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MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JUNE 1966 - 30 JUNE 1966



ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12



## COMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL Leslie E. BROWN

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Rex WILSON
1 June - 9 June

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Dellwyn L. DAVIS
9 June - 30 June

## ADJUTANT

CAPTAIN Michael J. RIPLEY

S-1

MAJOR Joseph L; GREGORGYK

<u>5-2</u>

CAPTAIN Charles H. CHAIN III

<u>S-3</u>

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Thomas E. MULVIHILL

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL Joseph PULTORAK

## MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211

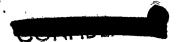
COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJOR Thomas J. AYERS

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR John J. MCCARTHY 1 June-18 June

> MAJOR John R. KOCH 19 June 30 June



## S-1

CAPTAIN William W. ALLEN
1 June - 8 June

CAPTAIN John D. HAYNES 9 June - 30 June

<u>S-2</u>

FIRST LIEUTENANT Gary E. SNYDER

<u>S-3</u>

MAJOR John R. KOCH 1 June - 18 June

CAPTAIN Francis M. LOGAN 19 June - 30 June

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CAPTAIN Julius M. RULE

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Dellwyn L. DAVIS l June - 8 June

> MAJOR Ralph D. WALLACE 9 June - 30 June

> > EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Jerome T. HAGEN

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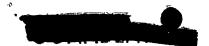
CAPTAIN Thomas G. LEACH

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FIRST LIEUTENANT Sean E. FITZGERALD

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MAJOR John R. CARR Jr.



## S-4

CAPTAIN Earl H. HARWELL

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Robert B. SINCLAIR

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Joseph J. KANE

<u>S-1</u>

CAPTAIN James R. SHEA

j June - 16 June

CAPTAIN Eugene L. WHEELER 17 June - 30 June

S-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT John S. BOARDMAN
1 June - 16 June

FIRST LIEUTENANT Kaye K. MANCHESTER 17 June - 20 June

SECOND LIEUTENANT Don E. MOSLEY
21 June - 30 June

S-3

MAJOR Richard P. SPREIER

S-4

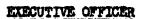
CAPTAIN Ralph W. CASPOLE 1 June - 3 June

CAPTAIN Charles A. DIXON 4 June - 30 June

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Paul G. McMARON



MAJOR Donald G. CASCOIONE

<u>S-1</u>

CAPTAIN Thomas L. WATKINS

5-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT LOUIS G. SHIKANY

S-3

MAJOR Laurin DEWOLF

<u>s-4</u>

CAPTAIN John M. DYE

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12

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MAJOR Manuel H. L. HEDGES

BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER

CAPTAIN Donald A. LANGROCK

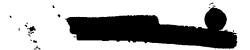
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SECOND LIEUTENANT Raymond H. STOUT

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MAJOR Julius B. PIERCE

# ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

# FIRST LIEUTENANT Richard E. SMITH

- 2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN, 1-30 JUNE 1966.
- 3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

•	USMC 0	USMC En	usn o	USN En
VMA-211	28	159	1	1
AWV-517t	29	179	1	0
VMA-223	32	169	1	ı
VMN-311	29	165	1	0
MABS-12	36	724	3	23
H&MS-12 TOTAL MAG-12	<u>50</u> 204	<u>431</u> 182 <b>7</b>	<del>0</del> <del>7</del>	<u>0</u> 21 <sub>4</sub>

#### 4. IMPORANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND:

COLONEL C	. A.	BOND	USMC	1	JUN
COLONEL J	L.	MAHON ·	USMC	1	JUN
COLONEL W	Г. Н.	DEADWYLE	R USA	3	JUN
MAJOR H	I. A.	REITH	USA	3	JUN
COLONEL A	. D.	SIMPSON	USMC	3	JUN
MAJOR GEN	ERAL	YOUNDALE	usmc	3	JUN
BRIGADIER	GENE	BAL RYAN	USMC	1.0	JUN



