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

Subj: Command Chronology for December 1966 (U)

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) VMGJ-1 Command Chronology for December 1966
 (2) Daily Flight Schedules for December 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) and (2) are herewith submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

W. B. Fleming
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MARINE COMPOSITE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON 1
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR DECEMBER 1966

PART 1. (U) Organizational Data

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>BILLET RANK</u>
W. B. FLEMING	Commanding Officer	LTCOL	LTCOL
E. J. LOVE	Executive Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR
O. E. DONOWAN	S-1 Officer	MAJOR	LT
R. B. GOODMAN	S-2 Officer	CAPT	LT
M. W. DINNAGE	S-3 Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR/CAPT
C. E. KNETTLES	S-4 Officer	MAJOR	WO
G. P. BARNETT	Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	MAJOR/CAPT
E. R. PERRON	Electronics Warfare	MAJOR	CAPT
R. B. SCHWENKLER	Photo Officer	CAPT	CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA - 27
AG - 10
NFO- 18
NMC- 1
Marine Enlisted 337

PART 11. Sequential Listing of Events

a. (U) Personnel

- (1) One (1) Naval Aviator joined during December 1966.
- (2) Eleven (11) Enlisted joined during December 1966.

(3) Promotions

- (a) One (1) promotion to Staff Sergeant.
- (b) Thirty (30) promotions to Sergeant.
- (c) Seventeen (17) promotions to Corporals.

b. (U) Administration

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(1) Awards

(a) Fifty (50) Naval Aviators/Naval Flight Officers were recommended for the Air Medal.

(b) One (1) Naval Aviator recommended for the Naval Commendation Medal.

(c) Four (4) Naval Aviators/Naval Flight Officer's were recommended for the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

(d) One (1) Enlisted man was recommended for the Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement Ribbon.

c. (U) Re-enlistment

(1) There were two (2) re-enlistments for the month of December.

d. (U) Civil Action

(1) Two men from VMCJ-1 worked directly with the Group Protestant Chaplain teaching English to Vietnamese children in local schools.

(2) The squadron had 20 Men participate in Vietnamese childrens Christmas parties, and the squadron made a donation of five hundred (500) dollars to this effort.

(3) The VMCJ-1 SgtMajor made a personal trip to Okinawa to purchase \$321.00 worth of school supplies.

(4) The squadron also participated in the distribution of school kits, candy, dry milk, ect. to about fifteen hundred (1500) children.

e. (U) Moral/Welfare Programs

(1) Sixty percent (60%) of the squadron are participating in the savings bond and/or the ten percent (10%) savings deposit program.

f. Public Information

(1) Two hundred and sixty four (264) fleet hometown news stories were released in the month of December.

g. Counter Intelligence

(1) Intelligence briefings were conducted for all missions flown in December.

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(2) A practice alert for the flight line defense platoon was conducted during the subject period. Sandbagged positions are nearing completion and the defensive position of the line area has been improved by providing for integrated fields of fire and mutually supported positions.

(3) Liaison with the Company Commander of A Company/1/1 resulted in the securing of probable weak areas in the defensive perimeter.

(4) Counter-Intelligence and security lectures were given to both Area "C" and area "A" defense platoons. General situation briefs are scheduled for all hands during the coming reporting period.

(5) Two Intelligence situation reports (ground) (Perintrep) were prepared for the Commanding Officer dealing with pertinent ground developments affecting the Danang Air Base.

(6) Two reports of possible enemy agents were received from squadron personnel and processed by the S-2.

(7) The requested C.I. survey was conducted in the VMCJ-1 area during the reporting period. Satisfactory with minor discrepancies was the reported security status.

h. (s) Air Operations

(1) During the reporting period VMCJ-1 EF10B and EA6A aircraft supported four (4) Alpha Strikes conducted by CTF 77 on 2-3 December and again on 13-14 December. The strikes conducted on 2-3 December, code word Chivas Regal, marked another "First" for VMCJ-1. Nine (9) aircraft were launched on extremely short notice to provide maximum support as requested by CTF 77, which was the largest Combat ECM force in the History of the Marine Corps. These included three (3) EA6A's and six (6) EF10B's lead by the Commanding Officer, LTCOL W. B. FLEMING. Again on 13-14 December VMCJ-1 responded to the major strikes, code word Rusty Nail Alpha and Bravo, with the same effort. As a direct result of the support of Chivas Regal and Rusty Nail, the Commanding Officer, VMCJ-1 received a letter of appreciation from the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for a job "well done." Also quoted in the letter were extracts from RADM RICHARDSON 's message to the CG, 1st MAW expressing his appreciation for "the responsiveness and outstanding performance of VMCJ-1 in support of CTF 77 Operations" during these major strike efforts.

