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 for July 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.
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MARINE COMPOSITE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON 1
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR JULY 1966Part I. (U) Organizational Data

- a. 1) Designation. Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One.
- 2) Location. Danang, Republic of South Vietnam.
- b. Period Covered. 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966.
- c. Commanding Officer and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>BILLET RANK</u>
R. W. TUCKER JR.	Commanding Officer	MAJOR	LTCOL
D. C. MORGAN	Executive Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR
B. A. RIDILL	S-1 Officer	CAPT	LT
R. F. KAUFMANN	S-2 Officer	CAPT	LT
M. S. GERING	S-3 Officer	CAPT	MAJOR/CAPT
L. J. ZILKA	S-4 Officer	CAPT	WO
L. R. MARKWITZ	Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR/CAPT
J. F. GAZZALE	Electronic Warfare Officer	CAPT	CAPT
W. R. BERGMANN	Photo Officer	CAPT	CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA - 21
 AG - 10
 G - 7
 NMC - 1
 Marine Enlisted - 197

Part II. Sequential Listing of Eventsa. (U) Personnel

- 1) One (1) officer and four enlisted were assigned duty with VMCJ-1 during the month of July. (U)
- 2) Three (3) enlisted returned to CONUS for emergency leave. (U)

b. Administration1) Awards

(a) (U) Thirty-two (32) Naval Aviators/Air Ground Officers recommended for the Air Medal.

(b) (S) Four (4) Naval Aviators/Air Ground Officers recommended for Naval Commendation Medal for support of POL strikes.

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(c) (U) One (1) Naval Aviator recommended for Marine Aviator of the Year.

c. (U) Civic Action. The flight surgeon assigned to Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One treated ninety (90) Vietnamese recently during a visit to hamlets in the Danang area.

d. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

- 1) The Squadron Voting Officer and NCO began VOTE registration.
- 2) The Savings Bond drive continues as a method to assist Squadron personnel in saving for their return to CONUS. Present percentage of Squadron personnel participating in savings program - 25%. (U)
- 3) Education counseling continues. Present Squadron personnel engaged in off-duty education - 50%. (U)
- 4) Eight (8) extra R&R quotas received; four (4) filled. Adequate quotas received for month. (U)

e. Public Information. None released.

f. Casualties. One (1) enlisted medivac to CONUS, non-hostile.

g. Intelligence/Counter-Intelligence

1) (S) Intelligence. Close observation of ELINT information has materially aided in the prediction of high threat and even actual launch sites in an SA-2 defended environment such as North Vietnam. The numerous OPREP-4 reports of the active/passive ECM missions flown in Southeast Asia are of great value to intelligence briefing for VMCJ-1 electronic warfare operations. On several occasions during the month of July, these reports disclosed these threat/launch areas 24 hours before any other information was supplied by the only other sources of such data: 7th Air Force and PACAF.

2) (U) Counterintelligence. An active briefing program for enlisted personnel has brought significant results concerning the security and control of classified material. At least once a month some members of the command report the finding or observing an actual, possible or potential security violation involving documents and/or indigenous personnel.

h. (S) Air Operations

1) (S) During this reporting period VMCJ-1 EF10B aircraft conducted electronic countermeasures against AAA and SA-2 fire control radars in North Vietnam. One hundred and forty-two sorties (142) were flown in support of the Seventh Fleet and twenty-two (22) sorties flown in support of Seventh Air Force.

2) (S) In addition to the above missions two(2) "Iron Hand" ELINT sorties were flown in North Vietnam for the location and collection of AAA and

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SA-2 fire control radar emissions.

3) (S) VMCJ-1 RF8A aircraft flew one hundred sixty-eight (168) in-country photographic reconnaissance sorties in support of III MAF and two (2) out of country (North Vietnam) photographic sorties, completing two hundred and sixty-nine (269) missions.

4) (U) During the month of July VMCJ-1 participated in the following operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
HOLT	1 July - 6 July
JAY	25 June - 2 July
MACON	July - still continuing
WASHINGTON	6 July - still continuing
PAWNEE	no dates available
CALHOUN	no dates available
BAXTER	no dates available
HASTINGS	15 July - 3 August
FRANKLIN	26 July - 29 July

5) (S) Resume of Flight Operations

<u>(a) In-country</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
(1) <u>In support of 1stMAW/III MAF</u>		
(a) RF8A	168	304.6
(b) EF10B	12	29.5
(2) <u>Other (Cross-countries, test Fam)</u>		
(a) RF8A	9	13.2
(b) EF10B	18	34.2
(b) <u>Out of Country</u>		
(1) <u>Active EW</u>		
(a) In support of 7th Fleet	142	315.2
(b) In support of 7th Air Force	22	56.5
(2) <u>Passive EW</u>		
(a) In support of 7th Fleet	0	0

