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- 1.(U) In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
- 2.(U) The VMCJ-1 Command Chronology for the period 1 January 1975 thru 31 March 1975 was submitted via reference (b).
- 3.(U) This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 APRIL 1975 THRU 30 JUNE 1975

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1.(U) <u>Designation</u> Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron One	Commander LtCol W. A. BLOOMER 1 April - 30 June 1975
2.(U) <u>Location</u> MCAS Iwakuni, Japan	1 April - 30 June 1975
3.(U) <u>Staff Officers</u> (VMGJ-1) Executive Officer	Maj L. L. BALDWIN 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-1 Officer	CWO-3 J. L. MATLACK 1 April - 15 April 1975 1stLt D. L. DAVIS 16 April - 30 June 1975
S-2 Officer	Capt T. K. GRIFFIN 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-3 Officer	Maj M. C. BRUSH 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-4 Officer	Capt F. W. NICKEL 1 April - 30 June 1975
Maintenance Officer	Capt G. E. BARNES 1 April - 30 June 1975
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt J. E. HEBERT 1 April - 30 May 1975 1stLt P. C. LONG 31 May - 30 June 1975
<u>Staff Officers</u> (DET-101) Officer-in-Charge	Maj M. C. BRUSH 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-1 Officer	Capt T. E. WILSON 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-2 Officer	1stLt K. D. WATTS 1 April - 30 June 1975
S-3 Officer	Capt T. S. NELSON 1 April - 30 June 1975

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S-4 Officer

Capt F. W. NICKEL
1 April - 30 June 1975

First Lt

1stLt J. E. HILL
1 April - 30 June 1975

Maintenance Officer

Capt C. J. AMPARAN
1 April - 30 June 1975

Aviation Safety Officer

1stLt P. C. LONG
1 April - 30 June 19754(C) Average Monthly Strength

	USMC OFF/ENL	USN OFF/ENL	OTHER OFF/ENL/CIV
APRIL	31/204	0/0	0/ 0/ 1
MAY	29/198	0/0	0/ 0/ 1
JUNE	28/195	0/0	0/ 0/ 0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the fourth quarter, Detachment 101, VMCJ-1 embarked aboard the USS Midway for two cruises which included fifty-two (52) days at sea. The average complement of aircraft for the detachment was three (3) RF-4B and three (3) EA-6A aircraft. The type missions flown in support of the USS Midway are enumerated in Part IV.
2. VMCJ-1 provided support for Operation Frequent Wind in a most unique manner. EA-6A aircraft normally assigned to the USS Midway were cross-decked to the USS Coral Sea, CVA-43. Once aboard the Coral Sea, the EA-6As flew sorties in direct support of the evacuation of Saigon. Upon completion of Operation Frequent Wind, detachment EA-6A aircraft were reconstituted aboard the USS Midway and normal operations resumed.
3. Participation in numerous additional exercises by both EA-6A and RF-4B aircraft highlighted the fourth quarter. Exercise participation included Eagle/Lark, Radar Navigation Scoring, Breaklock, Beaver Hound, and Cope Jade.
4. The squadron was presented with a Meritorious Unit Citation on 27 June 1975 by the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for Detachment 101 operations during the period 13 January 1973 thru 31 July 1973. A copy of the MUC is included in Part IV.
5. Extensive ground support lectures and briefings were given to squadron personnel during the fourth quarter. A listing of support lectures given is provided in Part IV.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

APRIL

- 1 Three RF-4Bs and three EA-6As departed for CVA-41 to conduct operations in Japan, Okinawa, and Phillipine operating areas.
- 2-3 Quarterly Safety Stand-Down for 4th Quarter FY-75 conducted.
- 14 Det 101, embarked aboard CVA-41, arrived at Subic Bay, Phillipines for inport period.
- 15-16 Det 101 personnel attended Fire-Fighting school at Subic Bay.
- 17 Det 101, embarked aboard CVA-41, departed Subic Bay, Phillipines in support of Operation Frequent Wind. Three EA-6As and one RF-4B were left at Cubi Point, Two RF-4Bs were embarked aboard CVA-41.
- 21 First EA-6A flown from Cubi Point to Coral Sea (CVA-43) to support Operation Frequent Wind.
- 24 Second EA-6A flown from Cubi Point to USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) to support Operation Frequent Wind.

