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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

1 JULY 1965 THROUGH 31 AUGUST 1965

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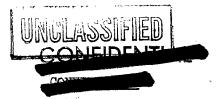
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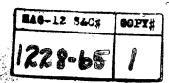
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Marine Aircraft Group 12 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Fleet Marine Force, Pacific FPO San Francisco 96601





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Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Tos

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Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1A

Encl: Command Chronology

- 1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
- Narrative Summary of Significant Events. 2.

Personnel.

- (1) There were eight casualties to MAG-12 personnel during this period. Gunnery Sergeant John F. DINGWALL 401266/6611 USMC and Staff Sergeant Richard C. BRAM 1373336/6615 USMC, members of VMA-225, were reported to have been captured by the Viet Cong and subsequently killed and buried on 8 July 1965 approximately seven kilometers from Chu Lai Airfield. A search of the area by a patrol from the 4th Marines failed to provide any additional information concerning their whereabouts. Organized search activities were terminated on 11 July 1965. Present status of these men is missing, not chargeable.
- (2) Three Marines assigned to Marine Air Base Squadron 12 were killed on 25 August 1965 as a result of the crash of a Marine C-130 aircraft while taking off from the airport at Hong Kong. The names of the deceased men were as follows:

2052192/6461 LCpl H. J. BRAZEN 2022257/2851

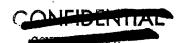
LCpl R. L. RUNKEL

LCpl W. K. SHOUP 1877730/3516

(3) Three MAG-12 personnel were injured as a result of an aircraft fire in the hot refueling pits on 9 July 1965. Captain William R. CORRELL Jr. 069743/7333 VMA-214; Corporal Angelo (n) LEMME 1512760/6412 VMA-225 and Larce Corporal R. A. PAUL 2026931/6/12 VMA-225. Captain CORRELL and were evacuated to CONUS. isimaw sec no.

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Morale within the Group remained high throughout this period.

Notice the provide limited facilities for lounges. Furnishings were improvised from material in the area. Tables were made by putting the ends of the shipping containers for napalm tanks on top of the metal crates used to ship fins for 250 pound bombs.

(5) The recreational program at Chu Lai Airfield officially began on 1 July with the opening of a special services gear issue tent which was centrally located on the MAG-12 beach. Hours of operation for this facility were established between 0700 and 1900 daily. Primary emphasis was placed on all water sports and the majority of the equipment ordered and used during the period reflected this emphasis. In addition to this facility, a nightly movie was provided for all hands.

During August, a MAG-12 skin diving club was established and equipment for same was placed on order. Present membership in the club stands at 25 and interest in the program is very high.

During the period, over 1500 paper back books and numerous games were distributed to the individual squadrons. Volleyball nets were installed on the beach and a speed boat for water skiing was procured. Individual equipment, such as swim suits and athletic shorts have been in high demand, and over 600 have been distributed.

Present plans call for the establishment of a centralized recreation area, consisting of recreation and reading rooms, refreshments, weight-lifting, hobby shops and game rooms. Lack of suitable and appropriate equipment for the Chu Lai area still remains a problem.

b. Intelligence/Counterintelligence.

- (1) Intelligence information throughout this period was primarily gained from sources external to MAG-12. This information was maintained current at Group level for all tactical squadrons through tactical briefings and debriefings. The VC Military Order of Battle published by Headquarters MACV proved to be an excellent, comprehensive Vc Order of Battle.
- (2) Ground fire reported by MAG-12 pilots was light to moderate in intensity throughout this period. Twenty-four pilots reported receipt of ground fire with four aircraft receiving hits.
- (3) The initial intelligence briefing for Operation "Starlight" was held on 17 August 1965 by the 7th Marines. The Group S-2 section held briefings on subsequent action as the intelligence was developed during the operation.
- (4) The counterintelligence team assigned to MAG-12 was active during this period conducting security inspections throughout the Group. All discrepancies noted were brought to the attention of the commands and sections concerned and immediate corrective action initiated.

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Operations.

Combined operations of VMA-214, 225 and 311 produced a total of T610 combat sorties in July and 1656 in August with an average on hand availability of 76% and 79% respectively. Ordnance expenditure averaged approximately 1000 tons per month and was expended conservatively due to the sporadic resupply. A major operational problem throughout this period was the lack of adequate on hand stocks of Class V(A) to permit optimum selectivity for assigned targets. Shortages of napalm, rockets and 20MM tracer ammunition was most acute. Highlight of the period was MAG-12 participation in Operation "Starlight". Although no spectacular results were achieved, this integrated air-ground, all Marine operation provided a significant boost in morale for pilots and ground crews alike as news of the success of RLT-7 was spread by returning aircraft and intelligence summaries. Some significant achievements for the period included development of tactics to dispense psychological warfare leaflets from the MK-12 Smoke Tank, use of electrically VT fused bombs and the CBU-2 bomblet dispenser in attacks against VC positions. Considerable emphasis was placed on improved coordination between MAG-12 support of helicopter operations, command and control in all phases of air support, and concentrated work with TPQ-10 Air Support Radar Teams at Chu Lai and Pleiku. Chu Lai Airfield underwent major repair as the northern 4.250 feet of AM-2 matting was removed and the runway grading and surfacing was improved. Operations continued at pear normal rate for the six weeks of repair by employing JATO for take-off and arresting all landings with M-2 Arresting Gear. No significant accidents or incidents occurred during this period. Training emphasis was placed primarily on ground defense and related tactics. For a detailed summary of operational statistics, see Supporting Document 1, Chu Lai Operations Summary for 1 - 31 July 65, and Supporting Document 2, Chu Lai Operations Summary for 1 - 31 August 65.

d. Logistics.

