

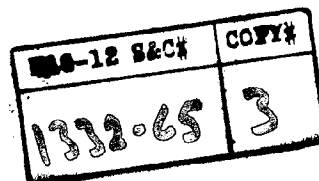
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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12  
 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
 Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 30 September 1965  
 Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1A  
 Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology



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1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Narrative Summary of Significant Events.

a. Personnel.

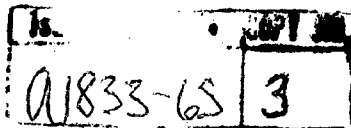
(1) On 19 September 1965, Colonel L. E. BROWN assumed command of Marine Aircraft Group 12 relieving Colonel J. D. NOBLE. A formal change of command ceremony was held at Chu Lai, RVN on this occasion. Major General L. WALT presented Colonel NOBLE with the Legion of Merit for his most effective leadership in establishing MAG-12 at Chu Lai.

(2) LtCol R. W. BAKER, CO VMA-225 received a Legion of Merit upon his squadrons rotation from Chu Lai on 30 September 1965.

(3) A representative number of officers and enlisted personnel were presented gifts by the high school children of TAM KY on 18 September 1965, in appreciation for the successful conclusion of Operation STARLIGHT against the Viet Cong.

(4) Morale within MAG-12 remained high throughout this period. Construction was completed on limited facilities of the Officer, SNCO and enlisted lounges. Furnishings were improvised from material locally available in the area.

(5) Fifteen ABC kits were received from CG, FMFPAC. These kits consisted of paperback books, individual games, writing paper and athletic supplies.



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(6) Plans for the centralized recreation area consisting of hobby shops, game rooms and library moved ahead slowly because of the lack of suitable equipment and material.

b. Intelligence/Counterintelligence.

(1) The initial intelligence briefing for Operation PIRANHA was held on 4 September 1965 with continuous updating until 7 September 1965 when the operation commenced.

(2) Ground fire reports by MAG-12 pilots during September were negligible with only two reports received. No aircraft were hit.

(3) The Counterintelligence team assigned was active during this period. Disposition of 47 interrogated captives was as follows: 12 were forwarded to DaNang, 35 released to the district. The internal security of MAG-12 was constantly monitored throughout this period.

c. Operations.

(1) Combined operations of VMA-225, 214 and 311 produced a total of 1601 combat sorties in September with an average aircraft availability of 79%. Ordnance expenditures for the month included: 4353 bombs; 312 rockets; 42 MK-79 Napalm; 24,460 rounds of 20MM, and 350 JATO bottles. A major operational problem throughout the period continues to be the lack of adequate onhand stocks of Class V(A) to permit the selectivity needed to gain optimum results on assigned targets.

Highlight of the period was MAG-12's participation in Operation PIRANHA. Although no spectacular results were recorded, this integrated air-ground, US Marine - ARVN operation again demonstrated the compatibility of close air support with ground operations. Some significant achievements for the period included the use of electrically VT fused bombs, long delay chemical fuses, Snakeye fin bombs, and Aero 7E (Lazy Dog). Coordination with the helicopter squadrons improved noticeably and concentrated all-weather operations with the Air Support Radar Teams at Chu Lai and Pleiku provided significant results.

Training was emphasized in ground defense, NBC and related subjects.

Detailed summary of operation statistics are included in Supporting Document 1, Chu Lai Operations Summary for 1 - 30 September 65.

Communications.

Internal communications continued to expand during this period as a fourth bank was added to the MAG-12 switchboard to accommodate 100 additional drops.

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External communications improved with the installation of TRC-24 (US ARMY) radio relay equipment. The MRC-80 Tropo system continues marginal service only, while the MRC-62 proves to be the most reliable. TRC-90 equipment is being installed in the FLSU area.

Resupply of spare parts, particularly switchboard equipment, is unsatisfactory. The AN/TGC 14 teletypewriters are deadlined awaiting parts.

d. Logistics.

(1) Supply. Navy furnished materials (Supply Officers Stores) have been increased during September to a 60 day level. Requisitions have been submitted to bring MAG-12 to the authorized 90 day level. Concurrent with the supply build-up the AOC rate has declined from 12% to 6.9%.

Marine Corps supply support from Force Logistics Support Unit continued to be generally unsatisfactory. The percentage of requisitions filled now stands at 30% for this period vice 10% for last month.

