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Encl: ✓(1) MAG-12 Command Chronology for the month of April 1968

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

16 MAY 1965 - 30 APRIL 1968

PART I1. UNITS, COMMANDERS AND STAFF BILLETSMARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Colonel C. B. ARMSTRONG, JR.

8 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel LeRoy C. BARTON

25 Sep 57 - 30 Apr 68

ADJUTANT

First Lieutenant Robert D. DOYLE

1 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-1Lieutenant Colonel E. A. LANING
Major Bennie W. SUMMERS26 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68
18 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68S-2

Major J. P. KISH

28 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-3

Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. RASDAL

21 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

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Major D. A. LERPS

11 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel William D. SHIPPEN

11 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Glen H. BARLOW

25 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

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Major Richard H. ULM

25 Dec 67 - 30 Apr 68

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Major Ray E. BRIGHT

15 Jan 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-4

First Lieutenant Richard E. MUSSER

1 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Leo J. LEBLANC, JR.

29 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick P. SALZMAN

21 Dec 67 - 27 Apr 68

Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. BREWSTER

29 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-1

Major Thomas R. FISHER

11 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-3

Major Carl F. BERGSTROM, JR.

23 Jan 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-4

Major Jimmie L. GREEN

1 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur W. ANTHONY

23 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Albert E. BREWSTER

23 Apr 68 - 28 Apr 68

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. HENRY

29 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-1

First Lieutenant Ralph P. HUNDLEY

23 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

PART I (Cont'd)S-3

Major Lawrence J. GODBY

23 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-4

Major James L. CUNNINGHAM

23 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Norman B. MCCRARY

11 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Donald L. YELEK

20 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-1

Capt Thomas W. KRIMMINGER

13 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-3

Major John A. HERBER

13 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-4

First Lieutenant Thomas J. GALIA

1 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 533COMMANDING OFFICERLieutenant Colonel William H. FITCH
Lieutenant Colonel Ronald L. IVERSON2 Oct 68 - 1 Apr 68
2 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68EXECUTIVE OFFICERMajor Paul R. JONES, JR.
Major Richard L. DENNIS1 Apr 68 - 15 Apr 68
16 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68S-1

Major Richard T. POORE

2 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

PART I (Cont'd)S-3

Major Curtis G. LAWSON

1 Apr 68 - 30 Apr 68

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Captain Richard A. PARTIN

22 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel John H. MILLER

26 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Donald A. SCHAEFER

1 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-1

Captain Peter A. KRUEGER

2 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-3

Captain Frederick R. DONOVAN

7 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

S-4

Major John D. INGRAHAM

21 Jan 68 - 30 Apr 68

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 67OFFICER IN CHARGE

Major Samuel M. HORTON

23 Jan 68 - 30 Apr 68

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Dan C. ALEXANDER

10 Nov 67 - 30 Apr 68

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Raymond F. LATALL

22 Mar 68 - 30 Apr 68

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PART I (Cont'd)S-1

Warrant Officer William R. TONER

11 Feb 68 - 30 Apr 68

FLIGHT OFFICER

Captain Roger G. MORGAN

3 Aug 67 - 30 Apr 68

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Richard F. SKINNER

27 Nov 67 - 30 Apr 68

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, CHU LAI AB, VIETNAM, RVN 16 MAY 65 - 30 APR 68

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC O</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN O</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
VMA-121	29	167	1	0
VMA-211	20	175	1	0
VMA-223	33	224	1	0
VMA-311	25	175	1	0
VMA(AW)-533	40	255	1	0
HMS-12	56	436	0	0
MABS-12 & MATCU-67	29	595	2	33

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

Lieutenant General Robert E. CUSHMAN	27 April 1968
Lieutenant General Lewis W. WALT	27 April 1968
Major General Norman J. ANDERSON	1 April 1968
Brigadier General H. W. HISE	5 April 1968

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. April was another record month as MAG-12 continued to respond effectively to the increased tempo of war zone operations. 3817 combat sorties represent the highest number yet flown by a fixed wing Marine Aircraft Group in Vietnam. 7010.2 tons of ordnance were delivered and 4620.9 flight hours were accumulated during this same time frame. This enviable performance was maintained in spite of the fact that during the month an average of 10 A4E's were at Cubi Point, R. P. undergoing the KY-28 modification program. Air support for the Khe Sahn resupply was terminated as Operation Pegasus came into full swing

PART II (Cont'd)

and the relief of Khe Sahn's hilltop outposts became a reality. The highly successful completion of the resupply must be recorded as an outstanding example of the precision planning, teamwork and the execution of a task by Marine aviators for their beleaguered Marine comrades. MAG-12 continued its support of the Army in many small actions but primarily in operation Delaware in and around the Ashau Valley.