- (1) Runway and taxiway repair, camp construction improvements, and airbase maintenance required continuous command attention throughout this entire period. The rehabilitating of the laterite fill under the matting of the northern half of the runway was completed during this period. Construction of an area for a fourth VMA squadron was begun adjacent to the southern section of the parallel taxiway along with a TAFDS refueling area.
- (2) Tactical squadrons and H&MS-12 relocated their flight line maintenance areas in accordance with their assigned permanent areas. The squadrons and H&MS' "Butler" buildings were erected by MCB-10 and turned over to their respective users, providing a major improvement in aircraft maintenance facilities for all weather and night work.
- (3) Dual aircraft revetments were completed for all on board aircraft utilizing sand filled 55 gal drums.

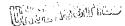








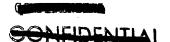




- (4) Improvement of the base camp continued during this period, but was limited by the availability of manpower and materials.
- (5) Supply installations at Chu Lai were continually improved. However, the flow of supplies was hampered early in the period by the many transfer points through which MAG-12 supplies must be routed. The assignment of a MAG-12 supply liaison man at Futema and DaNang to accelerate the movement of high priority items earmarked for MAG-12 helped to alleviate this problem. Shortages of replacement Constant Speed Drives for the A4E aircraft was the major cause of AOCP's within the Group. Supply support from FLSU-1 continued to increase throughout this period.
- (6) Replacement parts for the Cerlist vehicle remained the major problem of the Motor Transport Section. Authorization for limited cannibalization helped somewhat in this area, but the problem remained throughout the period. During this period the MT section received valuable training and assistance provided by a contact team from FMFPAC.
- (7) Class V(A) support throughout the period was sporadic and left a great deal to be desired. This problem received continuous command attention and involved shortages in overall inventories, shipping delays and inadequate unloading facilities here at Chu Lai. The Ordnance storing and handling facilities at MAG-12 continued to improve throughout this period.
- (8) Budget estimates for Project 40, 59 and 01 were submitted during this period.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

A. UNIT DESIGNATION AND LOCATION.

Marine Aircraft Group 12, FMFPAC, Chu Lai Airfield, Republic of Vietnam

B. PERIOD COVERED.

1 July 1965 to 31 August 1965

C. TASK ORGANIZATION.

None

D. COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF.

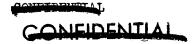
J.	\mathbb{D}_{ullet}	NOBLE	Colonel	UŞMC	Commanding Officer
W.	₿.	HIGGINS	LtColonel	USMC	Executive Officer
D.	W.	JESSEN	Captain	USMC	Adjutant (4 Aug 1965)
R.	L.	CRANE	lstĻt	USMC	Adjutant
J.	Λ .	WHITMER	Majo r	USMC	S-1 (9 Aug 1965)
\mathbf{F}_{ullet}	H_{\bullet}	WHITTON	Captain	USMC	S -1
F.	H_{ullet}	BERRY	Captain	USMC	S-2
Đ.	R_{\bullet}	HARRIS JR.	_ LtColonel	USMC	-S - ∑
J.	\mathbf{W}_{\bullet}	HARR IS	LtColonel —	USMC	S- 4
R.	W.	BAKER	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-225
\mathbf{B}_{ullet}	J.	STENDER	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-311
K.	,	O'KEEFE	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-214
Α.		WILSON	LtColonel	USMC	CO, MABS-12
J.	W.	KIRKLAND	LtColonel	USMC	CO, H&MS-12

E. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

July

Officers	<u>Enlisted</u>	Navy Officers	Navy Enlisted
151	1226	4	19
August			
Officers	Enlisted	Navy Officers	Navy Enlisted
153	1262	7	19

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PART II

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 July 1965

Squadron maintenance sections commenced moving from their temporary locations at the north end of the taxiway to the designated semi-permanent positions along the taxiway. The move was made without reduction of flight operations and was accomplished by "leap frogging" the units, with the H&MS-12 maintenance area providing continuous support. All squadrons were able to function continuously during the movement.

Supply areas were consolidated and a warehouse inventory commenced.

Overhead spotlights were incorporated in the Motor Transport area to allow for night maintenance.

Inventory of the Ordnance dump completed. A discrepancy existed between the amount of Class V(A) received and that requisitioned as "Storm" mount out: MAG-12 ltr 4:PFM:drd over 8000 Ser 004A18765 presented this information to CG FMAW and recommended changes to mount out allowances.

All end of FY65 accounts were closed out. Funding for new fiscal year budget requested.

The second M-2 Arresting Gear was received from MWSG-17, Iwakuni.

CG FMFPAC, LtGen KRULAK, CG III MAF, MajGen WALT and CG FMAW, BGen MC CUTCHEON visited Chu Lai. Briefing was conducted by the Group Commander.

One thousandth arrested landing was made at Chu Lai.

3 July 1965

The eroding of the taxiway shoulders by jet blast from aircraft leaving the parking area was noted. Despite stabilizing along the edge of the shoulders, the sand at the taxiway edge is being rapidly blown away. It was further noted that when a SATS is placed on sand instead of solid earth, stabilization must be carried a considerable distance beyond the areas subject to jet blast. When the topmost layer is carried away, tunneling under the matted area results from the free-flowing property of sand.

BGen SIMLER, USAF J-3, COMUSMACV visited Chu Lai and was briefed by the CO MAG-12.

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MONTH HEIDEN

4 July 1965

The second M-2 Arresting Gear became operational at the 1500 foot marker on the south end of the runway. The primary M-2 Arresting Gear remained operational at midfield.

The M35Al 6X6 vehicle has proven to be a most effective vehicle in the SATS environment, especially for transporting ordnance over rough terrain.

ADC, 3rdMarDiv, BGen KARCH visited Chu Lai.

5 July 1965

Cerlist vehicles deadlined is now 32% of total in MAG-12. Discussion of vehicle status is shown in Supporting Document 3, Cerlist Vehicles.

First night launch made at Chu Lai in support of Ba Gia Battle.

6 July 1965

Twenty-eight aircraft revetments completed. Each revetment is composed of 108 sand-filled 55-gallon drums, tiered three high, tack welded and banded horizontally and vertically to provide maximum support. This is "best available" protection for aircraft in an expeditionary environment. See Supporting Document 4, Photo #1.

I Corps ASOC, DaNang, complimented the accuracy of night ordnance delivery at Ba Gia.