Air transportation continues to be the most reliable means of resupply. Unloading sea transports over the beach continues to be a major problem because of tides, weather, sand and inadequate motor transport.

(2) Motor Transport. The present facilities for motor transport maintenance are unacceptable and inadequate to support 4th echelon repairs. Inclement weather aggravates this condition. The lack of concrete and lumber for shelters and maintenance areas has forced all maintenance to be performed on PSP or on the ground. The Cerlist vehicle situation continues to be a maintenance and supply problem.

(3) Engineering. A plan has been approved for camp improvement which includes relocation of billeting, strongbacking of tents, a permanent mess facility, and road drainage improvements. Priority allocation of material has been made for certain essential construction projects that could not wait for the 30th NCR cantonment program. Material requisitioned for this purpose was cited under Project 40.

The southern 4,000 feet of runway deteriorated noticeably during this period. The foundation crumpled due to erosion and heavy rain. The planking became wavy and disjointed. It was decided to rehabilitate the southern 4,000 feet portion of the runway. This rehabilitation commenced on 25 September.

(4) Maintenance. The heat and sand coupled with ten days of rain during this reporting period has shortened the service life of the ground support equipment. It is anticipated that 4th and 5th echelon overhaul of this equipment will be required earlier than would normally have been expected.

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(5) Ordnance. Class V(A) munitions totaling 5231 long tons were received from four (4) Navy LST's. The delay in offloading due to surf conditions continues to hamper unloading operations.

Heavy rains during this period caused flooding in some bunkers and forced the movement of certain munitions to other bunkers.

Ordnance SATS equipment received consisted of: Rough Terrain Weapons Trailer, Ready Service Weapons Trailer, Air Launched Weapons Cradles, Adapters, Stacking Frames and a SATS Ordnance Shelter.

  
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Executive Officer

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COVER SHEET

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

1 SEPTEMBER 1965 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 1965

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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 September 1965 to 30 September 1965

C. TASK ORGANIZATION.

None

D. COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF.

J. D. NOBLE	Colonel	USMC	Commanding Officer (1-19 September 65)
L. E. BROWN	Colonel	USMC	Commanding Officer (19-30 September 65)
W. B. HIGGINS	LtColonel	USMC	Executive Officer
R. L. CRANE	1stLt	USMC	Adjutant
F. H. WHITTON	Captain	USMC	S-1
E. E. BROWN	Captain	USMC	S-2
D. R. HARRIS JR.	LtColonel	USMC	S-3 (1-23 September 65)
W. J. WEBSTER	LtColonel	USMC	S-3 (23-30 September 65)
J. W. HARRIS	LtColonel	USMC	S-4
R. W. BAKER	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-225
B. J. STENDER	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-311
K. O'KEEFE	LtColonel	USMC	CO, VMA-214
A. WILSON	LtColonel	USMC	CO, MABS-12 (1-25 September 65)
J. W. PARCHEN	Major	USMC	CO, MABS-12 (25-30 September 65)
J. W. KIRKLAND	LtColonel	USMC	CO, H&MS-12

E. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

September

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Navy Officers</u>	<u>Navy Enlisted</u>	<u>Civilian Tech Reps</u>
149	1361	7	20	3

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## PART II

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1 September 1965

BGen McCUTCHEON visited MAG-12 area.

2 September 1965

Letter to CG FMAW requesting CPN-4A radar be sited at the mid-point of the runway.

3 September 1965

MAG-12 Photo Laboratory operational.

Advanced echelon of VMA-224 arrived and commenced integrated operations with VMA-225.

4 September 1965

Replacement M-2 arresting gear arrived via C-124.

Mr. Richard M. NIXON visited Chu Lai with official party.

5 September 1965

Letter to ADC requesting engineering assistance for a period of 6 days was approved.

BGen CARL visited MAG-12 CP.

7 September 1965

Operation PIRANHA commenced. Twenty-seven Aero 7E (Lazy Dog) were used by VMA-311 for the first time. Eight (8) failed to fire because of faulty firing contacts.

VMA-214 used 36 VT bombs for the first time with M990D fuses. Excellent results.

