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Encl: ✓(1) MAG-12 Command Chronology for the Month of May 1969

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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MAY 1969

MARINE AIRCRAFT

GROUP 12

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

16 MAY 1965 - 31 MAY 1969

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## PART I

1. UNITS, COMMANDERS, AND STAFF BILLETSMARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12

Colonel T. H. NICHOLS

1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Noah C. NEW

14 Dec 68 - 31 May 69

ADJUTANT

Captain J. M O'ROURKE Jr.

1 Dec 68 - 31 May 69

S-1

Lieutenant Colonel J. J. CAHILL

22 Jan 69 - 10 May 69

Major L. T. PRESTON Jr.

11 May 69 - 31 May 69

S-3

Lieutenant Colonel C. O. HIETT

1 May 69 - 31 May 69

S-4

Lieutenant Colonel C. D. WARFIELD

1 May 69 - 31 May 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel E. T. GRAHAM Jr.

16 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major B. B. RUTHERFORD

16 Feb 69 - 31 May 69

S-1

Major B. G. HALLIDAY III

1 May 69 - 31 May 69

S-3

Major A. D. MILLER

10 Apr 69 - 6 May 69

Major D. W. DANE

7 May 69 - 31 May 69

S-4

First Lieutenant R. B. LAMBDIN

1 Dec 68 - 31 May 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel M. S. NEWBILL

11 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Edward J. HEISE

11 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

S-1

Captain Gary E. REED

20 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

S-3

Major Richard S. ROBERTSON

22 Dec 68 - 31 May 69

S-4

First Lieutenant Peter D. WALTERS

1 Feb 69 - 31 May 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel David A. KELLY

1 May 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas D. BROOKS

21 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

S-1

Major William B. WILSON

1 May 69 - 31 May 69

S-3Major Lorin C. WALLACE Jr.  
Major Hardy R. STENNIS21 Nov 68 - 7 May 69  
8 May 69 - 31 May 69S-4First Lieutenant Charles F. DEPREKER.  
Second Lieutenant Richard L. HILDRETH21 Nov 68 - 7 May 69  
8 May 69 - 31 May 69

MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 533COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel George H. SHUTT Jr. 1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Fred R. JERRETT 11 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

S-1

Captain Nelson PALER 15 Feb 69 - 31 May 69

S-3

Major Allen R. EDENS 11 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

S-4

Captain Ray F. MILSAP 1 Nov 68 - 31 May 69

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel J. J. CAHILL 1 May 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major J. D. PAGE 1 May 69 - 31 May 69

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CWO-2 C. M. NELSON 1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

S-3

Captain R. CNAZZO 1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

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Major Miles E. MIXSON 1 Dec 68 - 15 May 69  
Major J. L. SKINNER 16 May 69 - 31 May 69

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 67OFFICER - IN - CHARGE

Major V. R. HUGHES 1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel John J. MCCARTHY

10 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Bobby H. FREEMAN

20 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

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First Lieutenant Larry C. SWINEA

21 Apr 69 - 31 May 69

FLIGHT OFFICER

Major John R. BEHM

1 Mar 69 - 31 May 69

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Major Andrew G. MRUSHOK

7 Jan 69 - 31 May 69

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12 CHU LAI AB, VIETNAM, RVN 16 MAY 65 - 31 MAY 69

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC O</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN O</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
VMA-211	31	143	1	0
VMA-223	31	141	1	0
VMA-311	34	142	1	0
VMA (AW)-533	38	187	1	0
H&MS-12	64	425	0	0
MABS-12	26	538	4	25
MATCU-67	9	64	0	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND

a. 11 May 69 - BRIG GEN R. H. SPANJER

b. 14 May 69 BRIG GEN S. JASKILKA

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During May the MAG-12 Civic Action Team continued supporting local schools through scholarship contributions, and planning requirements for the coming school year. MedCap teams treated 650 Vietnamese during May.

2. On 23 May 1969, 1stLt P. W. OATIS, VMA-311, was flying a CAS mission south of Danang when his aircraft was destroyed by direct enemy action. Lt OATIS ejected receiving minor injuries and was picked up by Helicopter

### 1. PERSONNEL

During the month of May, MAG-12 joined 18 USMC Officers and 179 USMC Enlisted personnel. Rotated during the month were 13 USMC Officers and 179 USMC Enlisted personnel.

Projected losses for the month of June 1969: 16 Officers and  
194 Enlisted

### 2. AWARDS

	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARDED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	13	2
Bronze Star	2	0
Air Medal	144	203
Single Mission Air Medal	8	2
Navy Commendation Medal	26	2
Purple Heart	0	1
Navy Achievement Medal	24	1

### 3. AIR OPERATIONS

a. MAG-12 flew 3357 sorties for a total of 3796.0 flight hours. Included were 3246 combat sorties which expended 5456.2 tons of ordnance for an average of 176 tons per day.

b. Combat missions were flown in support of Free World Military Assistance Forces attached to the III Marine Amphibious Force, Seventh Air Force and ARVN Forces located in the I and II Corps Tactical Zone.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>
PURPLE MARTIN	68	94.7	175.9
KENTUCKY JUMPER	320	549.5	490.2
OKLAHOMA HILL	428	458.0	816.6
VICTORY DRAGON	76	69.9	85.5
BRISTOL BOOTS	8	8.3	20.9
VIRGINIA RIDGE	212	273.3	380.8
MASS BAY	10	13.3	9.8
PIPESTONE CANYON	14	14.1	19.6
LAMAR PLAIN	56	58.5	85.5
IRON MOUNTAIN	75	61.6	113.5
GENEVA PARK	70	69.6	124.7
DARING RESETL	13	14.5	38.4
HERKIMER MOUNTAIN	121	166.1	217.3
APACHE SNOW	145	172.6	200.4
RUSSEL BEACH	48	56.3	77.0