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NARRATIVE SUMMARY



- (C) During the month of June MAG-12 flew a total of 2,690 serties for 3,424.1 hours. Of these sorties 2,414 were combat operations. This is somewhat lower than the previous month as our sortie rate was reduced. Total ordnance expenditure for the month was 1,593.1 tons.
- (C) In the pre-dawn hours of 16 June 1966 MAG-12 launched 15 sorties in support of a besieged platoon from "C" company, First Recon Battalion.
- (C) Due to the coupling failure on 2 June 1966, the catapult has been in a "down" status for the majority of this reporting period. On 16 June 1966, the catapult was returned to an operational status. A total of 43 aircraft were launched during the month of June.
- (C) The month of June brought much progress in improved facilities for MAG-12 personnel with completion of the new MAG-12 post exchange and the recreation hall. Additionally the "h5" club and Enlisted Club were receiving the final touches as the month ended.
- (C) VMA-223 completed fiscal year 1966 aircraft accident free. The Squadron flew 8880 hours during the year.
- (C) A hard hitting savings bond compaign has been carried out this month and 57% of the Group personnel have subscribed.
- (C) A fire on the VMA-311 flight line on the night of 20 June 1966 resulted in one aircraft strike and delta damage to three others. First Lieutenant E. W. KIMEL received first and second degree burns on the back, buttocks, arms and face and subsequently evacuated to CONUS.
- (C) On 3 June 1966 "WP" 10, BuNo 152047 from VMA-223 was lost to enemy ground fire while conducting close air support. The pilot, Captain Ralph W. CASPOLE was killed.



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS





#### PERSONNEL

- (C) MAG-12 commenced the month with an on board strength of 219 USMC Officers, 6 USN Officers, 1867 USMC Enlisted and 25 USN Enlisted. At month's end there were 204 USMC Officers, 8 USN Officers, 1787 USMC Enlisted and 24 USN Enlisted. During the month 13 USMC Officers; 2° USM Officers, 57 USMC Enlisted and 5 USN Enlisted joined the command. Projected losses for July are 28 USMC Officers, 137 USMC Enlisted and 6 USN Enlisted.
- (C) The Group remains critically short in MOS's 6511, Olli1, 7041, 7114 and basic 3000 with apparently no relief in sight for at least 60 days.
- (C) Availability of Naval Aviators (Maj/Lt) is becoming a problem in that the tactical units are operating below manning level now with further losses in view.

#### AWARDS

(C) The following awards were recommended and presented during June.

AWARD	RECOMMENDED	PRESENTED
LEGION OF MERIT	1	0
DFC	2	Ó
BRONZE STAR	3	Ō
AIR MEDALS (1st AWARD)	30	30
(GOLD STAR)	113	126
(SILVER STAR)	13	19
NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL	Š	0
NAVY COMMENDATION FOR ACHIEVMENT	3	2
LETTER OF COMMENDATION	ũ	1.
LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS		Ĭi
VIETNAMESE AWARDS	13	ŏ

#### CIVIC AFFAIRS

(C) Final arrangements were completed for purchase of material to complete the LY TIN High School. Construction continued at a satisfactory pace with MAG-12 furnishing assistance in moving material to the site. No medical assistance was conducted during this period because our request for a new location has not been approved.

#### AIR OPERATIONS

(C) During June, MAG-12 aircraft flew in support of nine operations. One hundred sixty (160) sorties were flown in Operations support. Break down by operations is as follows:



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SORTIES	HOURS	ORDNANCE
12	16.1	2.7 Tons 600 20MM
10	12.7	4.0 Tons 300 20MM
16	20.4	9.4 Tons 650 20MM
4	4.0	1.4 Tons No 20MM
4	6.6	2.8 Tons No 20MM
28	37.1	12.0 Tons 1750 20MM
45	48.1	9.5 Tons 2450 20MM
	49.0	10.5 Tons 2950 20MM
8	12.5	No ordnance expended
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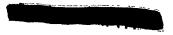
(C) MAG-12 squadrons expended the following ordnance during the month.