(2) The last RF-8A was transferred from VMCJ-1 on 11 Dec 1966.

(3) The Photo department has been moved from its former location to the RamVan Complex. This move now affords Photo P&B and Photo Installations with better coordinates and more efficient processing of film.

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

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>		
PRARIE	3 Aug	-	Con't
PAWNEE III	29 Oct	-	24 Dec
MISSISSIPPI	29 Nov	-	7 Dec
SUTTER	1 Dec	-	6 Dec
DAWN	1 Dec	-	7 Dec
CORTEZ	7 Dec	-	12 Dec
TRINIDAD	8 Dec	-	11 Dec
STERLING	11 Dec	-	16 Dec
SIERRA	12 Dec	-	Con't
GLEN	17 Dec	-	21 Dec
CHINOOK	19 Dec	-	Con't
SHASTA II	20 Dec	-	21 Dec

(5) Resume of Flight Operations

IN COUNTRY

(a) Support of 1st MAW/III MAF

	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
1. RF-8A	1	1.2
2. RF-4B	115	180.1
3. EF-10B	26	58.0
4. EA-6A	10	22.4

(b) Other (Cross Country, Ferry, Test)

1. RF-8A	8	9.6
2. RF-4B	3	3.3
3. EF-10B	13	15.3
4. EA-6A	4	3.1

OUT OF COUNTRY

(c) In support of 7Th Fleet

1. EF-10B	112	237.0
2. EA-6A	44	101.0

(d) In support of 7Th Air Force

1. EF-10B	31	78.2
2. EA-6A	16	44.5

(e) Photographic (RF-4B)

1. In support of 1st MAW/III MAF

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- i. (U) Air Defense. Not applicable to this Squadron.
- j. (U) Ground Defense. (See paragraph g. Counter-Intelligence.)
- k. (U) Special Operations. (See paragraph h. Air Operations.)
- l. (S) Electronic Warfare

(1) During December's active support sorties, VMCJ-1 jammed 280 Firecans, 27 Fansongs, and 2 Crosslot Radars. These Radars were within the assigned target areas of strikes in progress. In a passive ECM role, the following radars were reported: Radar type, frequency and location: 58 Firecan, 9 Fansong, 8 Rock/Stone Cake, 12 Flatface, and 11 Crosslot.

(2) III MAF PECM support in Route Package 1 and I Corps area was more than doubled. This was accomplished by direct sortie scheduling and flying alternate PECM missions after CTG 77 cancelled their request for Active support, due to target weather. Negative results were continually reported in I Corps area. Route Package 1 shows a very slow build up in EW Radars but no confirmed Fire Control.

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m. (U) Photo

(1) During this reporting period VMCJ-1 RF-4B and RF-8A aircraft flew 137 photo sorties in support of 1st MAW/III MAF. Fifty eight (58) missions were completed and one hundred and sixty (160) missions are left outstanding. A total of 36,060 feet of film was processed during this period.

n. (U) Training. Nothing significant to report.

o. (U) NBC. Nothing significant to report.

p. (U) Logistics and Supply

(1) Logistics - Nothing significant to report.

(2) Supply - Nothing significant to report.

q. (U) Motor Transport. All motor transport vehicles are now controlled directly by the group.

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

s. (U) Maintenance

(1) The following is a chronological report of events during the month of December 1966.

6 Dec 66 - Transferred two RF-8A aircraft to EASTPAC COSA, NAS North Island.

8 Dec 66 - EF-10B 125793 struck by ground, fire, center fuel cell punctured, flap cable damaged. Minor damage class.

11 Dec 66 - Transferred RF-8A BuNos. 146861, 146865 to Cubi Pt. FFT EASTPAC COSA Nas North Island.

RF-4B BuNo. 153109 struck by small caliber round (Catapult Bridle Fitting). Damage minor.

Note: All RF-8A aircraft out of country and in process of transfer.

27 Dec 66 - EF-10B BuNo. 125849 departed for Cubi Pt. FFT PAR, NAS NORIS. Total remaining EF-10B's on hand 8.

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t. (U) Communications and Electronics. Not applicable to this Squadron.

u. (U) Combat aircraft losses. There were no combat losses in VMCJ-1 for the reporting period. One EF-10B and one RF-4B took small rounds but damage was minor.

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