7 July 1965

Group Supply warehouse inventory completed. All material possible was placed under cover. Dexion material and plywood was used to make bins and partitions within the warehouse.

The Group Supply Shipping and Receiving Section is functional and working closely with Base Operations Air Freight. Shipping and Receiving is responsible for coordination of both sea and air freight arrivals and departures. This section must be organized at the beginning of an expeditionary effort to insure smooth flowing supply support.

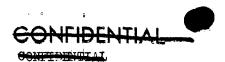
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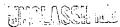
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Commenced aircraft washing system. Water requirements received from well dug in HAMS-12 maintenance area.

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GySgt John DINGWALL and SSgt Richard BRAM, VMA-225, were reported to have been captured and subsequently killed by a Viet Cong patrol. Both men were in an off duty status.

9 July 1965

A jet engine, high power turn-up area was constructed at the end of the south taxiway. In this sandy environment, a need exists for a portable blast fence that can be moved on taxiway or runway matting to prevent soil erosion.

Project 08 Funds have been requested to bring supply stores up to 90 day levels. This is considered minimum stock support in view of limited transportation available to Chu Lai.

Captain W. R. CORRELL, VMA-214, received serious burns while his aircraft was being refueled. A broken hose line sprayed fuel that ignited in the cockpit area, Cpl LEMME and LCpl PAUL were injured in the same accident.

CG III MAF, MajGen WALT visited Chu Lai.

10 July 1965

Resupply of Class V(A) arrived by LST.

A second HT-1A LOX plant arrived to supplement the liquid oxygen farm.

Correspondence was initiated to seek relief for the following shortages:

- a. One additional MELA refueler, with M52 tractor.
- b. Additional personnel to drive Ordnance vehicles.
- c. Additional personnel to operate second LOX plant.

11 July 1965

Airfield construction at a virtual standstill due to the MCB-10 equipment failure rate. An analysis was made in MAG-12 ltr 4:JWH:drd over 11130 Ser 04A19465 to CG FMAW.

Beach illumination system successfully tested in ground defense drill.

12 July 1965

Camp improvement as of this date shows the Command Bunker completed, defensive watch towers and beach lighting system under construction, constant attention being given to the MSR road network.

Runway and taxiway completely opened. See Supporting Document 5, Photo #2.





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13 July 1965

MAG-12 ltr 4:JWH:drd over 4700 Ser 004A19465 forwarded to CG FMAW stating requirements and necessary Class IV items for enclosing the airfield with a double apron fence.

14 July 1965

Ground defense drill held.

15 July 1965

A dust proof parachute drying and rigging tent was erected.

Taxiway M9M1 matting replaced by M9M2. The M9M2 matting has proven to be very slick when wet. Constant vigilance by pilots and vehicle operators during inclement weather conditions is mandatory.

16 July 1965

All Avionic vans have been painted white to reflect the sun's rays. Very satisfactory procedure and is recommended wherever extreme heat and humidity limits are reached.

Group Supply has sent a liaison SNCO to DaNang AB to insure smooth flow of needed materials.

Cerlist vehicles deadline continues to spiral to 44% of total equipment. Controlled cannibalization backed by immediate requisitioning of parts has kept the rolling stock up to acceptable limits. Constant and conscientious maintenance procedures are mandatory.

17 July 1965

Reviewed Project 40 Budgets submitted to FMAW Comptroller.

Opened Staff NCO Lounge.

18 July 1965

Food service received a number of days of fresh meat, eggs and fruit.

Two MOREST pads completed in anticipation of runway repairs to commence 26 July.

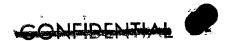
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Adm SHARP and party visited Chu Lai.

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Secretary of Pefense Mc NAMARA and party visited Chu Lai.

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21 July 1965

The maintenance float system for Section "M" supplies inaugurated by CG FMAW is admirably suited for an expeditionary environment.

The LST carrying Class V(A) supplies completed off-loading.

MajGen WADE, BGen MC CUTCHEON visited Chu Lai.

22 July 1965

Ass't Secretary of Defense SHERIDAN and party visited Chu Lai.

23 July 1965

Marine Corps Exchange opened at Chu Lai.

Project 40 Budget (Revised) with justification completed and forwarded to CG, FMAW. This budget should provide a reasonable basis for SATS installation funding in the future.

26 July 1965

One half of runway closed for restabilization. See Supporting Document 6, Photo #3. All take-offs are JATO, all landings MCREST.

Replacement Praft arrived.

BGen CARL visited Chu Lai.

31 July 1965

MABS Motor Transport Section assumed responsibility for 2nd and 3rd echelon maintenance for MACS-9 and MASS-2 vehicles and heavy equipment.

2 August 1965

Messhall prepares and serves three hot meals per day.

4 August 1965

Failure of 5 Lycoming Constant Speed Drives limits VMA-311 to 15 usable aircraft.

5 August 1965

Number 2 LOX plant down in MABS. Necessary to fly in 1,000 gallons of LOX from Cubi Pt.

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6 August 1965

Adm JOHNSON and party visited Chu Lai.

First aircraft maintenance hangar construction started. When erected it will allow 24 hour maintenance effort.

10 August 1965

Ass't U. S. Ambassador A. JOHNSON, General WESTMORELAND and party of 40 visited Chu Lai.

11 August 1965

LST Ammunition Ship 100% off-loaded.

RAdm HULL and party visited Chu Lai.

12 August 1965

5200' of runway completed. See Supporting Document 7, Photo #4.

Two SATS weapons loaders received.

14 August 1965

Started moving center field tank farm for TAFTS to new location beside taxiway.

Two rough terrain 8000 pound ordnance trailers received.

Foundation poured for H&MS-12 maintenance hangar.

16 August 1965

Class $V(\Lambda)$ starting to be flown in by C-130.

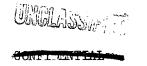
Necessary documents and instructions for electric fuzing of bombs arrived.

18 August 1965

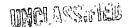
Operation "Starlight" commenced.