ITEM	QUANTITY
ROCKET, 2.75" ROCKET, 5" Zuni 20MM NAPALM BOMBS	192 Pods 75 Pods 71,387 Rounds 414
220 Frag 250 HD 250 LD 500 LD 1000 HD 1000 ED 2000 HD	1,666 30 2,894 1,673 8 649 96

- (C) The recovery section cut and poured new cable terminals on both sets of M-2 arresting gear during the week of 9-16 June 1966. The recovery section received a nominal amount of arrestments during the month of June 1966.
- (C) On 20 June 1966, at 2011 hours the Crash Crew responded to a fire on the VMA-311 flight line. The fire involved an ALE, MEIA refueler, NC-5 and GTC-85 units. Due to the very high intensity of heat, several explosions of 20MM ammo occurred during the initial phase of the fire fighting.
- (C) During June the Air Freight section handled the following traffic.

11, 292 PASSENGERS 4,680,083 POUNDS OF CARGO 397 AIRCRAFT 433,999 POUND OF MAIL

- (C) TOTAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDINGS 7975
  Al.... 5629
  Others 2346
- (C) 76% "A" rations and 24% "B" rations were served during the month by MAG-12 messes.





- (C) Construction for the month was slow, due to lack of material; roof-ing tin in particular.
  - (a) An extension and repair to the officers mess galley was completed.
  - (b) The Officers Mess was screened in.
  - (c) A concrete patio was poured at the Officers Club.
  - (d) Four officers quarter were built.
  - (e) The dog kennels and billeting for the handlers was completed.
- (f) Thirty-four enlisted billeting. https were constructed during this reporting period. Most are still lacking tin roofs.
  - (g) A concrete pad was poured for IOX.
  - (h) The extension to disbursing was completed.
  - (i) The post exchange was completed.

#### BASE DEVELOPMENT/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

- (C) No construction of any type was started or completed on the airfield during June.
- (C) A secondary water point is nearing completion.
- (C) One of the 100 KW generators failed and has been shipped to Subic Bay for repair.



MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JULY 1966 - 31 JULY 1966

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COLONEL Leslie E. BROWN
1 July-7 July

COLONEL Jay W. HUBBARD 8 July-31 July

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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## ADJUTANT

SECOND LIEUTENANT Charles R. WOOD

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MAJOR Joseph L. GREGORCYK

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL Joseph PULTORAK

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COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Ralph D. WALLACE

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MAJOR Jerome T. HAGEN

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CAPTAIN Thomas G. LEACH
l July-17 July

CAPTAIN David A. CAYLOR 18 July-31 July

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S-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT Sean E. FITZGERALD

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MAJOR John R. CARR Jr. 1 July-11 July

MAJOR Ronald E. CARDWELL 12 July-31 July

S-4

CAPTAIN Earl H. HARWELL

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 22L 14 July-31 July COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL John BROWNE

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Robert L. TALBERT 1 July-24 July

MAJOR Hugh N. LEVIN 25 July-31 July

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1 July-18 July

CAPTAIN Robert J. NEWMAN 19 July-31 July

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MAJOR Alfonso OSEGUERA 25 July-31 July

<u>S-4</u>

CAPTAIN Robert J. NEWMAN 1 July-18 July

CAPTAIN Patrick H. RUPERTUS 19 July-31 July

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
1 July-13 July

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR John R. KOCH

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CAPTAIN John D. HAYNES

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FIRST LIEUTENANT Gary E. SNYDER

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CAPTAIN Francis M. LOGAN

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CAPTAIN Julius M. RULE

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

COMMANDING OFFICER

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Donald G. GASCOIGNE

<u>S-1</u>

CAPTAIN Thomas L. WATKINS

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FIRST LIEUTENANT Harry W. LUPLOW, II

<u>s-3</u>

MAJOR Laurin DEWOLF

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- 3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

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VMA -214	28	167	1	0
VMA-223	31	165	l	0
VMA -224	26	167	1	1
VMA-311	29	159	1	0
MABS-12	કુડ	688	14	25
h&MS <b>–1</b> 2 Total		<u>408</u> 1754	0 8	0 25

