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CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

16 MAY 1965 - 31 AUGUST 1967

PART I (cont'd)S-1

Second Lieutenant Theodore A. BIRD

1 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Major William L. BECKER

1 Jul 67 - 24 Aug 67

Major Robert W. RASDAL

25 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON-223

1 Mar 67 - 31 Aug 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Claude E. DEERING

26 Mar 67 - 31 Aug 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Martin A. YARNELL

2 May 67 - 1 Aug 67

Major Thomas F. MADDOCK

7 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Major Christian J. DETTLE

10 Dec 66 - 1 Aug 67

Captain William T. LOWTHER

2 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

Major Delbert G. RANNEY

2 Apr 67 - 1 Aug 67

Major George LEACH

2 Aug 67 - 6 Aug 67

Major Martin A. YARNELL

7 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

Major David R. RAMZEL

1 Jul 67 - 31 Aug 67

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON-311

1 Jun 67 - 31 Aug 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Eugene LICHTENWALTER

8 Jun 67 - 25 Aug 67

Lieutenant Colonel Edgar K. JACKS

26 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Gale HARLAN

17 Jul 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Second Lieutenant Leo M. SPAETH

1 Jun 67 - 31 Aug 67

PART I (Cont'd)S-3

Major John W. WARRENDER

1 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Major James G. COWART

1 Jun 67 - 31 Aug 67

MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON-533

1 Apr 67 - 31 Aug 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel William P. BROWN

30 Jun 66 - 31 Aug 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major William L. BALL

13 Sep 66 - 31 Aug 67

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Major Robert L. GONDEX

21 Sep 66 - 31 Aug 67

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Major Paul R. JONES

1 Jan 66 - 31 Aug 67

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Major Kent C. BATEMAN

18 Apr 67 - 31 Aug 67

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-12

15 May 65 - 31 Aug 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

Major Forest G. DAWSON

3 May 67 - 31 Aug 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Harold L. JACKSON

3 May 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Major Robert C. BLACKINGTON

31 May 67 - 31 Aug 67

BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER

Major Robert B. BOOHER

19 May 67 - 31 Aug 67

PART I (Cont'd)S-4

Major Henry L. SEARLE
Major Gerald L. ELLIS

19 Jun 67 - 1 Aug 67
2 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT-67

Major Dennis R. BOWEN

19 Jun 67 - 31 Aug 67

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON-12

16 May 65 - 31 Aug 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. MILLER

29 May 67 - 31 Aug 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Thomas E. JORDAN
Major Richard J. KERN

16 Jun 67 - 21 Aug 67
22 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

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Second Lieutenant Melvyn T. MORROW

26 Jan 67 - 2 Aug 67

WING OFFICER

Major Kirk S. WETZBARGER
Lieutenant Roger G. MORGAN

1 Jul 67 - 2 Aug 67
3 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Major John W. BUTLER
Major Thomas E. JORDAN

23 Jan 67 - 21 Aug 67
22 Aug 67 - 31 Aug 67

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-12, MCAS CHU LAI, VIETNAM, RVN 16 MAY 65 - 31 Aug 67

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | <u>USMC O</u> | <u>USMC ENL</u> | <u>USN O</u> | <u>USN ENL</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| VMA-211 | 25 | 225 | 1 | 0 |
| VMA-223 | 26 | 196 | 1 | 0 |
| VMA-311 | 23 | 205 | 1 | 0 |
| VMA(AW)-533 | 38 | 237 | 1 | 0 |
| H&MS-12 | 56 | 522 | 0 | 0 |
| MABS-12 & MATCU-67 | 27 | 763 | 2 | 33 |
| TOTAL | 185 | 2148 | 6 | 33 |

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PART I (Cont'd)4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------|
| General Wallace M. GREENE, Jr. | Commandant of the Marine Corps | 10Aug67 |
| Mr. J. L. BROWNING | TechDir, Naval OrdSta Indian Head, Md. | 17Aug67 |
| Lieutenant General Robert E CUSHMAN | Commanding General, III MAF | 31Aug67 |
| Major General Norman J. ANDERSON | Commanding General, 1stMAW | 31Aug67 |
| Brigadier General KELLER | Assistant Wing Commander, 1stMAW | 31Aug67 |
| Brigadier General KIM | Commanding General, 2dROK Brigade | 31Aug67 |

CASUALTIES

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) MAG-12 flew 2934 sorties for a total of 3704.2 flight hours, Included were 2631 combat sorties which expended 4676.7 tons of ordnance for an average of 150.8 tons per day.

(S) Combat missions were flown in support of III Marine Amphibious Force, I Corps, Seventh Air Force, ROK and Task Force Oregon. Major operations supported included AFDMORE, BEACON GATE, BEACON GUIDE, BEACON LIGHT, BELT DRIVE, BENTON, COCHISE, CUMBERLAND, DRAGON HEAD IV, FREMONT, HICKORY III, HOOD RIVER, KINGFISHER and PIKE.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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194 USMC Enlisted

AWARDS

(S) The following awards were awarded and recommended during August 1967:

| <u>AWARDS</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED</u> | <u>AWARD</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Air Medal 1st Award | 12 | 9 |
| Air Medal (Gold Star) | 143 | 40 |
| Air Medal (Silver Star) | 35 | 4 |
| Distinguished Flying Cross | 28 | 18 |
| Navy Commendation Medal | 10 | 12 |
| Bronze Star | 7 | 4 |

CIVIL AFFAIRS

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(S) Solatium payments were made by the Group Commanding Officer to the injured persons or immediate families as well as to those whose property was damaged.