19 August 1965

LtGen KRULAK and party visited Chu Lai.







21 August 1965

General WESTMORELAND, General THI and MajGen WALT and party visited Chu Lai.

Hangar in VMA-225 area erected.

22 August 1965

Operation "Starlight" complete.

7000' of usable runway available. See Supporting Document 8, Photo #5.

23 August 1965

General REID and party visited Chu Lai.

All existing Class V(A) bunkers have been refurbished.

Two rough terrain flat bed 8000 pound ordnance trailers have arrived.

24 August 1965

Repairs to the north end of the taxiway commenced. The first 700' of this taxiway will be removed, foundation regraded, and marting relayed. See Supporting Document 9, Photo #6.

Hangar in VMA-311 area started.

31 August 1965

Photo Lab construction started.

Generator problems. 4 75 KW's inoperative. Overage and lack of spare parts. 100 KW generator requested by S-4 from FMAW.

MATCU-67 handled 9387 air operations and 297 GCA's.

During the month of Ausst this command expended 1,444,680 gallons of JP-4 and dispensed a total ~ 119,713 gallons of AvGas.







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PART III

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- √1. Chu Lai Operations Summary 1 31 July 1965
- √2. Chu Lai Operations Summary 1 31 August 1965
- √3. Cerlist Vehicle Data
- 14. Photo #1 of Chu Lai Airfield
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- √10. MAG-12 Air Summary 301601Z to 041600Z Jul 65
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- √20. MAG-12 msg 080010Z Sep 65 Correction to MAG-12 Air Summaries DTG 300050Z Aug 65 (c) and 060450Z Sep 65 (c)
- 21. MAG-12 Aircraft Status Report for July 1965
- √22. MAG-12 Aircraft Status Report for August 1965

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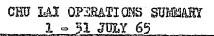




- 23. Aircraft Vulnerability Report #2 of 5 July 55
- √24. Aircraft Vulnerability Report #002 of 10 August 65
- √25. Aircraft Vulnerability Report #2 of 25 August 65
- √26. Aircraft Vulnerability Report #003 of 30 August 1965
 - J27. Statistical Information
 - 28. Heavy Equipment Data
 - 29. Liquid Oxygen Data

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	TOTALS
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ABOARD AVERAGE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD COVERED AVERAGE AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR ANY GIVEN DAY AVERAGE AIRCRAFT ON BOARD FOR THE PERIOD COVERED	55 76% 76% 55
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FLICHT HOURS BY SQUADRONS VMA-311 VMA-225 VMA-214 SORTIES BY SQUADRON VMA-311	897°5 927°9 703°4 573
VMA=214	573 595 499
Total Missions Combat Total Missions Other Total all Missions	481 40 521
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TOTAL HOURS COMBAT TOTAL HOURS OTHER TOTAL HOURS	2458 71 2529
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ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TARGETS (TOTAL) MK-79 MK-81 MK-82 MK-83 MK-84 MK-84 WK-12 2.75 (AERO 7D) ZUNI (LAU 10) HI DRAG (250# GP)	34 2653 1031 19 26 2 1590 0
BULLPUP 20MM	44 72 ₀ 325

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CHU LAI OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1 - 31 JULY 65

	TOTALS
ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TARGETS (TONS)	
MK-79 MK-81 MK-82 MK-83 MK-84 MK-82 MK-812 2.75 (AFRO 7D)	17.0 332.0 213.0 9.5 30.0 8.0 16.0
ZUNI (LAU 10) HJ DRAG (250# GP) EULLPUP 20MM	0.0 53.0 16.0 22.0
DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS STRUCTURES DESTROYED STRUCTURES DAMAGED VC BUNKERS & TRENCHES DESTROYED SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS KBA'S POSSIBLE BOATS DESTROYED VC CONCENTRATIONS ATTACKED 2½ TON TRUCK DESTROYED ANIMALS DESTROYED (PACK) FOXHOLES DAMAGED CAVES DESTROYED GUN EMPLACEMENT DESTROYED	767 189 17 13 161 12 76 1 56 21 2
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CINI LAI OPERATIONS SUMMARY 1 - 31 AUGUST 65

	TOTALS
ORDINANCE EXPENDED ON TARCETS (TONS)	
MK-79 MK-81 MK-82	42.5 352.5 662.8
MK-83 MK-84	0.0 : 1.0
MK-12 2.75 (A-MO 7D) ZUNI (LAU 10)	3.5 4.5 0.4
MI DRAG (250 [#] GP) BULLPUP	0 .0 Q.Q
20MM Ceu	24.5 2.0
DAPIAGE ASSESSMENTS	See!
STRUCTURES DESTROYED STRUCTURES DAMAGED BRIDGES DESTROYED	585 177 1
VC BUNKERS & TRENCHES DESTROYED VC BUNKERS & TRENCHES DAMAGED	8 3
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RBA'S (POSSIBLE) BOATS DAMAGED	11 54 10
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During the month of July the three MAG-12 squadrons flew 1610 sorties. I Corps support included 580 Interdiction, h Airborns Alert and 26 Close Air Support sorties. II Corps was supported by 106 Interdiction sorties.

Inrine ground forces utilized the Skyhawke to their best advantage with 56 Close Air Support, hh Helo Escort, h6 Helo Combat Air Patrol and hh Landing Zone Preparation scrties.

Utilization of electronic bombing techniques were increased with 102 TPQ-10 sorties being flown.

Numerous ground offensives by ARVN forces demanded increased support from NAG-12. Skyhatks flew 331 Helo Escort, 183 Helo Combat Air Patrols, 75 Landing Zone Preparation and & Convoy Escort sorties were flows.

Search and attack missions in the Happy Valley area attributed 10 more serties and 13 smoke laying sorties were flown in support of advancing ground forces

the tempo increased during the month of August for MAG-12 with aircraft flying 1656 sorties. I Corps support included 481 Interdiction and 20 Close Air Support sorties. II Corps was supported by 122 Interdiction sorties.

