

MARINE COMPOSITE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON ONE  
Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear)  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Wg0 5750.1  
(b) Gru0 5750.1F

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1 January 1971 through  
14 April 1971  
(2) Monthly Historical Report for January 1971  
(3) Monthly Historical Report for February 1971  
(4) Monthly Historical Report for March 1971

1. In compliance with the instructions contained in references (a) and (b),  
the Command Chronology for the period 1 January 1971 through 14 April 1971 is  
submitted as enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1971 through 14 April 1971

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## Part I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One

COMMANDERLtCol. C. E. SMITH  
1 Jan - 5 MarLtCol. C. A. HOUSEMAN  
6 Mar - 14 Apr2. LOCATION

1 January - 14 April: MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

3. STAFF OFFICERS

|                        | <u>NAME</u>  | <u>DATES</u>                                       |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Executive Officer      | Major R. E. CARDWELL<br>LtCol C. A. HOUSEMAN<br>Major E. R. PERRON | 1 Jan - 12 Jan<br>13 Jan - 5 Mar<br>6 Mar - 14 Apr |
| Adjutant               | 1stLt R. L. WHITAKER   | 1 Jan - 14 Apr                                     |
| Administrative Officer | Capt. C. KELLY   | 1 Jan - 14 Apr                                     |
| Intelligence Officer   | 1stLt F. K. GRAHAM<br>Capt. M. F. NIENSTEDT                        | 1 Jan - 22 Jan<br>23 Jan - 14 Apr                  |
| Operations Officer     | Major E. R. PERRON<br>Major P. G. DAVENPORT                        | 1 Jan - 5 Mar<br>6 Mar - 14 Apr                    |
| Logistics Officer      | Capt. T. L. MINER  | 1 Jan - 14 Apr                                     |
| Maintenance Officer    | Major J. G. FOOTE<br>Major J. L. WATSON                            | 1 Jan - 7 Feb<br>8 Feb - 14 Apr                    |
| Sergeant Major         | MSGT J. E. ELLIS<br>1STSGT G. FAIOLI                               | 1 Jan - 3 Jan<br>4 Jan - 14 Apr                    |

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## Part II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the reporting period of this chronology, VMCJ-1 felt the results of five months of extensive ground work in establishing the support facilities necessary to effectively operate the squadron at Iwakuni. Continually improving its physical plant, the squadron became increasingly involved in an extensive training program as well as in a highly involved operational one. Commands throughout the Pacific became aware of the squadron's improving capabilities and began tasking it with more and more official photo requests and electronic warfare support missions.
2. The month of January began to indicate the squadron's high degree of operational readiness. Tasked with six official photo requests, it completed them all and an additional request of a previous time period. The electronic warfare (EW) department received increased requests for its services as noted in part III of this report, and satisfied the needs of each in its ECM training roll with the 5th Air Force, the Taiwan Defense Command, and the 7th Fleet. Each of these missions tested the radar defenses of each of the commands mentioned in an ECM environment providing valuable training for both participants.
3. Of particular interest and pride to this squadron was the visit by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General L. F. CHAPMAN and his staff. General CHAPMAN was conducted on a tour of the squadron area and spaces and entertained both Officers and Enlisted men in what was considered by all an enlightening brief on the future of the Marine Corps and the VMCJ organization.
4. February saw an increasing interest in the squadron's EA-6A aircraft, their capabilities and missions. During the first of the month, the EW department participated in another ECM training operation with the Taiwan Defense Command and the 5th Air Force. Again the results of electronic and mechanical jamming provided valuable radar operator and aircrew training.
5. In late February, wide-spread interest and recognition was drawn by VMCJ-1 when it was tasked to participate in a joint exercise with the Royal Australian Navy and Air Force. The three EA-6A aircraft participating in the exercise flew ECM support for strike aircraft against ships of the Royal Australian Navy. In all, twelve sorties were flown over a

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four day period using the EA-6A's assets in various ECM environments. Not only an invaluable training opportunity, the RAN exercise proved that the squadron could meet and successfully perform any assigned task. The RAN exercise proved to be an eye opening experience that would later pave the way to an almost total deployment and embarkation of the EW half of this squadron.

