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1. In accordance with the directions in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12
CHU LAI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1 SEPTEMBER 1966 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 1966

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. Commander and Staff

Commanding Officer, 1-30 Sep 1966	Lt. Col. W. G. McCOOL
Executive Officer, 1-30 Sep 1966	Maj. H. N. LEVIN
Base Services Officer, 1-20 Sep 1966	Maj. M. H. L. HEDGES
Base Services Officer, 20-30 Sep 1966	Capt. E. W. HARWELL
Base Operations Officer, 1-14 Sep 1966	Capt. D. A. LANGROCK
Base Operations Officer, 15-23 Sep 1966	1/Lt. J. M. SOLDATI
Base Operations Officer, 24-30 Sep 1966	Maj. J. J. McCAFFREY
Administration Officer, 1-13 Sep 1966	2/Lt. R. H. STOUT
Administration Officer, 14-30 Sep 1966	1/ Lt. D. F. SCHAFER

Attached Unit: Marine Air Traffic Control Unit 67

Officer in Charge, 1-30 Sep 1966 Capt. J. C. BEVER

B. Task Organization; None

C. Unit Location and Inclusive Dates:

Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam

1 September 1966 through 30 September 1966

D. Average Monthly Strength:

		MABS 12		
<u>Officers</u>			<u>Enlisted</u>	
<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>		<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
30	5		593	25
		MATCU 67		
<u>Officers</u>			<u>Enlisted</u>	
9			67	

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Marine Aircraft Group 12 Field Hospital was completed and opened this month.

The critical personnel shortages in MOS's 7114 and 6511 are expected to be relieved somewhat in the early part of October with additional personnel reporting aboard from the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. MOS's 0141 and 7041 continue to remain critical.

Camp construction continues at a reduced pace due to lack of building materials.

The shortage of electric power generators remains critical.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

a. Total personnel strength on 30 September 1966, including MATCU 67 was 40 Officers and 654 Enlisted. USN Officers totaled 5 and Enlisted 25.

b. The following Officers reported aboard and were assigned as indicated. Major Campbell, unassigned; Major McCaffrey, Base Operations Officer; Captain Harwell, Base Services Officer; Second Lieutenant Lindsey, Materiel Officer; Lieutenant (MC) Grafft, USN, Dental Officer; WO Gullickson, MATCU Maintenance Officer.

c. Six Officers were detached during the month.

d. Second Lieutenant Bozelli, Second Lieutenant Walker, and WO Ramone were commissioned to their present ranks during the month.

e. Captain T. Meyer, MATCU, was promoted to his present rank during the month.

2. Air Operations

a. During the month of September Base Operations has coordinated with Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12 for transient service of tactical aircraft.

b. Close liaison was made with the Seabees for construction and repair of the present runway. The repair will begin within seven days.

c. To alleviate the problem of flare pots being blown out by rain and wind, the Seabees are trying to produce a flare pot cover which would reduce the force of rain and wind.

d. A constant need for a command vehicle still exists for this section. This utility type vehicle could also be used effectively as a first response vehicle for crash rescue operations. A request for an M-37, 4X4, 3/4 ton truck has been submitted by this section.

e. Communications equipment for the Crash Network continues to be inadequate for effective control and operation of the crash fire and rescue equipment on station.

f. The crash crew responded to the following emergencies:

Medical Evacuation	26
Blown Tires	22
Fuel Spill	22
Fuel Leak	5
Aborted Take Off	6
Hot Brakes	5
Hydraulic Failure	4
Unsafe Gear	3
Ordnance on Runway	4
Wheel Fire	3
Aircraft Off Runway	2
Aircraft Off Taxiway	1
Aircraft Landed on Taxiway	1
Red Label Cargo	1
Aircraft Tip-over in Moresst Gear	1
Aircraft Tailpipe Fire	1
Damaged Wing	1
Electrical Fire in Tent	1
Refueler Truck Fire	1
Fire MABS 12 Billeting Area	1
Aircraft Battle Damage Crash	1
Aircraft Towed Clear of the Runway by Crash Vehicles	14

g. The catapult remained inoperative during the reporting period because of the move to the crosswind runway (03-21). The first stages of the catapult installation began on 14 September 1966, with the staging of deck sheaves and guide rail at the site. On 19 September 1966, the Seabees completed the installation of the guide rail (1978.5') and members of Launch and Recovery installed number three and four deck sheaves. All the major components of the power plant have been disassembled and are being reassembled on the crosswind runway.

h. During the month of September 1966, the Air Freight section handled the following traffic:

18,505	Passengers
6,079,915	Pounds of Cargo
657	Aircraft
632,956	Pounds of Mail

3. Base Services

a. Ordnance

(1) During the month of September more than 5,243 tons of Class V(A) munitions were delivered via nine LST shipments and two air shipments.

(2) At approximately 0345 on 8 September, an explosion occurred in the Class V(A) ammo dump. Shrapnel turned over to the Explosive Ordnance Team was identified as a friendly

155mm projectile.

(3) On 30 September, the MAG 13 Ordnance Section was joined with the MAG 12 Ordnance Section. Preparations were begun for joint operations.

- (4) The following munition were expended during the month:
- (a) 226 pods of rockets
 - (b) 46,645 rounds of 20mm
 - (c) 40,810 gallons of napalm
 - (d) 700 bottles of JATO
 - (e) 2200.5 tons of bombs

b. Utilities

(1) The MAG 12 conference room is 90% complete. The sentry dog handlers' huts are 80% complete.

(2) The shortage of generators remains critical.

(3) The MAG 12 laundry processed 52,670 lbs of laundry during the month. Recently the laundry has been operating at 75% of its normal output due to the loss of one of the laundries' two washing machines.

(4) 1,698,000 gallons of water were pumped during the month.

(5) Shortage of personnel continues to hamper work progress in all parts of the section.

c. TAFDS

(1) A new type pressure nozzle was put into use at all refueling farms. This nozzle is equipped with a manual cutoff valve.

(2) 3,100,217 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel were dispensed during the month.

d. EOD

(1) Following the mortar attack on the Chu Lai Air Field on the 21st of September, the EOD team recovered two dud 82mm HE rounds located in the runway and found an additional 25 points of impact. Later the same day the team went out with a patrol to the suspected gun position and recovered two misfired and two unfired 82mm HE rounds.

e. LOX

(1) During the period, 11,410 gallons of LOX and 105,000 cubic feet of gaseous oxygen were produced.