Operation STARLIGHT attributed an increase in sorties flown for marine ground forces. Overall totals for the month included 123 Close Air Support, 78 Helo Escort, 36 Helo Combat Air Patrols, 20 Landing Zone Preparation, 30 Landing Zone Combat Air Patrols and he smoke laying sorties. Round the clock Airborne Alert sorties during Operation STARLIGHT accounted for 129 additional sorties.

Drawing deeper into the monsoon season, ARVN forces utilized the Skyhauks for 126 Helo Escort, 47 Helo Combat Air Patrols, 39 Landing Zone Combat Air Patrols and 100 Landing Zone Preparation sorties.

Electronic bombing techinques were greatly increased with 295 TPQ-10 sorties flown on an around the clock basis. Additionally, 4 Search and attack sorties were flown in the Happy Valley area.



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CERLIST VEHICLES

- 1. Since deployment to Chu Lai, MAG-12 has had consistent and recurring problems with the Cerlist vehicles. Situated as the Group is in an expeditionary environment dependent upon its own motor transport for mobility and support, the deadlining of any vehicle for any period of time degrades the combat readiness of the Group. The continuing problem of Cerlist deadline for the same parts, and the lack of these parts in the supply system is therefore viewed with increasing concern. It is anticipated that with the coming of the monsoon season, the situation can be expected to get worse due to the deterioration of the road surfaces and deep mud.
- 2. A breakdown of Cerlist vehicle availability over the months of July and August show an average of 33 0/H; 6 DL for 2nd echelon; 9 DL for 3rd echelon, with average availability of 15. Deadline percent for July and August was 46%.
- 3. An increase in 3rd echelon repair (80%) during the months of July and August should be noted. All indications are that this will show an increase during the month of September, despite selective and controlled cannibalization of DL vehicles, and prompt supply requisitioning.
- 4. A list of high usage replacement items over the previously mentioned two month period follows:

a.	Nomenclature	Stock Number	Qty
	Transmission	IY-2520-962-3014	6
	Starter	9A -2 920-962-3005	6
	Hub, Cutlass	IY -253 0 - 962-3667	9
	Pump, Injector	IY -2 9 1 0 - 96 2- 2975	4
	Line, Fuel	IY -2 910 - 962 -2 977	5
	Ferrule	65909/935331	5

- (1) It should be noted that these are not all the items affecting the Cerlist deadline, but only those constituting excessive usage for a sixty day period.
- 4. For purposes of contrast, it should be noted that the M38Al Jeep has received just as hard if not harder usage than the Cerlist vehicle, and yet only has a 9% deadline.

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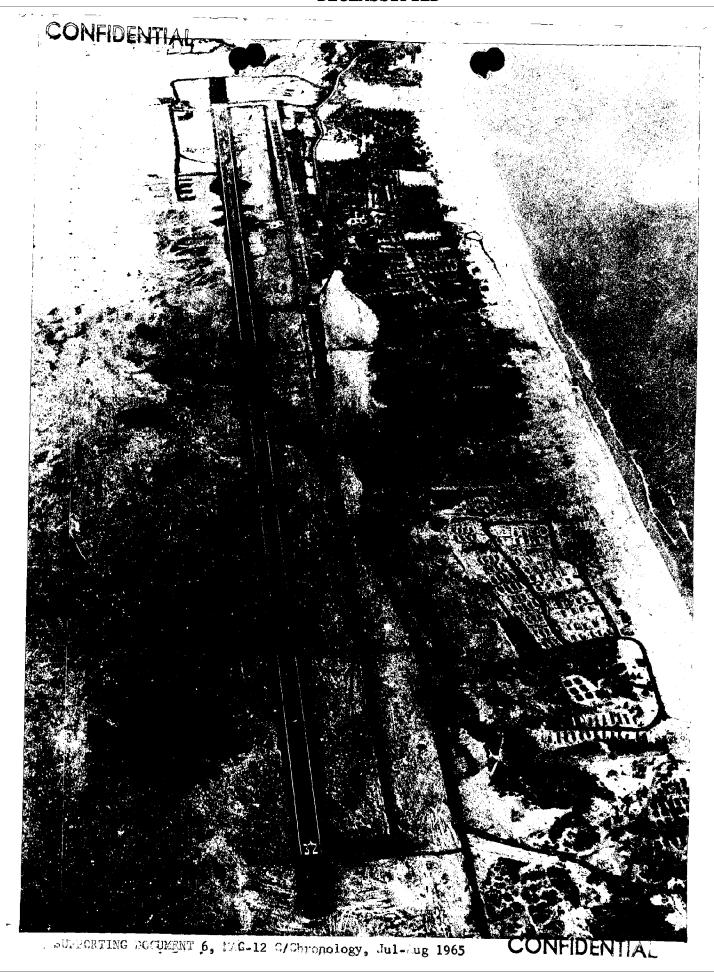
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2. AIFA 53/LL, BRAVO 90/90, CHARLIE 52/39 SKYHAWK 89/89,
DELTA 218/3/311, ECHO 21L/1116/9L/0, JULIET 102/15/0, KILO
8/0/0, LIMA 13/0, KRAY 78 ST_UCTURES DESTROYED, 10 DAMAGED,
11 ANIMALS KILLED AND 25 CONFLICTED KIA, ALL MISSIONS IN SUPPORT
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1. AIR SUMMARY OLIGOIZ TO 111600Z VWA-21L, VWA-225, VWA-311 CHU LAI, RVW.
2. AIFA 53/L3, BRAVO 75/75, CHARLIE 53/L1 SKYHAVK 73/73, DELTA 38L/3/606, ECHO 371/1870/212/15, JULIET 19L/2/O, LIMA 22/O, XRAY 517 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 13L DAMAGED, 22 LEFT BURNING, 7 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 1 SAMPAN DESTROYED. MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPFORT OF I CORFS, II CORFS, LTH MARINES AND MAG-16.

