

MARINE COMPOSITE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON 1 (-)  
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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11

Subj: Command Chronology for the month of October 1965; submission of

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1

Encl:  (1) Organizational Data and Significant Events  
 (2) Resume of Flight Operations

1. In accordance with reference (a), subject report is submitted.

2. During this reporting period VMCJ-1 (-) EF-10B aircraft conducted electronic countermeasures against fire control and SA-2 missile radars in the Vinh, Than Hoa and Hai Phong areas in North Viet Nam in support of forty-six 2nd Air Division and two 7th Fleet "Rolling Thunder" and "Iron Hand" strikes and armed recce missions.

3. In addition to the above missions, twenty-one "Iron Hand" ELINT missions in North Viet Nam were conducted in support of 2nd Air Division for the location and collection of SA-2 missile and fire control radar emissions.

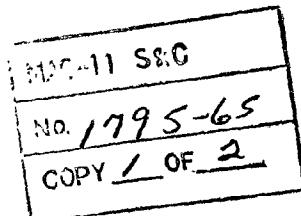
4. VMCJ-1 (-) RF-8A aircraft flew thirty-six in-country photographic reconnaissance missions during the reporting period in support of III MAF, photographing areas in the vicinity of Danang, Hue and Chu Lai.

5. VMCJ-1 Detachment Alpha, embarked aboard the U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31), flew 25 photographic reconnaissance sorties for 55.0 hours in support of 7th Fleet "Barrel Roll", "Rolling Thunder" and "Iron Hand" missions in Laos and North Viet Nam.

6. A breakdown of sorties and hours by type mission for both the EF-10B and RF-8A aircraft is contained in enclosure (2).

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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## PART I - Organizational Data

- a. Unit Designation and Location - VMCJ-1 (-), Danang, Viet Nam
- b. Period Covered - 1-31 October 1965
- c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer - O. W. CORMAN, Colonel
- d. Average Strength - 36 Officers, 142 Enlisted

## PART II - Significant Events

- a. Air Operations - See enclosure (2)
- b. Personnel - Advance Cadre of 16 officers and 28 enlisted arrived on 7 October
- c. Administration - Air Medals awarded to 17 officers
- d. Special Operations - Emphasis was placed upon providing warning of SA-2 missile threats to photo reconnaissance and armed reconnaissance aircraft operating within suspected or known SAM envelopes.
- e. Combat Readiness - Combat readiness of the squadron's photo capability has improved considerably from the last reporting period due to the receipt of AOPC items for the RF-8A. Combat readiness in the EF-10B aircraft remains high.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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VMCJ-1 (-) DANANG AB  
RESUME OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS

OCTOBER

A. <u>IN-COUNTRY</u>	<u>SORTIES/HOURS</u>	
1. <u>PASSIVE EW</u>	9	20.4
2. <u>IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MAW/III MAF</u>		
a. EF-10B	0	0.0
b. RF-8A	36	61.6
3. <u>OTHER (CROSS-COUNTRY, TEST, FAM)</u>		
a. EF-10B	18	31.6
b. RF-8A	7	11.7
B. <u>OUT-OF-COUNTRY</u>		
1. <u>ACTIVE EW</u>		
a. IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AIR DIVISION	78	203.2
b. IN SUPPORT OF 7TH FLEET	6	19.6
2. <u>PASSIVE EW</u>		
a. IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AIR DIVISION	54	135.4
b. IN SUPPORT OF 7TH FLEET	0	0.0
3. <u>PHOTO RECON (VMCJ-1 DET "A")</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>55.0</u>
MONTHLY TOTALS	233	538.5

ENCLOSURE (2)

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