Requested one time "in excess" authorization for five 100KW, 60 cycle generators be issued by CG FMAW

Project 01 Budget Estimate submitted for Fiscal Year 1966 to CG FMAW.

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MATCU-67 received CPN-4A radar. Hardstand must be built before it can be operational.

8 September 1965

Operation PIRANHA continues.

9 September 1965

LST 629 completed off loading Class V(A) munitions.

LST 530 commenced off loading Class V(A).

BGen KARCH, ADC, visited MAG-12 CP.

Operation PIRANHA secured.

10 September 1965

Off loading LST 530 delayed by priorities of Naval shipping on the causeway. Heavy surf also continues to hamper the operation.

11 September 1965

MGen WALT and BGen KARCH visited MAG-12 CP.

MAG-12's heaviest day of flying concluded with 83 sorties and 112.2 hours.

12 September 1965

Project 50 second quarter Fiscal Year 1966 submitted to CG FMAW.

Maintenance hangar in VMA-311 area completed.

13 September 1965

CNO, Admiral MacDONALD, toured Chu Lai.

16 September 1965

Cantonment construction projects based on present strength, augmentation and one additional VMA squadron submitted to ADC, 3rdMARDIV.

Recommendation for changes to the fueling of A4 aircraft with the engine idling from TAFDS submitted to CG FMAW.

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## PART III

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Chu Lai Operations Summary 1 - 30 September 1965
- ✓2. ✓Photo #1 Chu Lai Airfield looking North, 1 September 1965  
✓Photo #2 Chu Lai Airfield looking South, 5 September 1965
- ✓3. Photo #3, #4 and #5 of runway showing deterioration of planking and base
- ✓4. Photo #6 and #7, Chu Lai weather period 15 - 24 September 1965
- ✓5. Photo #8 and #9, Change of Command 19 September 1965
- ✓6. Photo #10, visit of Mr. R. M. NIXON
- ✓7. MAG-12 Air Summary 011601Z to 051600Z Sep 65
- ✓8. MAG-12 Air Summary 051601Z to 121600Z Sep 65
- ✓9. MAG-12 Air Summary 121601Z to 191600Z Sep 65
- ✓10. MAG-12 Air Summary 191601Z to 261600Z Sep 65
- ✓11. MAG-12 Air Summary 261601Z to 301600Z Sep 65
- ✓12. MAG-12 Aircraft Status Report for September 1965
- ✓13. Statistical Information

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18 September 1965

Construction commenced on butcher shop and remodeling of bakery in messhall area.

19 September 1965

Change of MAG-12 command, Colonel L. E. BROWN relieved Colonel J. D. NOBLE.

21 September 1965

MSR and Class V(A) dump roads almost impassable due to mud from heavy rain. Impossible to pull MK-7 bomb trailers.

23 September 1965

LST 399 commenced off loading Class V(A).

24 September 1965

One F8 aircraft from USS MIDWAY made successful emergency arrestment into M-2 MOREST.

25 September 1965

LST 530 completed off loading.

VMA squadrons flew a number of 250# high drag bombs with M-123A1 Chemical long-delay anti-withdrawal fuses. Two bombs returned on aircraft were rendered safe by EOD.

LST 47 commenced off loading.

MCB-10 commenced reconstruction on south 4,000 feet of runway. All landings of tactical jets will utilize M-2 MOREST.

27 September 1965

Ordnance team from CINCPACFLT briefed MAG-12 on M99A electric fuses, mechanical fuses, Snakeye fins and other ordnance matters.

29 September 1965

LST 399 and LST 47 completed off loading.

Sufficient materials available to commence decking of some living areas.