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/s/ D. R. HARIS JR. LICOL., USING S-3, MG-12 DRAFTING AND RELEASING OFFICER

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A. NVIP-10-1(A), ARTICLE 112

1. AIR SUIMARY 11601Z TO 181600Z VIA-271, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI, RVN.
2. AIFA 56/14, BRAVO 88/88, CHARLIE 56/15 SKYHAWR 87/87, DELTA 365/8/523,
ECHO 316/1126/208/8, JULIET 175/0/0, KTIO 0/388/0, LIMA 12/0, KRAY 1 KIA;
51, STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 7 DAMAGED, 6 LEFT BURNING; 9 SAMPANS DESTROYED,
3 DAMAGED; 6 BUNKERS DESTROYED; 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS; 20 VATER BUFFALO DESTROYED.

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1. AIR SUTMARY 181601Z TO 251600Z VMA-211, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI,RVN.

2. AIFA 55/12, BRAVO 87/86, CHARLIE 55/35 SKIHAWK 87/86, DELTA 396/1/639, ECHO 391/1071/270/12, JULIET 252/0/0, KIIO 36/822/0, LIMA 13/0, XRAY 66

STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 22 DAMAGED, 6 LEFT BURNING; 1 TRENCH LINE DESTROYED;

57 KIA; 2 CAVES DESTROYED; 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED; 25 WATER BUFFAIO DESTROYED;

YANKEE 12 MK-12 EXPENDED, 7 SMOKE LAYING RUNS MADE.

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A. MIP 10-(A), ARTICLE 142

1. AIR SUMMARY 251601Z TO 311600Z VMA-214, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI, RVM.
2. AIFA 55/10; BRAVO 91/93; CHARLIE 56/31 SKY HAWK 91/94; DELTA 309/2/164;
ECHO 292/958/183/0; JULIET 175/0/0; KILO 0/380/0; LIMA 13/0; KRAY 52
STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 16 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 78 KIA, 2 SAMPANS DAMAGED,
1 21 TON TRUCK DESTROYED, 14 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 1 GUN EMPLACEMENT
DESTROYED, 21 FOXHOLES DAMAGED, 7 TRENCH LINES DAMAGED; YANKEE 6 MK-12'S EXPENDED, & SHOKE LAYING SORTIES.

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1. AIR SUMMARY 011601Z TO 081600Z VMA-211, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU IAI, RVM.

2. AIFA 58/15; BRAVO 98/97; CHARLIE 57/17 SKYHAWK 99/98; DELTA 285/0/396;
ECHO 270/1300/121/0; JULIET 153/0/0; KILO 0/32/0; LIMA 13/0; KRAY 102

STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 16 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 5 KIAUS, 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS,

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2. AIFA 58/M4; BRAVO 83/81; CHARLIE 57/M7 SKYHAWK 77/73; DELTA MOZ/3/551; ECHO 368/1366/192/29; JULIET 192/8/0; KILO 0/184/0; LIMA 12/0; KRAY 122
STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 26 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 5 STRUCTURES IEFT BURNING, 1 BRIDGE DESTROYED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 2 KIA'S, 2 WATER BUFFALO DES-TROYED, YANKEE 780 JATO BOTTLES EXPENDED, 6 CBU EXPENDED ON & SORTIES.

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1. AIR SUMMARY 151600Z TO 221600Z VMA-211, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI, RVN.
2. AIFA 57/11; BRAVO 76/69; CHARLIE 56/11 SKYHAVK 72/72; DELTA 369/0/609; ECHO 357/1328/221/63; JULIET 253/35/0; KILO 0/58/0; LIMA 16/0; KRAY 132
STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 10 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 10 BOATS DAMAGED, 5 KIA, 3 TRENCH LINE FILLED IN, 1 105mm HOWITZER DESTROYED, 1 105mm HOWITZER DAMAGED, 1 BUNKER DESTROYED; YANKEE 754 JATO BOTTLES EXPENDED.

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1. ATR SUMMARY 221601Z TO 291600Z VMA-211, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI, HVM.
2. AIFA 56/LL, BRAVO 83/81; CHARLIE 56/LL SKYHAWK 89/89; DELTA 450/5/63L;
ECHO 117/1155/221/LL; JULIET 300/0/0; KILO 0/228/0; LIMA 15/0; KRAY 162
STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 13 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 3 HUTS DESTROYED, 14 SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS, 12 KIA'S, 1 TRENCH LINE DAMAGED, 6 WATER BUFFALO DESTROYED, 1
ORCHARD DESTROYED, 6 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 2 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 10 STRUCTURES
LEFT BURNING, 2 FIRES STARTED.

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/S/ D. R. HARRIS JR.
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2. ALFA 57/13; BTAVO 93/93; CHARLIE 57/11; SKYHAVK 93/93; DELTA 11.7/1/198; ECHO 11.2/573/75/12; JULIET 51/0/0; LIMA 7/0; ERAY 68 STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

1.2 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF TRENCHES AND FOXHOLES DESTROYED.

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/s/ D. R. HAPPIS JR.
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AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY REPORT

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^{*} BASE STATUS CODE:

Enter the one number each day, from the list below, which best describes the flight operations of naval combat aircraft from this base this day:

- 1. Conducting offensive air operations, or defense against actual of expected heavy attack. 2. Conducting only routine defensive air operations and non-combat flights.
- 3. Conducting only non-combat flights.
- 4. No. flight operations weather
 5. " base damaged.
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- cruising, non-duty. - in port.

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any planes in flight.

NOTES:

Carriers include all planes on board except those aboard for transport only. Shore bases include only combat models assigned to squadrons and detachments listed at top of sheet. See fullinstructions. "Available" means, for combat models, able to perform a normal combat mission and for non-combat models,

able to fly; inability of base to launch or land aircraft will not reduce availability, but should be noted below. Include as "On Board" and "Available"

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CAUSING IT. EXTENT. EFFECT. MEASURES TO EXTINGUISH, FINAL RESULT

N/A

IF DAMAGE OR INJURY AFFECTED FLIGHT OR LANDING, GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONTINUED FLIGHT, INCLUDING ANY AGGRAVATION OF DAMAGE ON LANDING

N/A

NAME AND RANK OF PILOT Thomas Gerard DAHONEY, 1stLt

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E. BROWN, Capt.