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(b) In support of 7th Air Force 2 5.1

3. Photographic

(a) In support of 1stMAW/III MAF 2 3.0

Monthly	2	3.0
Totals	375	761.3

i. (U) Air Defense. Not applicable to this Squadron.j. (U) Ground Defense. Nothing significant to report.k. Special Operations. See paragraph II.h (Air Operations).

l. Electronic Warfare Chronology. (S) In July 1966, VMCJ-1 supported one-hundred forty-two (142) U. S. Navy and twenty-two (22) U. S. Air Force Rolling Thunder strikes in North Vietnam and two (2) passive Elint collection missions in support of the 7th Air Force. VMCJ-1 provided active ECM support and missile warning for the highly successful Haiphong POL strike and the re-strike on 14 July, as well as the succeeding series of Navy POL strikes in the Haiphong and Thanh Hoa areas. This series of strikes in July included the Do Son POL on 3 July, Thanh Hoa POL on 6 July, Cat Bi (Haiphong) POL on 8 July, Nam Dinh POL on 14 July, Thai Binh on 11 July, and the Haiphong Bomb Damage Assessment photo recce on 2 July. An increased use was made of the ALQ-31 pod containing two S Band ALT-19 barrage jammers. They were used successfully to interfere with and suppress fire control (gun laying) radar emitters in high emitter concentrations. It was also used against the SAM associated radar, the Faesong. VMCJ-1 support was both active and passive in nature. Starting the 21st of July and continuing through August, VMCJ-1 provided passive ECM support for the III MAF Operation Hastings. The effectiveness of VMCJ-1 countermeasures has helped to secure the safety and success of the missions the Squadron has supported. The commander of Carrier Task Group 77.6 congratulated VMCJ-1 on the effectiveness of our ECM support (260509Z).

m. (U) Photo. During this reporting period VMCJ-1 RF8A aircraft flew one hundred and seventy (170) sorties in support of 1stMAW/III MAF. This figure represents more sorties in support of 1stMAW/III MAF than any previous month. Three hundred and thirty (330) missions were requested, two hundred and sixty-nine (269) missions were completed. A total of 41,303 feet of film was processed during this period of time.

n. Command and Control. Nothing significant to report.o. Training. Normal training was conducted.p. NBC. Normal training was conducted.q. (U) Logistics and Supply1) Logistics. The logistical support provided this command has

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improved with the length of time this Squadron has been in-country. Political problems in the town of Danang itself led to several weeks of austerity due to the fact that the dock is in the heart of town. The airshipment of AOCP's and other supplies required has been excellent. The VMGR units involved in this activity should be commended.

2) Supply. During this reporting period and during previous periods requisitions sent have been delayed ten to fifteen days. 40% of requisitions passed to Group Supply are filled. The remainder are passed to higher echelons and a twenty to ninety day waiting period expected depending on the priority of the requisition.

r. (U) Motor Transport. The average availability of Motor Transport for this reporting period is 60%. The non-availability of Project 40 funds during the last quarter of FY-66 and the credit limitations placed upon the obligation of the subject funds during the first quarter of FY-67 has seriously hindered the supply procedures involved in the procurement of spare parts for all section "M" major end items.

s. (U) Engineering. Not applicable to this Squadron.

t. (U) Maintenance

1) One (1) EF10B (RM-4) was ferried to ALF Kesarezu for further transfer to NAS North Island for O & R.

2) One (1) RF8A (RM-14) was ferried to NIPPI at NAS Atsugi for repair of wing fuel leak with the approximate completion time of one week.

3) Two (2) EF10B's (RM-00 and RM-6) were accepted during this reporting period. RM-00 was accepted from FAWPRA after corrosion control and RM-6 was accepted from NAS North Island.

4) Two (2) RF8A's (RM-15 and RM-17) were received from VFP-63 at NAS Cubi.

5) With the acceptance of two EF10B's and two RF8A's, the total of aircraft in-country is now seven RF8A's and seven EF10B's, the highest since October 1965.

6) Average availability of aircraft for this reporting period - 81%.

7) (a) The Maintenance Department moved from its old position located at the approach end of 17R to its permanent position on the recently completed apron located west of the approach to 17R.

(b) The maintenance complex consists of one (1) wooden structure 80' X 24', two (2) hard back tents 32' X 16', one (1) SATS shelter and one (1) Marine Corps Expeditionary hangar.

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u. (S) Communications and Electronics. Avionics installed prototype installation in RM-3 for ALT-2 antenna switching monification. This installation makes possible the selection of jammer antennas from the cockpit.

v. (U) Combat Aircraft Losses. None.

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