2. VMA-223 with 16 A4C's came into RVN on the 23rd of the month and were operating as a full partner in day flights by the end of the period.
3. There was one change of command when LtCol R. L. IVERSON relieved LtCol W. H. FITCH as Commanding Officer of VMA(AW)-533. A new S-1 officer was also assigned.
4. Captain P. A. KRUEGER of MABS-12 became the first Marine Aviator to fly 500 fixed wing jet combat missions.
5. On 19 April an A4E was lost due to enemy action, the pilot ejected successfully and was rescued.

PART III1. PERSONNEL

During the month of April, MAG-12 joined 19 USMC Officers and 277 USMC Enlisted personnel, rotated during the month were 5 USMC Officers and 148 Enlisted personnel.

Projected losses for the month of May 1968: 9 USMC Officers
 85 USMC Enlisted

2. AWARDS

- a. The following awards were awarded and recommended during April 1968:

<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARDED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	25	16
Bronze Star	1	6
Silver Star	3	1
Air Medal (Single Mission)	10	4
Navy Commendation Medal	24	14
Navy Achievement Medal	46	14
Air Medal	37	9
Navy Marine Corps Medal	0	1
Leagon of Merit	0	1

SECRETPART III (Cont'd)3. CASUALTIES

a. Major R. F. RISNER, 067619/0302 on 26 April 1968 in the vicinity of Long Phu, Quang Tin Province was a passenger in a jeep which received hostile SA fire and grenade shrapnel. Lacerating left arm; treated and returned to duty.

b. Staff Sergeant R. M. PETTERSON, 1444811 on 26 April 1968 in the vicinity of Long Phu, Quang Tin Province was driver of a jeep which received hostile SA fire and grenade shrapnel. Lacerating left leg, face and arm; treated and returned to duty.

4. AIR OPERATIONS

a. MAG-12 flew 3937 sorties for a total of 4620.9 flight hours. Included were 3817 combat sorties which expended 7210.2 tons of ordnance for an average of 233.7 tons per day.

b. Combat missions were flown in support of III Marine Amphibious Force, I Corps, Seventh Air Force, Americal Division (USA), and ARVN. Major operations supported included the below listed with sorties, flight hours and ordnance expended on each.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>
PEGASUS	489	622.0	818.6
WHEELER/WALLOWA	27	31.0	49.1
NAPOLEON/SALINE	23	29.5	32.1
KENTUCKY	124	150.7	185.7
LANCASTER	111	153.7	218.5
CARENTAIN	8	7.0	12.7
HOUSTON	21	22.8	28.4
SAMURAI IV	108	115.1	179.6
SCOTLAND II	122	154.6	190.8
DELAWARE	76	84.0	158.6
JEB STUART II	5	4.7	10.7
A.I.S.	856	1149.5	1305.5

c. Take-offs and landings

	<u>A-4</u>	<u>F-4</u>	<u>A-6</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>TRANS</u>	<u>T&G</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
West Runway	7529	4478	917	696	2711	532	951	18314
Crosswind Runway	43	0	0	0	0	0	8	51
East Runway	16	0	0	17222	10	1140	3693	22081
Total	7588	4478	917	17918	2721	1672	4652	40446

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PART III (Cont'd)

5. AIR CONTROL

a. INSTRUMENT OPERATIONS TOTAL APR MAY 65-30 APR 68

Tactical Instrument Departures	1373	26012
Radar Climbs	1535	25064
Flight Following	22	2482
Tacan Approaches	37	5939
Radar Vectors	1661	37657
	<u>4628</u>	<u>97154</u>

b. RADAR APPROACHES SURVEILLANCE PRECISION TOTAL

1-30 Apr 68	WO	1	13	14
	IFR	1	150	151
	VFR	20	1163	1183
		<u>22</u>	<u>1326</u>	<u>1348</u>

6. LOGISTICS

a. MAG-12 expended the following ordnance during the month:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TONS</u>
ANM-59A1	2.7
MK-81	1664.1
MK-82	4093.7
MK-77	552.5
FFAR (2.75")	17.1
FFAR (5.00")	49.0
CBU	159.1
20MM	.3
M1171A	539.7
M84	120.6
MK-12	11.4