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**CHU LAI OPERATIONS SUMMARY**  
**1 JUNE - 30 SEPTEMBER 1965**

	TOTALS	SEPT TOTALS
AVER A/C ON BOARD	55	56
AVER A/C FOR PERIOD COVERED	44	42
PERCENTAGE A/C AVAILABLE	80%	79%
AVER SORTIE RATE (PER A/C ASSIGNED)	0.9	1.0
AVER SORTIE RATE (PER A/C AVAIL)	1.2	1.3
HIGH SORTIE RATE PER A/C AVAIL ONE DAY (39) (80 sorties)		2.0
LOW SORTIE RATE PER A/C AVAIL ONE DAY (43) (14 sorties)		0.3
FLIGHT HOURS BY SQUADRON		
VMA-311	3188.5	786.8
VMA-225	3173.0	767.8
VMA-214	2517.4	744.0
SORTIES BY SQUADRON		
VMA-311	2168	565
VMA-225	2242	591
VMA-214	1795	557
TOTAL MISSIONS COMBAT	2015	637
TOTAL MISSIONS OTHER	196	76
TOTAL ALL MISSIONS	2211	713
TOTAL SORTIES COMBAT	5816	1601
TOTAL SORTIES OTHER	389	112
TOTAL ALL SORTIES	6205	1713
TOTAL HOURS COMBAT	8320.1	2165.4
TOTAL HOURS OTHER	558.8	133.2
TOTAL ALL HOURS	8878.9	2298.6
AVER COMBAT SORTIE DURATION	1.4 hrs	1.4 hrs
AVER ORDNANCE PER COMBAT SORTIE	0.6 tons	0.5 tons
TOTAL ORDNANCE IN TONS	3587.8	830.4

ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TARGETS (TOTAL)

MK-79	310	36
MK-81 (Incl SNAKEYES)	8544	1676
MK-82	5433	1180
MK-83	186	159
MK-84	31	0
MK-12	32	2
2.75" (Aero-7D)	9697	4038
ZUNI (LAU-10)	879	0
Hi-Drag (250#GP)	1920	1393
BULPUPS	44	0
20MM	255,061	57,891
CBU	6	0
JATO	2994	298

MOREST TRAPS FOR SEPTEMBER: ALC - 340, ALE - 206, RF8A - 1 TOTAL - 547  
 TOTAL MOREST TRAPS 1 JUNE - 30 SEPTEMBER 1965 - 4673

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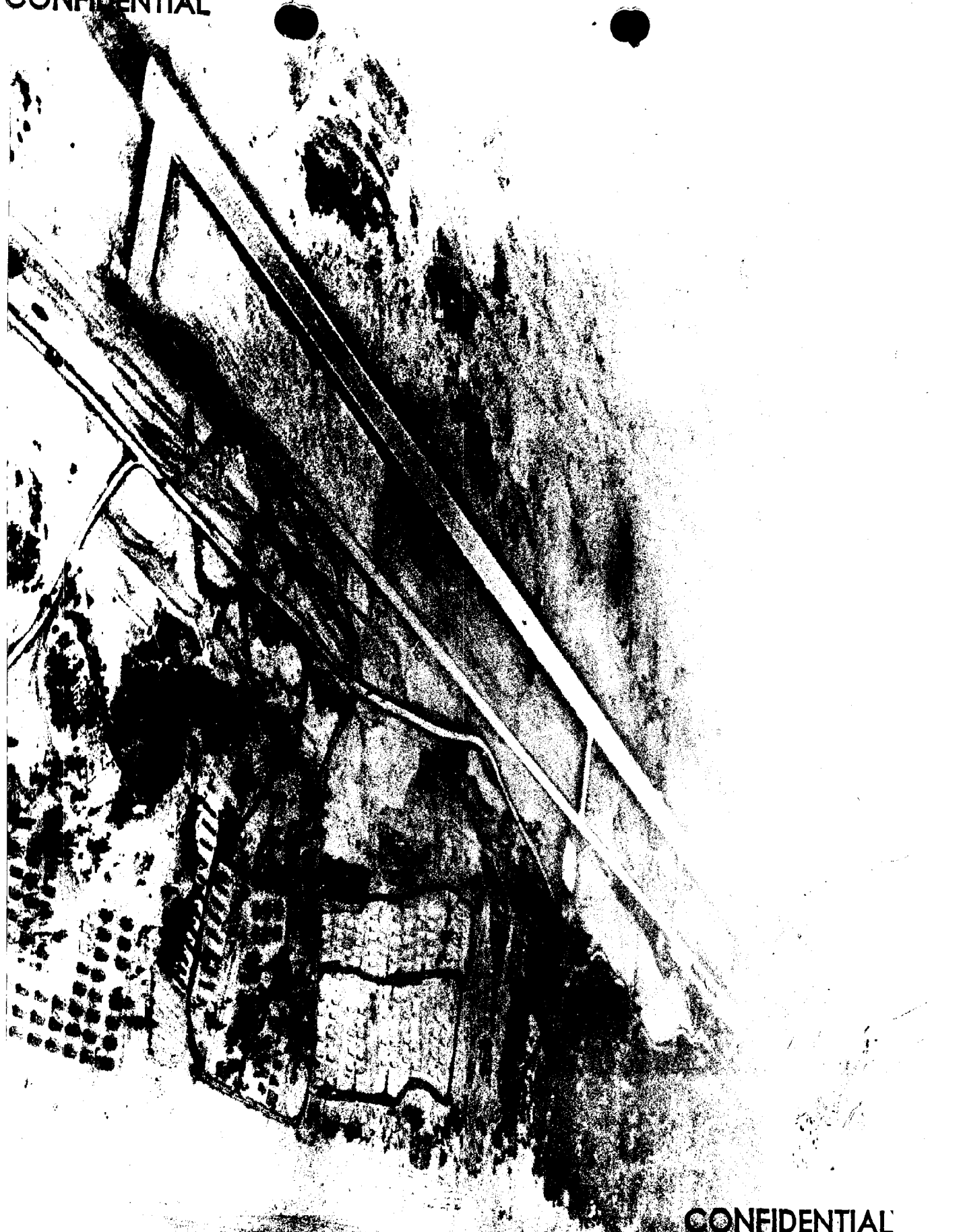
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**CHU LAI OPERATIONS SUMMARY**  
**1 JUNE - 30 SEPTEMBER 1965**

