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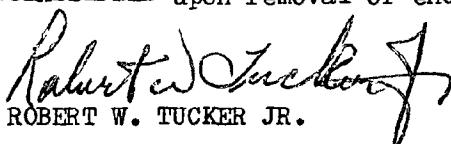
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for September 1966 (U)

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Encl: ✓(1) Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1 Command Chronology
For September 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR SEPTEMBER 1966PART I. (U) Organizational Data

- a. (1) Designation. Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One
- (2) Location. Danang, Republic of Vietnam.
- b. Period Covered. 1 September 1966 to 30 September 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
B. P. SPERRY	S-4 Officer	CAPT	WO
L. R. MARKWITZ	Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR/CAPT
J. F. GAZZALE	Electronics Warfare	CAPT	CAPT
W. R. BERGMANN	Photo Officer	CAPT	CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA - 21
 AG - 12
 G - 12
 NMC - 1
 Marine Enlisted - 223

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

(1) Nine (9) officers were assigned to duty with VMCJ-1 during the month of September.

(2) Thirty three (33) enlisted personnel were assigned to duty with VMCJ-1.

(3) The above listed officers and men constitute the advance party of the 1966 Cadre.

(4) Three (3) officers and two (2) enlisted were transferred to other commands.

(5) Promotions:

- (a) Five (5) Lieutenants to Captain.
- (b) One (1) Sergeant to Second Lieutenant.
- (c) One (1) Staff Sergeant to Gunnery Sergeant.
- (d) Eight (8) Sergeants to Staff Sergeant.
- (e) Twenty three (23) Corporals to Sergeant.
- (f) Nineteen (19) Lance Corporals to Corporal.
- (g) Four (4) PFC's to Lance Corporal.

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d. Administration.(1) (U) Awards.

(a) Thirty (30) Naval Aviators/Air Ground Officers recommended for the Air Medal.

(b) One (1) Naval Aviator recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

(c) One (1) enlisted man recommended for the Naval Commendation medal.

(d) One (1) enlisted man received the Naval Commendation Medal.

c. (U) Re-enlistment.

- (1) One (1) Gunnery Sergeant.
- (2) One (1) Staff Sergeant.
- (3) One (1) Sergeant.

d. (U) Civic Action.

Personnel of VMCI-1, under the direction of SSgt. MALMFELDT, assisted the Group Chaplain in packing and distribution of candy treats for the Vietnamese children.

e. (U) Morale/Welfare programs.

(1) The squadron Voting Officer and NCO are continuing with the Vote registration.

(2) The Savings Bond drive continues. Present squadron percentage - 22%.

(3) Education enrollment rests at 54%.

f. (U) Public Information.

One hundred and eighteen (118) hometown news stories released.

g. Counter Intelligence (U).(1) Intelligence.

(a) During the month of September the S-2 Officer attended the Marine Corps Intelligence Symposium in Hawaii.

(b) A briefing was given to the advance party of VMCI-2&3 on the general situation of South and North Vietnam.

(c) The S-2 Office briefed 108 EF-10B flights in support of the Navy and Air Force missions.

(2) Counter Intelligence. An active briefing program continued within VMCI-1.

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(1) During this reporting period VMCIJ-1 EF-10B aircraft conducted Electronic Counter Measures against AAA and SA-2 fire control radars in North Vietnam. One hundred and fifty one (151) sorties were flown in support of the Seventh Fleet and eighteen (18) sorties were flown in support of the Seventh Air Force.

(2) In addition to the above missions eight (8) "Iron Hand" Elint sorties were flown in North Vietnam for the location and collection of AAA and fire control radar emissions.

(3) One (1) "Tally Ho" active/passive sortie was flown in support of the III MAF.

(4)

(a) On 2 September, two RF-8A's were launched to photograph the area just North of the DMZ for confirmation of "Cross Slot" radar (see August's Command Chronology; Par h. part 4). Photographs revealed Radar installations plus numerous lucrative targets. Two RF-8A's were launched on the morning of 5 September for battle damage assessment and photos revealed the radar site was either destroyed or moved during the night. Photos also revealed that all other targets struck were either damaged or completely destroyed.

(b) Recent evidence reveals "Cross Slot" radar was damaged and removed during the cover of darkness (see para. 1.).

(5) VMCIJ-1 RF-8A flew one hundred and forty six (146) incountry photographic reconnaissance sorties in support of III MAF and ten (10) out of country (North Vietnam) photographic sorties, completing 155 photo missions.