SECRETPART IV1. Supporting Documents

a. Squadron Command Chronologies

- ✓ Appendix 1, VMA-121
- ✓ Appendix 2, VMA-211
- ✓ Appendix 3, VMA-223
- ✓ Appendix 4, VMA-311
- ✓ Appendix 5, VMA(AW)-533
- ✓ Appendix 6, H&MS-12
- ✓ Appendix 7, M&BS-12
- ✓ Appendix 8, MAG-12 S-1

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP TWELVE
S-1 SECTION
PERIOD 1 - 30 APRIL 1968

PART ONE

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

COMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL C. B. ARMSTRONG, JR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL L. C. BARTON

ADJUTANT

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT D. DOYLE

S-1

LIEUTENANT COLONEL E. A. LANING 26-30 APRIL 1968

MAJOR B. W. SUMMERS 1-25 APRIL 1968

MAJOR W. K. PARKER ASSISTANT

S-2

MAJOR J. P. KISH

S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT W. RABDAL

MAJOR R. C. BARRETT - ASSISTANT

S-4

MAJOR D. A. LERPS

IMPORTANT VISITORS

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, JR.

MAJOR GENERAL NORMAN J. ANDERSON

BRIGADIER GENERAL H. W. HICE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL L. W. WALT

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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AWARDS

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AWARD	RECOMMENDED	AWARDED
DFC	25	16
SS	3	1
BS	1	6
NMCM	0	1
AM(MERIT)	37	9
AM(HEROIC)	10	4
LOM	0	1
NCM	24	14
NAM	46	14

CIVIL AFFAIRS

During the month of April over 750 pounds of clothing, health and comfort items, toys, and USO gift packs were given out to the people of Ly Tra Hamlet through the Army CAO, German Red Cross team and the MAG-12 CAO. Members of MABS-12 undertook the task of rebuilding 3 homes in An Tan destroyed by mortar attack. The MABS-12 CAO escorted a blind 11 year old boy to Saigon for enrollment in the Lasan School for the blind. While there, 1stLt Brooks inquired about the best possible way to build a sewer system in this area. Members of Station Aerology completed the construction of a small house for a destitute school teacher at the Bo De (Buddhist) school. Over 300 pounds of clothing, health and comfort items, school materials and toys were given out to needy families

in the village of Ky Khuong. Also farming tools and screening was distributed. Approximately 200 pounds of firewood was delivered to a family in An Tan and about 150 pounds of clothing and health and comfort items. Arrangements were made for two Vietnamese notables to go to Da Nang on official business.

Over 650 pounds of school materials were distributed throughout the schools in Ly Tin District. Five new school teachers have been added. Approximately 600 students weekly have been receiving classes in English throughout the MAG-12 teaching area. Lectures are being given on Health and Sanitation, identification and disposal of mines and booby traps, and instructions on the use of First Aid Kits now employed in every school. The MAG-12 Scholarship Program has nearly completed the paying out of all scholarships for the 1967-68 school year and is already receiving money for the upcoming school year of 1968-69. An undetermined amount of school supplies was picked up by the Army CAO for distribution in Ly Tra Refugee Hamlet.

The painting and repairing of Ky Lien School by members of VMA(AW)-533 has almost been completed. The same painter has agreed to paint the Khuong Long School upon completion of Ky Lien School. Repairs are being arranged for schools in the village of Ky Khuong.

The Protestant Chaplain donated \$200 for the erection of 125 children's beds at the hospital at Camp Books. He also donated 5900VN\$ to the orphanage at Tam Ky along with 40 pounds of clothes and 72 bars of soap. He also gave out 20 pounds of clothing and 2 boxes of food to the orphanage in An Tan. The Catholic Chaplain donated \$75, 25 pounds of clothing, 100 pounds of fish, and 2 cases each of apples, pineapples, and chicken to the Dong Cong Orphanage. From the \$75, \$45 went for the room and board and tuition of 2 Buddhist college students. An additional \$15 went to the Bo De School in An Tan. Twenty pounds of fish was delivered to the Protestant Chaplain to be given out to his orphanage in An Tan.

On 8 April, the MAG-12 CAO, Major Nourse, Mr. Pham and members of the MAG-12 Civic Action Team visited the orphanage in Tam Ky and attended a Coordinators' District Meeting held at Quang Tin District Headquarters. Many problem areas were discussed and the results satisfactory. At the Ly Tin District Advisory Meeting held on 22 April, the need for security bunkers and fences in the hamlet of Ky Lien was discussed. On 28 April the MAG-12 CAO, NCO, Mr. Pham and interpreter attended a meeting for village and hamlet chiefs of Ky Hoa and for National Political leaders. Results were satisfactory. A memorial dinner was held for a former village chief of Ky Khuong killed by VC in 1960. A member of the MAG-12 Civic Action Team attended. On 30 April a meeting was held at Americal to procure

