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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 December 1965; submission of (u)  
 Ref: (a) WJO 5750.1A  
 Encl: ✓(1) Organizational Data and Significant Events  
 ✓(2) Resume of Flight Operations

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1. In accordance with reference (a), subject report is submitted.
2. During this reporting period VMCJ-1 EF-103 aircraft conducted electronic countermeasures against AAA and SA-2 fire control radars in North Viet Nam. Forty five (45) sorties were flown in support of 2nd Air Division and twenty two (22) in support of the 7th Fleet.
3. In addition to the above missions, fourteen (14) "Iron Hand" ELINT sorties in North Viet Nam and five (5) ELINT missions in South Viet Nam were conducted for the location and collection of AAA and SA-2 fire control radar emissions.
4. VMCJ-1 RF-8A aircraft flew sixty nine (69) in-country photographic reconnaissance missions in support of III MAF, and VMCJ-1 Detachment Alpha aboard the U.S.S. DON HENRY RICHARD (CVA-31) flew fourteen (14) photo sorties during December.
5. Enclosure (2) contains a breakdown of sorties and hours flown by mission type for both the EF-103 and RF-8A aircraft.

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**ENCLOSURE (6)**

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## PART I - Organizational Data

- a. Unit Designation and Location - VMCJ-1, Danang, Viet Nam
- b. Period Covered - 1-31 December 1965
- c. Name and Rank of Commanding Officer - F. C. OPEKA Lieutenant Colonel
- d. Average Strength - 29 Officers, 220 Enlisted

## PART II - Significant Events

- a. Air Operations - See enclosure (2)
- b. Maintenance - During December a total of seven of the squadron's RF-8As received the "Shoehorn" modification at NAS Cubi Point giving the aircraft a defense against the SA-2 missile.
- c. Combat Losses - On 23 December one of the squadron's RF-8As received a small caliber hit in the aft fuselage. The aircraft sustained BRAVO damage as a result of a fire which occurred as the aircraft returned to the flight line.

Also on 23 December an EF-10B received a small caliber hit in the wheel well section of the port wing resulting in an immediate fire and failure of the port gear to extend. The aircraft was landed in the arresting gear and sustained BRAVO damage.

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VMCJ-1 DANANG AB  
R.SUM. OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS

DECEMBER

A. <u>IN-COUNTRY</u>	<u>SORTIES/HOURS</u>	
1. <u>PASSIVE EW</u>	5	10.2
2. <u>IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MAU/III MAF</u>		
a. RF-10B	2	2.9
b. RF-8A	69	123.6
3. <u>OTHER (CROSS-COUNTRY, TEST, FAI)</u>		
a. RF-10B	28	62.9
b. RF-8A	34	67.8
c. RF-8A (Carrier Preparation - Cubi Point)	20	20.1
B. <u>OUT OF COUNTRY</u>		
1. <u>ACTIVE EW</u>		
a. IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AIR DIVISION	45	116.4
b. IN SUPPORT OF 7TH FLEET	22	57.8
2. <u>PASSIVE EW</u>		
a. IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AIR DIVISION	14	36.7
b. IN SUPPORT OF 7TH FLEET	0	0.0
3. <u>PHOTO RECON (VMCJ-1 DET "A")</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>25.5</u>
MONTHLY TOTALS	253	523.9

ENCLOSURE (2)  
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