5. Of significance to the squadron in February also was its movement from its previously inadequate working spaces into a newly remodeled hangar. The new hangar working area centralizes the maintenance effort and affords a better working environment - making important squadron functions more readily available to all.

6. The month of March proved to be one of great importance to the squadron's ECM roll in the Pacific. Twice during the month the EA-6A mission was called for in support of Navy missions supporting the Republic of South Viet Nam. Each time, given almost no advanced notice, four EA-6A aircraft were in Danang, RVN within a period of 48 hours ready for tasking. In all, seventeen sorties were flown in support of CTF 77 in the Gulf of Tonkin. Embarkation of both these deployments was expeditiously and professionally carried out proving, in the Marine Corps tradition, that the squadron is a capable and ready force.

7. Although most attention was drawn, in March, on the EA-6A effort, the RF-4B mission continued also on the upswing. Tasked with three photo reconnaissance missions in support of Commando Jade exercises in the Republic of Korea, the Photo and Briefing Department was credited with 100% assigned coverage.

8. On 5 March 1971, Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) was present in the squadron area for it's change of command ceremony in which LtCol C. A. HOUSEMAN relieved LtCol C. E. SMITH.

9. The end of this reporting period culminated all the efforts and successes of VMCI-1 of the past three months into a deployment to Danang, RVN in support, again, of CTF 77 in the Gulf of Tonkin and the 7th Air Force in Laos. The experiences and lessons learned from the many previous deployments of the EA-6A's and their supporting equipment proved invaluable. A near total deployment of the EW half of this squadron was carried out. Included in the embarkation phase were nearly one hundred Officers and Enlisted personnel, aircraft maintenance support gear, and seven ECM support vans. Within five days the aircraft were flying a scheduled five sorties a day in ECM support of combat missions in Laos and North Viet Nam.

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10. During this reporting period, while prime interest was on the EA-6A and its ECM mission, the RF-4Bs enjoyed increasing availability which resulted in increased aircrew readiness and the expeditious accomplishment of all fragged missions.

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## Part III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. During the reporting period of this chronology this squadron has focused much attention on problems concerning personnel manning level (ML) and table of organization (T/O). Shortages in many MOS's have necessitated constant searching for qualified personnel at both the Group and Wing levels. The particular MOS's of 6223 and 6224 have presented special problems due to the fact that they are relatively new - having been created only in the past few years as the EF-10B was being phased out and the EA-6A phased in. The personnel requirements in these two particular MOS's are not adequately reflected in the present T/O or ML. Correspondence has been initiated with recommended increases in both MOS's.

2. Administration. During this period several problem areas pertaining to MMS have been resolved with DPI reporting center (Okinawa). Error rate has dropped significantly to around 4 percent.

3. Intelligence. The S-2 section of this squadron has written and implemented a SOP for the squadron interior guard. This order changes the responsibility for the security of the squadron area from the group guard to the squadron itself. The move has improved security and has proved more responsive in controlling the squadron's particular security needs.

4. Training. Emphasis has been placed on updating squadron training programs to enhance and reflect the more stringent standards set forth by HQMC during this period of size reduction. This emphasis has been especially strong in the areas of EMS, NBC, Weight Control, PFT and in the Squadron's record audit system. The Squadron's Aircrew training system continues to provide each aircrew member with needed technical training in the areas of his particular flying duties and also in environmental training such as land and sea survival training.

5. Special Operations.

11 January 1971      Participated in ECM exercise with 5th Air Force and Taiwan Defense Command.

12 January 1971      Participated in ECM exercise with 51st FIW, Okinawa.

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14 January 1971      Tour of squadron aircraft and facilities by CMC and his staff.

18 January 1971      Two ECM sorties flown with USS Gridley.

19 January 1971      Completed 13,000 accident free flight hours.

8-11 February 1971      Participated in ECM exercise with 5th Air Force and Taiwan Defense Command. 14 sorties flown.

19 February 1971      The squadron moved into it's newly remodeled hangar spaces.

22-25 February 1971      Participated in ECM exercise with Royal Australian Navy. 12 sorties flown.

5 March 1971      VMCJ-1 change of command with Brigadier General CONLEY presiding. LtCol C. A. HOUSEMAN assumed the command relieving LtCol C. E. SMITH Jr. Flew two (2) photo reconnaissance missions in support of Commando Jade exercise.