(6) (U) During the month of September VMCIJ-1 participated in the following operations:

<u>Operations</u>	<u>Inclusive dates</u>
TROY	2 Sep - still continuing
PAWNEE	26 Aug - 6 Sep
CANNON	8 - 12 Sep
NAPA	5 - 15 Sep
PAWNEE II	8 - 14 Sep
FRESNO	8 - 17 Sep
POLESTAR	22 Aug - 25 Sep
DECKHOUSE IV	5 Sep - still continuing

(7) Resume of Flight Operations(a) Incountry

1. Support of 1stMAW/III MAF

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
a. RF-8A	146	235.2
b. EF-10B	1	2.2

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		<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
<u>2. Other (Cross Countries, Test)</u>			
<u>a.</u> RF-8A	7	13.9	
<u>b.</u> EF-10B	9	18.6	
<u>c.</u> RF-8A (FMLP)	6	9.2	
<u>(b) Out of Country</u>			
<u>1. Active EW</u>			
<u>a.</u> In support of Seventh Fleet 151	347.1		
<u>b.</u> In support of 7th Air Force 18	48.8		
<u>2. Passive EW</u>			
<u>a.</u> In support of 7th Fleet 0	0.0		
<u>b.</u> In support of 7th Air Force 8	18.9		
<u>3. Photographic</u>			
<u>a.</u> In support of 1st MAW/ III MAF	10	<u>10.4</u>	
MONTHLY TOTALS			356
			704.3

- i. (U) Air Defense. Not applicable to this squadron.
- j. (U) Ground Defense. Nothing significant to report.
- k. (U) Special Operations. See paragraph II h. (Air Operations)
- l. (S) Electronic Warfare.

During September VMCJ-1 supported one hundred and fifty one (151) U. S. Navy and eighteen (18) USAF/Marine Corps Rolling Thunder strikes in North Vietnam. VMCJ-1 also flew eight (8) passive ELINT collection missions in support of 7th Air Force. During this period ECM support was primarily in the form of active jamming against enemy fire control emmitters (Firecans and Whiff) and the Fansong Radar used for Missile Control and guidance. ECM coverage was again provided in the highly defended areas of Than Hoa, Thia Binh, Nam Din, Haiphong, Hon Gay and Vinh complexes. In addition to the active ECM support provided, VMCJ-1 reported locations of one hundred twenty (120) Fire control emmitters, seventeen (17) Fansong emmitters and thirty five (35) EW/GCI emmitters. A continuing ELINT effort is being conducted along the DMZ and Route Package one area while EF-10B's go to and return from target areas in the far North. During the past month the SO/Crosslot radar (strike of 4 Sep. see para II h. Air Ops) in the vicinity of the DMZ was again detected and a new SO/Crosslot radar was detected in the vicinity of Dong Hai on 21 Sep.

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(1) During this reporting period VMCJ-1 RF-8A aircraft flew one hundred and fifty six (156) sorties in support of 1st MAW/III MAF. One hundred and eighty two (182) ^{missions} were received, one hundred and fifty five (155) were completed. A total of 40,199 feet of film was processed during this period.

n. (U) Command and Control. Nothing significant to report.o. (U) Training. Normal training conducted.p. (U) NBC. Normal training conducted.q. (U) Logistics and Supply.

(1) Nothing significant to report - Logistics.

(2) Nothing significant to report - Supply.

r. (U) Motor Transport. The average availability for Motor Transport for the month of September was 87%.

s. (U) Engineering. Not applicable to this squadron.t. (U) Maintenance.

(1) One (1) EF-10B BuNo 125786 was received from NAS Atsugi (NIPPI) after completion of a ten (10) month PAR cycle.

(2) One (1) EF-10B BuNo 127051 was surface transported to NAS NORIS for overhaul and repair due to damage from wheel assembly exploding in flight. (See August Command Chronology).

(3) One (1) RF-8A BuNo 145636 received from NAS Atsugi (NIPPI) after completion of corrosion control.

(4) One (1) RF-8A BuNo 146860 was hit by enemy ground fire causing damage to the port inboard wing panel. Damage was repaired in 24 hour period.

(5) New aircraft reporting system was instituted by COMNAVAIRPAC or reporting aircraft in correct A1 status code in accordance with COMNAVAIRPAC Instruction 5442.2H.

(6) On 23 September, the Maintenance department launched thirteen (13) out of 14 scheduled EF-10B sorties over a period of 24 hours. This aircraft availability represents the high state of readiness ^{for} which the VMCJ-1 Maintenance department is known.

(7) The VMCJ-3 Advance Maintenance Party arrived on 23 September for the relief of VMCJ-1.

(8) Average availability of aircraft for this reporting period was 85%.

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(9) Average hours per aircraft for the month of September:

RF-8A	44.8
EF-10B	87.1

u. (S) Communications and Electronics.

(1) Communications. Nothing significant to report.

(2) Electronics. Avionics installed prototype installation in another EF-10B for ALT-2 antenna switching modification. This installation makes possible the selection of jammer antennas from the cockpit. This brings the total to two (2) EF-10B equipped with this modification.

v. (U) Combat aircraft losses. One (1) RF-8A hit by ground fire. Echo damage.

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