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Fill out for each naval aircraft hit while in flight by own or enemy aircraft or anti-aircraft fire, or by any rocket or missile fire or bomb blast.

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II. DESCRIPTION OF HITS. (Use one line for each hit or group thereof differing substantially in location or direction.)

TYPE OF PROJECTILE INFLICTION FROM WHICH OR FRAGE HITS CAME (Use clock (Note seguence of penetrations, and what stopped the hit)

INFLICTING HITS ONE (Use clock MENTS system, e.g. 5 above)

A Approx..30Cal D 12 Below Center right wing, slightly inboard of ordance station. Wing waffles and side stopped bullet.

HIT COMPONENTS AFFECTED, OR PERSONNEL INJURED, EACH HIT (List vital items hit, and positions of personnel hit)

Wing fuel cell ruptured.

Pilot not injured.

Pilot not injured.

IF FIRE BROKE OUT, GIVE NO. OF HIT CAUSING IT, EXTENT, EFFECT, MEASURES TO EXTINGUISH, FINAL RESULT

IF DAMAGE OR INJURY AFFECTED FLIGHT OR LANDING, GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES

OF CONTINUED FLIGHT, INCLUDING ANY AGGRAVATION OF DAMAGE ON LANDING LOST fuel from wing cell

NAME AND RANK OF PILOT COMBS, L. D. CAPT

CO-PILOT, IF ANY N/A

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1. IDENTIFICATION		by own or ene	my airc	val aircraft hit while in flight raft or anti-aircraft fire, or sile fire or bomb blast.	REPORT NO.	DEGREE OF DAMAGE (Check One
DATE OF HIT MODEL	BUREAU	NO. SQUADRON HIT	B 4/4_	AIR ATTACK REPORT NO.	PART VI LINE NO.	L D1 D2 D3
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TYPE OF PROJECTILE INFLICTING HITS		DIRECTION FROM WHICH HITS CAME (Use clock system, e.g. 5 above)		POINTS OF ENTRY, AND SUBSEQUENT (Note sequence of penetrations, and		
Bomb, HED	D	one o clock	bomb	fell through stbd. wing	at Sta.(X)	
ı <u> </u>		slightly high	127.	000 (CANT) tearing of out	er portion	of
;			wing	. Bomb had not traveled	far enough	to arm
,				r to striking A/C.		
II. EFFECT OF HITS (Ic	dentify by	hit numbers in II)				
		RSONNEL INJURED, EACH		EXTENT AND EFFECT OF DAMAGE TO EACH VITAL COMPONENT OR PERS	OR INJURY SON AFFECTED	MAJOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT REQUIRED
Stbd. wing, sl	at and	l aileron damage	d	Stbd. wing torn off from	MR	
by bomb.				127.000 (CANT) outboard.		
				Stbd. slat torn and buck	Led.	R
				Stbd. aileron buckled and		R

CAUSING IT, EXTENT, EFFECT, MEASURES TO EXTINGUISH, FINAL RESULT

No Fire

IF DAMAGE OR INJURY AFFECTED FLIGHT OR LANDING, GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONTINUED FLIGHT, INCLUDING ANY AGGRAVATION OF DAMAGE ON LANDING

A/C damage limited further flight under normal conditions and required careful and skilled handling by pilot in flight and during landing phase.

STOCKING, 1stLt, USMC

ANY FURTHER, INFORMATION RELATIVE TO VULNERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT, PROTECTION OF CREW, OR RECOMMENDATIONS THEREON, SHOULD BE GIVEN IN NARRATIVE FORM BELOW:

A/C was struck by MK82 bomb ejected by wingman who was in a turn at time of release. Flight was under instrument conditions.

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Asst. Operations Officer

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AIRCRAFT VULNERABILITY REPORT

<u> 11</u>	- DESCRIPTION OF HIT	S. (Use o	ne line for each hit or	group thereof differing substantially in location or direction.)				
	TYPE OF PROJECTILE INFLICTING HITS	DIRECT OR FRAG-	DIRECTION FROM WHICH HITS CAME (Use clock system, e.g. 5 above)	POINTS OF ENTRY, AND SUBSEQUENT COURSE WITHIN PLANE (Note seguence of penetrations, and what stopped the hit)				
A	E.	F	6 BELOW	ENTERED WING SKIN FORWARD OF FRONT WING SPAR,				
В				Y220.818 AND APT SECTION OF PORT WHEEL WELL DOOR.				
c		:		FRAG STOPPED BY FRONT WING SPAR AND BULKHEAD				
D				ADJACENT TO WHEELWELL.				
Ε								

111.	EFFECT OF HITS (Identify by hit numbers in II)		
HIT NO.	COMPONENTS AFFECTED, OR PERSONNEL INJURED, EACH HIT (List vital items hit, and positions of personnel hit)	EXTENT AND EFFECT OF DAMAGE OR INJURY To each vital component or person affected	MAJOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT REQUIRED
1	SEVERED ENER. LANDING FEAR RELEASE CAR	E	2
	DAMAGED AILERON TRIM MOTOR BOX		2
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IF FIRE BROKE OUT, GIVE NO. OF HIT CAUSING IT, EXTENT, EFFECT, MEASURES TO EXTINGUISH, FINAL RESULT

IF DAMAGE OR INJURY AFFECTED FLIGHT OR LANDING, GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONTINUED FLIGHT, INCLUDING ANY AGGRAVATION OF DAMAGE ON LANDING

NAME AND RANK OF PILOT LOFTUS, W. E. CAPT.

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Class I. Broken down on a percentage basis, the following quantities of Class I rations were served during the month of July:

August

July MCI Rations - 35% "B" Rations - 18% "A" Rations - 47%

MCI Rations - None
"B" Rations - 56%
"A" Rations - 44%

Based on 152 Officers and 1220 enlisted

Based on 163 Officers and 1304 enlisted

Class III(A). The following quantities of Class III(A) were dispensed by TAFDS during the month of July 1965:

JP-4 AvGas 1,371,091 gals 107,985 gals

Air Freight and Logistic Load Status.