9-19 March 1971      Four EA-6A aircraft were deployed to Danang, RVN in support of CTF 77 in the Gulf of Tonkin. Twelve (12) ECM sorties were flown.

22 March 1971      Again, four EA-6A aircraft were called for in support of CTF 77 in the Gulf of Tonkin. Five (5) ECM sorties were flown.

25 March 1971      Flew one (1) photo reconnaissance mission in support of Commando Jade.

5-6 April 1971      Four EA-6A aircraft were deployed to Danang, RVN to support CTF 77 in the Gulf of Tonkin and 7th Air Force in the Laos area on a long term basis. The detachment has been tasked to fly approximately five (5) ECM sorties per day.

14 April 1971      The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing officially returned from RVN and took command at MCAS, Iwakuni - thus eliminating 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear).

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6. Command Relations. No significant events to report.

7. Equipment. The accountable AMSE equipment this squadron has on hand has been continually upgraded from it's non-RFI status, but still suffers from parts shortage and qualified GSE personnel.

8. Logistics. The NORS rate has decreased by better than 50 percent during this reporting period. Much of this improvement may be attributed to improved maintenance control procedures and practices and increased on-station supply availability. Long lead time on all requisitions passed off station still has a detrimental effect on this squadron. At present a lead time study is being conducted by Wing Supply.

9. Community Relations. No significant events to report.

10. Communications. No significant events to report.

11. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. No significant events to report.

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Part IV

CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

\*See enclosures (2), (3) and (4). [NOTE: See below/HDR-40]

- 1) VMCJ-1 Monthly Historical Report, 1 Feb 1971 (see page 11)
- 2) " " " " , 3 Mar 1971 (see page 14)
- 3) " " " " , 1 Apr 1971 (see page 17)

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) (Attn: G-3)  
Via: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)  
Subj: Monthly Historical Report (Report symbol - MC-5750)  
Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1  
(b) GruO 5750.1F

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted:

PART I

OPERATIONS

- a. Lark Exercise.
- b. Taiwan Defense Command, 5th Air Force, 2 A/C VMCI-1.
- c. Each A/C was given a route circumnavigating Taiwan, testing the radar defenses of the island in an ECM environment. At specific points on each route, the aircraft provided ECM support for U. S. Air Force aircraft against the Taiwan Defense Command. The afternoon mission was flown in support of selected GCI sites, using electronic and mechanical jamming.
- d. The exercise of the morning of 11 January was cancelled due to bad weather. The afternoon exercise against the GCI sites was completed and provided valuable radar operator and aircrew training.

PART II

Minor Items of Unusual Character or of Special Interest

NONE

PART III

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 11 January 1971 | Participated in ECM exercise with 5th Air Force and Taiwan Defense Command. |
| 12 January 1971 | Participated in ECM exercise with 51st FIW, Okinawa.                        |

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14 January 1971 Visit of squadron area by CMC and staff.

18 January 1971 Two ECM sorties flown with USS Gridley.

## PART IV

#### MATTERS OF INTEREST

1. Seven official photo missions were completed during January, with six requests remaining to be completed.
2. Major E. R. PERROW attended planning conference at Taipei, Taiwan for pending Eagle exercise with Taiwan Defense Command, scheduled for early February.
3. None.
4. CMC visited VNCJ-1 squadron area on the morning of 14 January.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.
8. Planning is in the final stages for an ECM exercise with the Taiwan Defense Command scheduled for early February. Planning is also being continued for an ECM exercise with the Royal Australian Navy in mid-February.
9. None.
10. None.
11. None.
12. None..
13. None.
14. None.

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PART V

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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 (b) GruO 5750.1F

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted:

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. ECM Exercise, 8-11 February 1971.
  - a. EAGLE Exercise.
  - b. Taiwan Defense Command, 5th Air Force, 3 A/C VMQJ-1.
    - c. Each A/C was given a specific route circumnavigating Taiwan and providing an ECM environment for various GCI sites, missile sites and Navy vessels of the Taiwan Defense Command. Both electronic and mechanical jamming were used.
    - d. A total of 14 sorties were flown in conjunction with the 5th Air Force and Taiwan Defense Command providing valuable radar operator and aircrew training.
2. ECM Exercise, 22-25 February 1971.
  - a. RAN Exercise.
  - b. Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, 3 A/C VMQJ-1.
    - c. VMQJ-1 A/C flew ECM support for strike A/C against ships of the Royal Australian Navy. 12 sorties were flown over a four day period using EA-6A assets in various ECM environments.