	TOTALS /	SEPT TOTALS
<b><u>ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TARGET (TONS)</u></b>		
MK-79	155.0	18.0
MK-81 (Incl SNAKEYES)	1068.0	209.5
MK-82	1308.3	295.0
MK-83	93.0	79.5
MK-84	16.0	0.0
MK-12	16.0	1.0
2.75" (Aero-7D)	538.5	31.1
ZUNI (IAU-10)	42.2	0.0
Hi-Drag (250#GP)	250.0	174.1
BULLPUPS	21.0	0.0
20MM	87.8	22.2
CBU	2.0	0.0
<b><u>DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS</u></b>		
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	2513	393
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	934	209
BRIDGES DESTROYED	4	0
VC BUNKERS & TRENCHES DESTROYED	138	4
VC BUNKERS & TRENCHES DAMAGED	3	0
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	45	5
KBA'S POSSIBLE	273	21
BOATS DESTROYED	12	0
BOATS DAMAGED	16	0
105MM HOWITZER DESTROYED	2	0
105MM HOWITZER DAMAGED	1	0
VC CONCENTRATIONS ATTACKED	399	109
2½ TON TRUCKS DESTROYED	1	0
ANIMALS DESTROYED (PACK)	82	13
FOXHOLES DAMAGED	21	0
CAVES DESTROYED	7	1
GUN EMPLACEMENTS DESTROYED	1	0
ORCHARD DESTROYED	1	0
HUTS DESTROYED	3	0
STRUCTURES LEFT BURNING	15	0
SUPPLY TRAILS CUT	1	1
PART OF A MINE CAVED IN	1	1

