAN took MGen Robertson and BGen LaHue from III MAF to Hill Top Pad. Gen Greene visited Ky Ha and presented VMO-6 SgtMaj Johnson with a purple heart. He then made a quick inspection trip throughout Ky Ha.

Capt COBB picked up BGen KIM at ROK CP and took him around the ROK area.

9 August 1967 1stLt PICKETT picked up BGen KIM at ROK CP and took him around the ROK area.

Capt PLESS still busy, this time picking up Med Evacs. Suppressive fire delivered in cover of downed Clip Clop helicopter.

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9 August 1967 (Continued)

In support of Operation Beacon Gate, Klondike expended 18 fixed wing aircraft.

10 August 1967 1stLt PICKETT picked up BGen KIM to take him to Quang Ngai.

Capt BOSTON directed three sets of fixed wing in support of Operation Beacon Gate.

1stLt CHAPMAN took CMC party from III MAF Pad throughout the III MAF area.

11 August 1967 Maj GALLAGHER in support of Operation Lien Ket 112 led a flight of 2 expending 2 sets of fixed wing for LZ preps.

LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2 aircraft in support of Operation Lien Ket 112 expending 8 fixed wing aircraft.

Capt DUPONT had a busy day as Med Evac chase in support of Operation Cochise picking up 22 Med Evacs.

12 August 1967 Capt HENRY picked up BGen KIM and Staff and took them to BT 660910.

A busy day for Capt SAUNDERS as Med Evac chase in support of operations Cochise. 10 Med evac missions completed.

13 August 1967 1stLt MURPHY picked up BGen LaHue and Col Armstrong. Dropped BGen LaHue at Hill 29 and Col Armstrong at Wing Pad, Danang.

LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2 in cochise area. Expended 3 flights of fixed wing.

Capt RANKIN led a flight of 2 in Operation Project Delta. Chase aircraft received one hit.

14 August 1967 Capt PENNINGER recovered a A-4 pilot who ejected after engine failure.

15 August 1967 Capt KERR picked up Gen Roivaw, BGen KIM and 2 code 4's at Chu Lai and took them to Ky Ha.

1stLt PRICE went to ROK CP to pick up BGen KIM and party. Took them to MAG-13 airfreight and back to ROK CP.

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16 August 1967 Capt PLESS escorting a resupply mission sustained four hits to his aircraft, but managed to silence a mortar position.

17 August 1967 Maj WALKER led a flight of 2 in a TAC(A) mission. They expended 4 flights of fixed wing at BS 292815 for LZ prep.

LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2, flushed out a platoon size force of Viet Cong laying in ambush of Marine patrols. His flight placed rockets on them and made several gun runs. Fixed wing were called and the ground troops set up a blocking force. The end result was 40 KBAs and 14 probables. An excellent show of the air to ground team with no Marine casualties.

18 August 1967 Lt Col NELSON was busy as TAC(A) for operations Cochise II/ Lien Ket 112. Controlled 16 fixed wing for LZ prep.

19 August 1967 Capt PLESS as Med Evac chase answered an emergency transmission. 3 Army wounded were being beaten by a force of Vit Cong of 30-50. Capt PLESS's UH-1E responded to the emergency picking up 3 WIA Army. As a result 20 KBAs for Klondike and 38 possibles.

Capt KERR working TAC(A) in the Cochise II area for 100 percent LZ prep.

Operation Cochise got off to a good start today. With Klondike covering there was only one hit to the transports.

20 August 1967 1stLt CHAPMAN picked up BGen Kim at ROK CP, picked up Col. Armstrong at Ky Ha and proceeded to Wing pad.

1stLt MURPHY picked up BGen LaHue and party at Tam Ky and brought them to operational area (AT958195). Went to Hill Top 29 to pick up MGen Robertson and back to Tam Ky.

21 August 1967 No significant events.

22 August 1967 Maj SMITH with flight of 2 sighted 3 V.C. in Sector "C" digging into a bunker. The 3 V.C. ran for the tree lines and no sightings after that.

23 August 1967 Capt COBB went to I Corps to pick up BGen Kim and 1 passenger to take them to ROK CP.

24 August 1967 1stLt CHAPMAN went to III MAF to pick up BGen Davis and took him to ~~Danan~~ Dong Ha. Later took BGen Davis back to III MAF.

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24 August 1967 (Continued) 1stLt MURPHY picked up BGen LaHue at Hill 29 and took him to Ky Ha.

Capt COBB to ROK CP to pick up BGen Kim then to MAG-13 airfreight to pick up LGen Kuo Yuanfen and 5 passengers and took them to ROK CP.

25 August 1967 Phase II of Cochise II was led by LtCol NELSON. 6 fixed wings were directed by this Klondike flight to prep LZ.

Maj WALKER in support of Operation Cochise had a busy day directing 10 fixed wing for LZ preps. Also went into zone to pick up Med Evac. Received fire when leaving zone.

1stLt MURPHY picked up BGen LaHue at Hill 29, went to AT 9923 and vicinity and then back to Hill 29.

26 August 1967 No significant events.

27 August 1967 A certificate of Commendation was received from 1stMAW for high participation in the Savings Bond Drive.

Capt JAMES picked up BGen Kim at ROK CP and took him to Chu Lai. Later returned BGen Kim to ROK CP.

Operation Belt Drive now in full swing. LZ prep provided by Klondike TAC(A)s. TAC(A) was provided with 9 fixed wing throughout the day and Klondike also delivered suppressive fire as Med Evac chase.

28 August 1967 Capt SAUNDERS and crew had a busy day in support of Operation Belt Drive, flying 15 missions and 8.9 hours.

29 August 1967 LtCol NELSON led a flight of 2 to support Cottage 14. There were 2 confirmed kills for Klondike.

30 August 1967 Capt SAUNDERS did outstanding work as TAC(A) for 2 flights of fixed wing in support of operation Belt Drive. Also 1 KBA for Klondike.

1stLt GALBREATH picked up BGen Kim at ROK CP and delivered him to ROK area of operation and later returned him to ROK CP.

31 August 1967 Capt KERR had a busy day of TAC(A) in support of Operation Belt Drive. He controlled 4 fixed wing with 100 percent accuracy.

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Part III: Significant Events

1. The following awards were presented during August 1967

Purple Heart

SgtMaj D. L. JOHNSON

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

J. BULLOCK	093566	First Lieutenant
J. R. GRIMMER	096834	First Lieutenant
J. B. HARRIS	1953595	Staff Sergeant
A. D. STORMS	1652533	Staff Sergeant
D. HESTER	1367629	Staff Sergeant