•	Incom	ing	
<u>Passengers</u>	Cargo	Mail	No Λ/C By Type
2113	1,574,667	71,039	109 KC-130 80 UH-34 26 C-317 4 C-45 2 C-47J 19 C-23 2 HU-1 4 U8F 6 C-1A 3 C-54 4 OE 2 U8D

Totals 0 687.3 tons received - 261 aircraft arrived

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Passengers	Cargo	<u>Mail</u>	No A/C	By Type
1826	160,580	18,079	80 1 26 (4 (2 (19 (2 1 4 (6 (3 (4 (CC-130 JH-34 C-117 C-45 C-47J C-123 HU-1 JBF C-1A C-54 DE
Totals - 801	z tons sni	.ppea	2 (J8 D

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During the period 1 August - 31 August 1965, following statistics of incoming and outgoing air freight were compiled:

Outgoing

Cargo

Passengers

200,439 1bs

· 3,082

Incoming

Cargo

Passengers

1,058,262 lbs

2,943

Of the above total cargo, this included 1100 MK-81 250 lb bombs airlifted into Chu Lai.







HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Heavy equipment is included as a separate item in the Command Chronology because of its importance to the overall construction of the airfield. The construction of the SATS and attendant base camp itself is of historical interest. therefore, the heavy equipment has a direct bearing on this.

Items included in heavy equipment, On Hand, # Up, # DL at the end of this period:

Type	○\ H	<u>UP</u>	$\overline{ ext{DL}}$
Rough Terrain Forklift	10	5	5
M-60 Anthony Crane	9	4	5
M-12 Grader	2	1	1
Bay City Crane	1	1	0
D-4/D-6 Dozer	5	1	4

Historical Date.

General. Since arrival at Chu Lai, the keavy equipment attached to MAG-12 has worked seven days a week, almost continually around the clock. In the expeditionary environment present in the installation of SATS, the rough terrain forklift has proved itself to be a vehicle of many uses. In a sandy soil condition, by lowering the tire pressure and working four wheel drive, the rough terrain forklift can go and work almost anywhere and do a variety of tasks, from lifting to pulling other vehicles and trailers. The QM-6 assigned ten such vehicles to MAG-12. While in garrison or on routine deployment, this amount is sufficient. Experience at Chu Lai indicates that an additional two vehicles would be a more realistic figure. It has been found that the following sections require the indicated numbers of these vehicles on a continuous basis:

<u>Section</u>	# of Vehicles	<u>Use</u>
Group Supply	2	For shipping and receiving and warehousing
Group Ordnance	2	For stowage and moving ordnance in the bomb dump
Air Freight	1	For the off-loading and loading of transport aircraft
Flight Line	. 1	This vehicle gets continuous usage by all squadrons' maintenance and line sections. It is kept in the custody of H&MS-12 Maintenance.

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When the above needs are filled, it leaves three remaining to do the many other required duties within the Group which range from moving heads, to transporting and moving revetments.

Maintenance. Maintenance in the field, particularly in an expeditionary environment, of heavy equipment is a continuing process. First, it is mandatory that all users of heavy equipment adhere to the basic policy of 1st echelon maintenance no matter how critical a demand for the vehicle. An hour spent on a daily P.M., will save as much as a week deadline. Second and third echelon require a covered area out of the sand. Plywood, used Marston Matting can be used. Cannibalization, as practiced in this Group, which requires that a requisition be placed prior to cannibalization with authorization to cannibalize from the S-4, will assist when parts are not available. Paragraph 1 indicates our present deadline. This in part is caused by a lack of transport aircraft arriving at Chu Lai due to runway construction. Upon arrival of parts, vehicle deadline will improve. A list of items which usage data indicates high usage of in this environment at Chu Lai follow:

<u>Vehicle</u>	Part	FSN
R/T Forklift	Hyd Hose	IH-4720-051-4670 IH-4720-724-9559 IH-4720-051-4671 IP-4720-639-9899 00624-2766-16-7
	C.V. Boots	3897-A-1509-AY
M-60 Crane	Starter	94-2920-785-0833
	Coupling	3810-863 - 1943 3810-864 -1 943

Management Procedures. Experience at Chu Lai has shown that the most advantageous managing of heavy equipment is from a central pool, which retains the vehicle jackets. Vehicle may be dispatched on a 24 hour basis, however, the daily P.M.'s, Weekly's etc. are done in this area and inspected by the NCOIC of Maintenance prior to release. MAG-12 Pool is in the Utilities Section, and the necessary mechanics and personnel are attached to the Utilities Section.



LIQUID OXYGEN

Liquid oxygen, as applys to SATS, contains important historical data and as such, requires a separate addendum.

- 1. Average daily consumption of LOX, three A4 squadrons 160 to 180 gallons dependent upon sortic rate. Average daily sortic rate per aircraft assigned 1.0 during July 1965.
- 2. Average daily production rate of LOX, one HT-1 generator producing in temperature and climatic conditions prevalent at Chu Lai, 148 gallons. Production varies during the day. From the period of 1000 to 1600, due to excessive heat and humidity, only 5 to 6 gallons an hour may be produced while during the evening, particularly after a rain storm, as much as 10 to 11 gallons may be produced.

3. Discussion.

Experience at Chu Lai has shown that two HT-1 generators are required to support a MAG composed of three A4 squadrons. Two generators allow a build up of LOX to be made and then time for a maintenance period on one generator at a time. This system provides a continuous supply of LOX and time for periodic maintenance. It is recommended that in climatic conditions similar to those present at Chu Lai, that the oxygen trailers be painted white on the upper half to reflect the heat and that tents or tarpaulin be placed over the generators themselves. It has been found also that positioning the generator as close to the sea coast as possible, where unobstructed sea breezes can be expected, produces a particularly high grade of purity.

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