MAY

- 1 2 EA-6As departed USS Coral Sea (CVA-43) for Cubi Point, Phillipines.
- 5 Squadron observed Japanese Friendship Day.
- 15 Two EA-6As and one RF-4B arrived aboard USS Midway (CVA-41) to complete reconstitution of Det 101 aboard USS Midway. EA-6A Buno 156986 left at Cubi Point and turned into FAWPERA due to wing fuel leak.
- 20 Det 101, onboard USS Midway, arrived at Subic Bay. Det 101 offloaded from USS Midway and chopped back to 1stMAW.
- 21 Det 101 returned Iwakuni. Squadron participated in MAG-15 Field Meet.

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- 24 Advance party departed to Tainan, Taiwan for Exercise Eagle/Lark
- 25 Two RF-4Bs and two EA-6As deployed to Tainan, Taiwan for participation in Eagle/Lark ECM training exercise.
- 31 Tainan Detachment returned to Iwakuni after completion of Eagle/Lark exercise.

JUNE

- 8 Three RF-4Bs and three EA-6As deployed aboard USS Midway, CVA-41, for routine cruise.
- 15 Detachment aircraft returned from USS Midway.
- 16-19 EA-6As participated in Breaklock exercise conducted with VMFA-115.
- 16-20 Squadron participated in MAG-15 Typhoon Readiness Exercise.
- 17-19 EA-6A support provided for radar navigation scoring exercise in support of VA-115 and Japanese Air Defense Command Nike Sites.
- 21 Squadron PFT conducted.
- 23 EA-6A support provided for exercise Cope Jade Charlie in support of Republic of Korea Air Defense Command.
- 30 EA-6A ESM support provided for exercise Beaver Hound in Republic of Korea.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Flight Time and Sortie Recap

	<u>RF-4B</u> <u>Flt Time/Sorties</u>	<u>EA-6A</u> <u>Flt Time/Sorties</u>
April	92.4/55	94.7/50
May	96.6/55	99.6/53
June	70.9/40	91.0/47

2. Photo Missions Completed

	<u>Msn #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
April	5-75	R.P.I.	15 April 75

3. Type Missions Flown in Support of USS Midway

<u>RF-4B</u>	<u>EA-6A</u>
CQ	CQ
IR	ESM
SSSC	SSSC
PHOTO	AAWEX
AAWEX	ACL
ACL	JAMEX
AIC BOGEY	WASEX

Mission Explanation

SSSC - Surface/Subsurface Surveillance Control
 AAWEX - Anti-Aircraft Warfare Exercise
 ACL - Automatic Carrier Landing
 ESM - Electronic Support Measures
 JAMEX - Jamming Exercise
 WASEX - War at Sea Exercise

4. Det 101 Arrestment Data

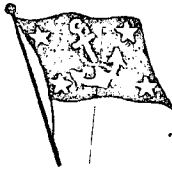
	<u>RF-4B</u>	<u>EA-6A</u>
Total Traps	89	79
Boarding Rate	90%	82%

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Integrity Watch Officer
CATCC Procedures
CVA Pattern Procedures
Communications Security Brief
General Ship Procedures
Rules of Engagement
CVA Procedures/Test
Man Overboard Drill
Abandon Ship Drill
Fire Fighting School
EA-3 Capabilities
Combat Recon Tactics
Airborne Defense Tactics

Maintenance Personnel Lectures

First Aid
Damage Control Procedures
3M Procedures
Leadership Principles
Shipboard Safety Procedures
G.Q. Procedures/Drills
EMCON Procedures
Aircraft Handling Procedures
Aircraft Tiedown Procedures
Launch and Recovery Techniques



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

MARINE COMPOSITE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON ONE
DETACHMENT ONE HUNDRED ONE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service from 13 January to 31 July 1973 in the training and electronic warfare missions conducted throughout Operation JAMEX with vessels of the United States, Great Britain, and Canada; Operation EAGLE EXERCISE; COMMANDO JADE; and continuous electronic support missions flown within the local area of the Detachment at the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, Philippines. During these missions, the Detachment provided outstanding training which resulted in the increased readiness capability of all units involved in these exercises, as well as passive intelligence required to maintain an alert and quick reaction capable status. Through these training missions, the capability of radar/defense systems was greatly improved for both seagoing and land based units. The professional competence, perseverance, and steadfast dedication displayed by the officers and men of Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron ONE, Detachment ONE HUNDRED ONE reflected credit upon themselves and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

William M. Mendenhall
Secretary of the Navy