lands for an outing for the Boy Scout Troops this weekend that are from Ky Lien Village. The outing will be held 5 May at MAG-12's beach and recreation area. Also on 30 April a Ly Tin District Meeting was held, attended by the MAG-12 CAO and NCO. The purpose was to fulfill a contract between the CAG Unit and MAG-12 CAT. Discussed was the need for closer cooperation between CAP units and CAT units. A Village Chiefs' meeting was held and requests were signed by village and district officials enabling MAG-12 to draw materials from Province Headquarters needed during the summer months. Also discussed was the need for pre-set graduation dates for each of the schools in Ly Tin District. Also discussed was the recent purchase of sanitary facilities by the MAG-12 Civic Action Team which will be employed in each of the schools in Ly Tin District. The purchase was made in Quang Ngai by the MABS-12 CAO and members of the MAG-12 Civic Action Team. On 23 April LtCol Jerebeck from Wing Training visited the MAG-12 CAT and was taken on a tour of MAG-12's area of responsibility by the MAG-12 CAO. All aspects of the MAG-12 scholarship program were discussed and MAG-12's Civic Action Program was explained.

On 6 April a Personal Response/Civic Action meeting was held with all squadron CAO's and NCO's present. Topics discussed were the possibility of setting up small first aid kits in the school and the necessity of passing information on to as many new arrivals as possible about the MAG-12 scholarship program. Also discussed was the need for a summer project for the children. On 19 April a 1st MAW one day personal response school was held at MAG-12 Special Services Rec Hut. Approximately 35 students from MAG-12 attended. Present were Major Sanders, Wing Civic Action Officer, and Major Brown from the CAG Unit. The session was very informative and major points stressed were the cooperation needed between all civic action teams in 1st MAW and more squadron participation in civil affairs. Results were very satisfactory. On 27 April a civic action meeting was held for squadron CAOs and NCOs with everyone present. Discussed were: (1) scholarships (2) building and grounds checks of each school (3) the need for each squadron to have a civic action board (4) the need for instructions on use of first aid kits now placed in all schools and the need for lectures on health and sanitation by the corpsmen; the MAG-12 interpreter has been placed at the disposal of each squadron whenever needed (5) weekly informal reports of accomplishments by each squadron.

Miscellaneous- (1) VMA-223 arrived in Chu Lai and the CAO and NCO were present for the civic action meeting held 27 April. The CAO is Captain Zayachek and the NCO is SSgt Monger. (2) 1stLt Brooks was replaced as MABS-12 CAO by Captain Mabley and Captain Carpenter was replaced by Captain Greenwald as VMA(AW)-533 CAO. (3) Members of MAG-12 CAT attended a memorial ceremony held at the An Tan Hamlet market. The main speaker was the Hamlet Chief and many of the Hamlet elders joined in the festivities. Major Risner was the guest of honor and made a short but impressive speech. (4) On 20 April Captain Duoc was relieved as Ly Tin District Chief

by Captain Tho to be an I Corps Coordinator in Da Nang. The MAG-12 CAO and the MABS-12 CAO attended the change of command ceremony. Later in the day Captain Duoc paid a visit to MAG-12 before leaving for Da Nang. (5) Fire Prevention leaflets were distributed in An Tan and a fire prevention program is in the making. (6) On 26 April the MAG-12 CAO and NCO were ambushed in Long Phu 2. No serious injuries resulted.

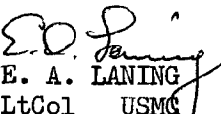
SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Services section was still involved in construction this month. Behind the stage in the Recreation Hut, we added a dressing room. Our office was completely refurbished, including a new insulated ceiling, new coats of paint, and stained desks. To add the final touch we added curtains and florescent light fixtures. On the beach immediately behind the Special Services office we constructed a covered party area, which will accommodate groups of Marines up to forty persons. With the beach just a "stone's throw" away, this will provide an excellent location for small section partys. We have in the party area a grill and picnic tables.

We now have all our scuba diving gear. A qualified instructor is still being sought. Considering that we have in MAG-12, more scuba diving gear than all the groups in the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, special attention should be given to our need of an instructor.

We are presently arranging for a jazz group to entertain some time in the near future. The group will consist of members of the Americal Division playing jazz instruments.

An attempt is still being made to get more people in our section. We would like to get a man to keep the photo lab open all day, because of the large demand. A man to run the tape shop, and a qualified lifeguard would put us in full swing.


E. A. LANING
LtCol USMC
S-1 Officer