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d. The types of ECM support utilized and the number of sorties flown allowed aircrews and radar operators to gain valuable practical experience in an ECM environment.

## PART II

MINOR ITEMS OF UNUSUAL CHARACTER OR OF SPECIAL INTEREST

a. The squadron held a stand down on 20 February to effect their movement into the recently completed hanger. Final readjustments are presently being completed.

## PART III

CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 8-11 February 1971  | Participated in ECM exercise with 5th Air Force and Taiwan Defense Command. 14 sorties flown. |
| 22-25 February 1971 | Participated in ECM exercise with Royal Australian Navy. 12 sorties flown.                    |

## PART IV

MATTERS OF INTEREST

1. Three official photo missions were completed during February, with seven requests remaining to be completed.
2. None.
3. None.
4. None.
5. None.
6. None.
7. None.
8. Planning is being conducted for an ECM exercise with the Taiwan Defense Command for mid-March.
9. None.

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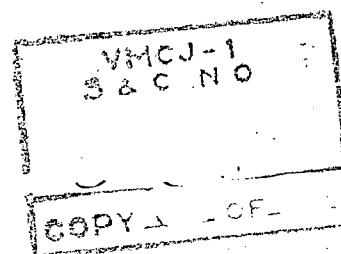
10. None.
11. None.
12. None.
13. None.
14. None.

PART V

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted:

PART I

OPERATIONS

1. Pre-Strike Photo Reconnaissance 5 March 1971
  - a. Commando Jade Exercise.
  - b. Korean Air Defense Command, Aircraft from 1st MAW (Rear).
  - c. One RF-4B was tasked with flying photo reconnaissance on proposed targets for a joint 1st MAW (Rear) and Korean Air Defense Command Exercise on 25 March 1971.
  - d. Two (2) sorties were flown on 5 March 1971 to accomplish the tasked photo requests.
2. Korean Air Defense Exercise - 25 March 1971
  - a. Commando Jade Charlie.
  - b. Korean Air Defense Command, Korean Air Force. Aircraft from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear).
  - c. VMCJ-1 was scheduled to fly two (2) ECM missions and one photo reconnaissance mission in support of Commando Jade with a secondary mission of Photo coverage of proposed targets for future exercises with the Korean Air Defense.

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d. Previous commitments and non-availability of EGM aircraft prevented EGM support for Commando Jade Exercise on 25 March 1971. One photo reconnaissance mission was flown in support of this exercise.

## PART II

Minor Items of Unusual Character or of Special Interest

a. During change of command ceremonies on 5 March 1971, VMCI-1 was the recipient of the Commanding Officer's (MCAS Iwakuni) Trophy for athletic excellence for the period July 1970 through December 1970.

## PART III

Chronology of Significant Events

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 5 March 1971      | VMCI-1 Change of Command with Brigadier General CONLEY presiding. LtCol C. A. HOUSEMAN assumed the command, relieving LtCol. C. E. SMITH Jr.<br>Flew two (2) photo reconnaissance missions in support of Commando Jade exercise. |
| 9 - 15 March 1971 | Twelve (12) EGM sorties flown in support of CTF 77 in Gulf of Tonkin.  |
| 22 March 1971     | Five (5) EGM sorties flown in support of CTF 77 in Gulf of Tonkin.   |
| 25 March 1971     | Flew one (1) photo reconnaissance mission in support of Commando Jade.   |

## PART IV

MATTERS OF INTEREST

1. Five (5) official photo missions were completed during March, nine official photo requests were received during the month, with ten requests remaining to be completed.
2. Capts. LOCKETT and SLOUGH attended the ELINT Requirements Coordination meeting and PARPRO conference held at Fuchu, Japan, on 3 and 4 March 1971.
3. None.
4. Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) present in squadron area for Change of Command ceremony, on 5 March 1971.

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5. None

6. None

7. None

8. Planning is being conducted for ECM exercises with ships of the Seventh Fleet, and the 5th Air Force and Korean Air Defense Command.

9. None

10. None

11. None

12. None

13. None

14. None

PART V

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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