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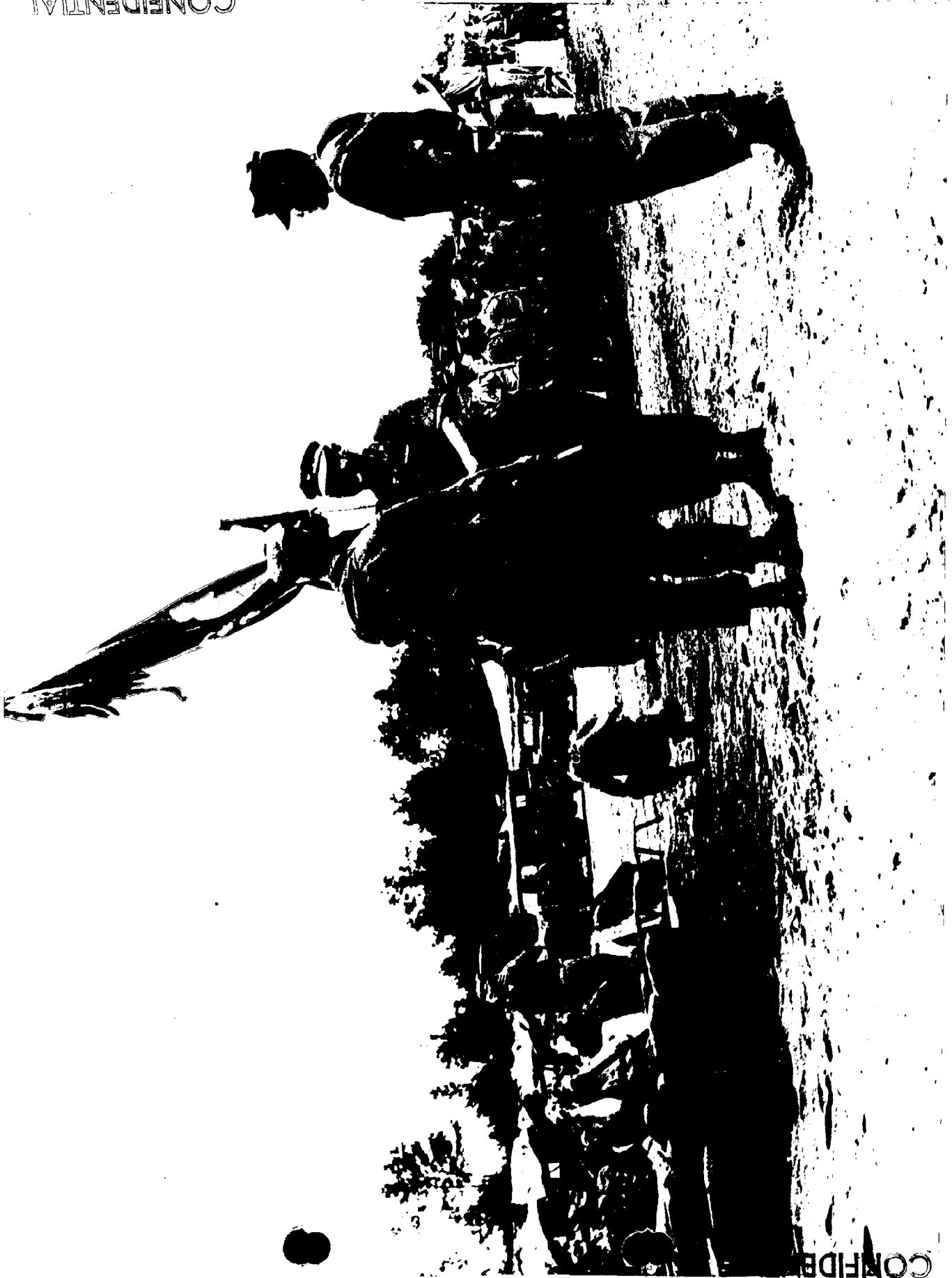
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A. NWIP 10-1(A), ARTICLE 142

1. AIR SUMMARY 011601Z TO 051600Z VMA-214, VMA-225, VMA-311 CHU LAI, RVN.  
2. ALFA 56/42; BRAVO 80/77; CHARLIE 55/43 SKYHAWK 84/84; DELTA 307/2403;  
ECHO 282/1107/112/87; FOXTROT 6/28/4/0; JULIET 152/2/0; Kilo 0/574/0; LIMA  
16/0; XRAY 134 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 62 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 3 SECONDARY  
EXPLOSIONS, 7 KIA'S, 10 WATER BUFFALO KILLED.

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D. R. HARRIS JR., LT COL., USMC  
S-3, MAG-12  
DRAFTING AND RELEASING OFFICER

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 ECHO 460/1363/193/166; JULIET 185/5/0; Kilo 0/636/0; LIMA 17/0; XRAY 30  
 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 22 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 10 KRA  
 POSSIBLE, 3 WATER BUFFALO KILLED, 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 3 TRENCH LINES DESTROYED,  
 1 SUPPLY TRAIL CUT, 1 CAVE CLOSED; YANKEE 2 F-12 EXPENDED ON 2 SMOKE  
 SORTIES.