# L. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND:

Mr. R. A. FROSH RADM W. F. BRINGIE RADM L. V. SWANSON BGEN F. E. GARRETSON COL R. T. DWYER USMC CDR W. THOMPSON USN ADM HORATIO RIVERO USN RADM SCHADE USN RADM HUSBAND USN RADM CANADA USN SENATOR ROBERT TAFT, JR. CDR WILSON, USN COL SNODDY USNC	12 July SECNAV AIDE 12 July SPEC ASST/PUB AFFAIRS 18 July DEP CNO 18 July 18 July 18 July 22 July 23 July 23 July
COL SNODDY USAC	23 July
COL LEITNER USMC COL CROSSFIELD USMC	23 July 23 July
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- (C) MAG-12 flew 3095 sorties for 4,149.7 hours during the mouth of July. Of these 2,861 were combat sorties, with 760 in support of Operation HASTINGS. MAG-12 expended 1,965.7 tons of ordnance.
- (C) Colonel Jay W. HUBBARD relieved Colonel Leslie E. BROWN as Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 on 8 July 1966.
- (C) Marine Attack Squadron 224 relieved Marine Attack Squadron 211 on normal rotation to Iwakuni.
- (C) On 21 July, an ALE from VMA-224 was lost to enemy fire over North Vietnam. The pilot, Major Hugh N. LEVIN, ejected over the Gulf of Tonkin and was rescued uninjured within 30 minutes. His position received fire from shore batteries prior to the arrival of CAP aircraft.
- (C) The savings bond campaign has been continued and 75% of Group Personnel have subscribed to date.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### PERSONNEL

(C) MAG-12 commenced the month with an on board strenght of 204 USMC Officers, 8 USN Officers, 1787 USMC Enlisted and 24 USN Enlisted. At the end of the month there were 200 USMC Officers, 6 USN Officers 1736 USMC Enlisted and 27 USN Enlisted.

## AWARDS

(C) The following were recommended and presented during July, 1966.

AWARD	RECOMMEND	PRESENTED
DFC	3	0
Bronze Star	5	0
Air Medals (1st Award)	18	18
(Gold Star)	112	96
(Silver Star)	15	19
Navy Commendation Medal	6	1
Letter of Commendation	3	15
Letter of Appreciation	0	1
Vietnamese Awards	0	2

#### CIVIC AFFAIRS

(C) All material needed to finish the Ly Tin District High School has been delivered. Progress on the school was slowed due to inclement weather. Donations, consisting of 1 sewing machine, clothes and school supplies were received and sitributed by the Ly Tin District Headquarters with the exception of the school supplies which were held back pending completion of the High School.

## AIR OPERATIONS

(C) During the month of July MAG-12 flew in support of five (5) operations. Break-down by operations is as follows:

OPERATION	SORTIES	HOURS	ORDNANCE
Oakland	8	12.5	None
Holt	10	17.5	.2 Tons 350 20MM
Washington	21	25.8	15.4 Tons 500 20MM
Hastings	760	1,122.8	571.1 Tons 17,945 20MM
Franklin	12	16.9	.4 Ton 130 20MM



(C) MAG-12 expended the following ordnance during the month.

ITEM	QUANTITY
ROCKET, 2.75 ROCKET, 5" Zuni 20MM NAPALM BOMBS	198 Pods 80 Pods 71, 387 Rounds 414
250 HD 250 LD 500 HD 1000 HD 1000 LD 2000 HD	57 453 1476 60 846 10

(C) During the month of July 1966 the Air Freight Section handled the following traffic.

11,636 PASSENGERS
3,423,119 POUNDS OF CARGO
476 AIRCRAFT
416,117 POUNDS OF MAIL

- (C) 83% "A" rations and 17% "B" rations were served to MAG-12 personnel during July.
- (C) Total take-offs and landing 8,555 A4......6234 Others...2321

#### **ENGINEERING**

(C) During the month of July the Sea Bees completed the Marine Aircraft Group 12 Supply Complex and are well underway on construction of a new dispensary.

## CONFIDENTIAL

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

/ VENCL (1) VMA-214 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Vencl (2) vma-223 command chronology

VENCL (3) VMA-22L COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

ENCL (4) VMA-311 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

ENCL (5) H&MS-12 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

VENCL (6) MABS-12 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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