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(S) A memorial service for the pilot was held by the Vietnamese at the crash site. After the Buddhist ceremony, a meal was served. Attending the service were the MAG-12 Commanding Officer, the Civil Affairs Officer and the Hamlet and District Chiefs.

(S) The Wing Civil Affairs Officer, Major STEWART, arrived at MAG-12 Civil Affairs for the purpose of visiting Miss Do Thi Dong. MAG-12 Civil Affairs representatives accompanied Major STEWART to Miss Dong's home. Once again, for security reasons, Miss Dong's family was urged to move to DaNang or at least closer to the Base at Chu Lai. The family again refused. They were told that any time they had any concern about their location, they should contact the MAG-12 Civil Affairs Officer.

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(S) The Protestant Chaplain made a trip to the Protestant Church in An Tan delivering the components for a drainage system. Building materials, food and clothing were donated to the Tam Ky orphanage. In addition, a trip was made to the Christian Missionary Alliance in DaLat where 150,000 VN\$ were donated.

AIR OPERATIONS

(S) During the month of August 1967, MAG-12 flew in support of fourteen operations:

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| <u>OPERATIONS</u> | <u>SORTIES</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| ARDMORE | 75 | 103.1 | 116.0 |
| BEACON GATE | 23 | 29.4 | 41.9 |
| BEACON GUIDE | 2 | 2.4 | 4.3 |
| BEACON LIGHT | 2 | 1.4 | 3.8 |
| BELT DRIVE | 21 | 23.5 | 29.6 |
| BENTON | 38 | 47.6 | 62.5 |
| COCHISE | 132 | 147.4 | 158.9 |
| CUMBERLAND | 69 | 82.2 | 84.6 |
| DRAGON HEAD IV | 9 | 8.1 | 15.5 |
| FREMONT | 8 | 10.2 | 10.2 |
| HICKORY III | 115 | 140.0 | 215.9 |
| HOOD RIVER | 8 | 6.7 | 13.6 |
| KINGFISHER | 447 | 601.9 | 1,009.8 |
| PIKE | 2 | 3.4 | 3.2 |

(S) MAG-12 expended the following ordnance during the month:

| <u>ITEM</u> | <u>QUANTITY</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|
| ANM-64 | 8 |
| ANM-65 | 502 |
| M117A1 | 280 |
| ANM-59 | 4 |
| MK-81 | 3,526 |
| MK-82 | 12,222 |
| MK-77 | 872 |
| MK-79 | 16 |
| FFAR | 8,678 |
| ZUNI | 749 |
| 20MM | 67,300 |

(S) Takeoffs and landings:

| | <u>A-1</u> | <u>F-4</u> | <u>HELO</u> | <u>TRANS</u> | <u>T&G</u> | <u>OTHERS</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| West Runway | 1366 | 4366 | 210 | 1207 | 1508 | 4930 | 13587 |
| Crosswind Runway | 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 |
| East Runway | 4034 | 0 | 13506 | 50 | 40 | 220 | 17850 |
| TOTAL | 5464 | 4366 | 13716 | 1257 | 1548 | 5150 | 31501 |
| May65-31Aug67 | 151971 | 37833 | 63171 | 28103 | 20833 | 34120 | 336049 |

| (S) <u>RADAR APPROACHES</u> | <u>SURVEILLANCE</u> | <u>PRECISION</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| IFR | 4 | 1136 | 1140 |
| VFR | 4 | 1335 | 1339 |
| May65-31Aug67 | 1554 | 22326 | 23880 |

PART II (Con'd)

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|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| (S) <u>INSTRUMENT OPERATIONS TOTAL</u> | <u>Aug</u> | <u>May 65-31 Aug 67</u> |
| Tactical Instrument Departures | 729 | 13884 |
| Radar Climbs | 737 | 11676 |
| Flight Followings | 3 | 2240 |
| Tacan Approaches | 88 | 5102 |
| Radar Vectors | <u>1476</u> | <u>25323</u> |
| | 3033 | 58225 |

SQUADRON COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES

- ✓ Enclosure (1), VMA-211 Command Chronology
 - ✓ Enclosure (2), VMA-223 Command Chronology
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWELVE
S-1 SECTION
PERIOD 1 - 31 AUGUST 1967

ENCLOSURE 87B

PART ONEORGANIZATIONAL DATACOMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL BAYLOR P. GIBSON, JR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL KNOWLTON P. RICE

ADJUTANT

FIRST LIEUTENANT JERRY W. MCNULTY

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MAJOR JAMES M. COX - 1-30 AUGUST 1967

MAJOR RAY E. BRIGHT - 31 AUGUST 1967

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CAPTAIN WESLEY R. PHENEGAR, JR. - 1-12 AUGUST 1967

CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. SLITH - 13-27 AUGUST 1967

MAJOR RAYMOND E. LATALL - 28-31 AUGUST 1967

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDGAR K. JACKS - 1-24 AUGUST 1967

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM E. FITCH - 25-31 AUGUST 1967

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT R. VAN DALSEM

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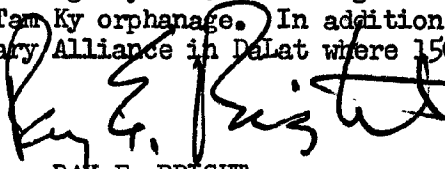
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