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*D. R. Harris Jr.*  
 D. R. HARRIS JR., LTJG., USMC  
 S-3, MAC-12  
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 ECHO 353/850/132/106; JULIETT 213/2/0; KILO 0/1060/0; LIMA 7/0; XRAY 69 STRUCTURES  
 DESTROYED; 33 STRUCTURES DAMAGED; 6 BUNKERS DESTROYED; 1 BUNKER DAMAGED; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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 W. R. HARRIS JR., LTCOL., USMC  
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 280/836/120/72; JULIET 132/2/0; Kilo 0/835/0; LIMA 8/0; XRAY 36 STRUCTURES DESTROYED,  
 25 DAMAGED; 6 BPTS DESTROYED; 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS; 1 TRENCH LINE DAMAGED; SECTIONS  
 OF A MINE CAVED IN; YANKEE 112 JATO BOTTLES EXPENDED.

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AIR SUMMARY OPNAV REPORT SYMBOL 3480-5

A. HWIP 10-1(A), ARTICLE 142

1. AIR SUMMARY 261601Z TO 301600Z SEPT 65 VHA-214, VHA-225, VHA-511 GUN LAI, RVN.

2. ALPHA 57/41; BRAVO 99/94; CHARLIE 55/45 SKYHAWK 99/96; DELTA 237/6/340; ECHO  
 208/639/86/55; JULIET 71/8/0; Kilo 0/907/0; LIMA 9/0; KRAY 56 STRUCTURES DESTROYED,  
 27 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 4 POSSIBLE KBA; YANKEE 154 JATO  
 BOTTLES EXPENDED.

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**CONFIDENTIAL****AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY REPORT**

OPNAV FORM 3480.2 (REV. 6.54)

(Supersedes OPNAV FORM 338-2, which may be used)

OPNAV REPORT 3480.9

For use by units in combat status, in conjunction with Aircraft Mission Log, in place of Monthly Aircraft Activity Report (OPNAV FORM 5442.12). For full instructions see Naval Air Warfare Reporting System. (NWIP 10-1, Part I, Chapter 1)

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NAME OF CARRIER OR BASE

CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN

MONTH AND YEAR

SEPT 65

THEATER OR AREA COMMAND

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TASK GROUP OR TACTICAL COMMAND

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REPORT COVERS THESE SQUADRONS AND DETACHMENTS BASED ABOARD

VMA-214, VMA-225, VMA-311

DAY	BASE STATUS CODE*	A4C		A4E																TOTAL, ALL MODELS	
		MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE	MAX. ON BOARD	MAX. AVAIL-ABLE
1	1	36	31	20	15															56	46
2	1	36	27	20	15															56	42
3	1	36	28	20	13															56	41
4	1	36	26	20	14															56	40
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30	1	39	27	20	17															57	44
31																					
TOTALS		1112	820	600	441															1712	1261
DAILY AVERAGE		37.0	27.3	20.0	14.7															57.0	42.0

## \* 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 or 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.
6. " " " - replenishing at sea.
7. " " " - ferry loaded.
8. " " " - cruising, non-duty.
9. " " " - in port.

Fill out each day to indicate maximum number of each model on board and available during the 24-hour period from 0001 to 2400 LZT on the previous calendar day. 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 full instructions. "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" any planes in flight.

## NOTES:

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STATISTICAL INFORMATION

1. Class I. The following quantities of rations were served during September:

MCI Rations - 0%  
 "B" Rations - 51%  
 "A" Rations - 49%

2. Class III(A). The following quantities of fuel were dispensed by TAFDS during September:

JP-4                    1,254,896 Gals  
 AvGas                    44,844 Gals

3. Air Freight and Logistical Load Status.

	<u>INCOMING</u>	<u>OUTGOING</u>
Passengers	4098	3849
Cargo	1,463,583#	430,551#
Mail	105,218#	39,081#

4. Number of Aircraft

	<u>Type</u>
163	C-130
46	C-117
36	C-123
2	C-124
9	C-1A
38	UH-34
4	CH-37
2	DC-3
6	C-47
1	C-118
1	E-1A
4	Caribous

5. LOX section dispensed 4,300 gals.

6. Water Purification Unit pumped 28,000 gals. per day; over 4,000,000 gals. pumped since arrival at Chu Lai.

7. Launch and Recovery Section trapped 546 A4 and 1 F8 aircraft into the MOREST system.

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8. MATCU-67 handled 9,037 air operations and 767 ground control approaches.
9. The Laundry Unit processed a monthly total of 29,450# of washed laundry.

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