## c. Take-offs and Landings

	<u>A4</u>	<u>F4</u>	<u>A6</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
West Rwy	6260	5531	941	420	7341	20493
East Rwy	2	4	0	16261	4828	21091
X-Wind Rwy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6262	5531	941	16681	12169	41584
May 65 - May 69	300605	124269	21206	327738	249461	1023379

4. AIR CONTROLa. INSTRUMENT OPERATIONS TOTAL      MAY      MAY 65 - MAY 69

Tactical Instrument Departures	188	35933
Radar Climbs	221	35355
Flight Following	168	3466
TACAN Approaches	72	8302
Radar Vectors	801	54547
ADF	1	3

b. RADAR APPROACHES      SURVEILLANCE      PRECISION      TOTAL

1-31 May 69	IFR	0	1	1
	VRF	1	698	699
	WO	0	53	53
	TOTALS	1	752	753

5. LOGISTICS

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

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TONS</u>
MK-81	1482.2
MK-82	2804.5
MK-84	181.1
MK-83	259.2
MK-77	539.0
FFAR (2.75)	3.1
ROCKEYE	34.2
CBU-24	34.1
MK-36	16.2
20MM	.7

## PART IV

1. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Appendix 1, VMA-211  
 ✓ Appendix 2, VMA-223  
 ✓ Appendix 3, VMA-311  
 ✓ Appendix 4, VMA (AW)-533

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✓ Appendix 5, H&MS-12  
 ✓ Appendix 6, M&BS-12  
 ✓ Appendix 7, MAG-12 S-1

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PART ONEORGANIZATION DATACOMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL T. H. NICHOLS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NOAH C. NEW

ADJUTANT

CAPTAIN J. M. OROURKE JR.

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1-10 MAY 1969 - LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. J. CAHILL

11-31 MAY 1969 - MAJOR L. T. PRESTON JR.

2NDLT G. A. O'CONNELL S-1A

MAJOR R. M. LAWSETH LEGAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN J. R. HAMMETT AWARDS OFFICER

CAPTAIN L. D. RUSSELL CAO

CAPTAIN E. E. HASTINGS IRO

S-2

MAJOR J. A. ROOKE S-2

CAPTAIN T. C. FLANAGAN S-2A

S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL P. K. GERMAN S-3A

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C. O. HIETT S-3B

1-7 MAY 1969 - MAJOR W. D. BARNES S-3A

8-31 MAY 1969 - MAJOR R. F. WARREN S-3A

CAPTAIN D. K. SCHNELL WPNS/TRNGO

MAJOR T. C. MCCLAY S-3 ODO

CAPTAIN T. L. HAMPTON S-3 ODO

CAPTAIN T. W. CARTER S-3 ODO

1-7 MAY 1969 - MAJOR D. E. BAKER NATOPS

8-31 MAY 1969 - MAJOR L. C. WALLACE JR. NATOPS

MAJOR J. L. PYCIOR AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER

S-4

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C. D. WARFIELD

MAJOR G. F. BOEMERMAN S-4A

1-18 MAY 1969 - MAJOR J. W. LENT JR. EMBARKO

19-31 MAY 1969 - CAPTAIN R. TOETCHER EMBARKO

CAPTAIN R. J. STOCKING GROUND SAFETY OFFICER  
 MAJOR W. F. NORDELL BASE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
 CAPTAIN M. S. KELLEY FISCAL OFFICER  
 CAPTAIN H. A. FRANZ ORDNANCE OFFICER  
 MAJOR M. J. LENZINI 3M ANALYST

#### IMPORTANT VISITORS

11 MAY 1969 - BRIGADIER GENERAL R. H. SPANJER ASSISTANT WING COMMANDER (1STMAW)  
 14 MAY 1969 - BRIGADIER GENERAL S. JASKILKA ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER  
 FIRST MARINE DIVISION

#### CASUALTIES

##### WOUNDED IN ACTION

1STLT PETER W. OATIS 09 28 94/7501 USMC VMA-311 SUSTAINED FRACTURED RIGHT WRIST AND STRAINED RIGHT KNEE ON 23 MAY 1969 AS A RESULT OF EJECTION FROM A4E AIRCRAFT 15 MILES N.W. DANANG QUANG NAM, RVN DUE TO DIRECT ENEMY FIRE WHILE ON CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION.

CPL M. S. PATTON 237 72 81/1341 USMC MABS-12 ATTACHED TO 23RD MP CO, AMERICAL DIV RECEIVED GUNSHOT WOUND IN LEFT THIGH ON 30 MAY 1969 WHILE ON CAP MISSION. CONDITION GOOD, PROGNOSIS GOOD. SCHEDULED FOR MEDEVAC TO USNH YOKOSUKA JAPAN ON 1 JUNE 1969.

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 1969, MAG-12 JOINED 18 OFFICERS, 179 USMC ENLISTED. ROTATED FOR THE SAME MONTH WERE 13 OFFICERS AND 179 USMC ENLISTED.

PROJECTED LOSSES FOR JUNE 1969: 16 OFFICERS  
194 ENLISTED

#### AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE RECOMMENDED AND AWARDED DURING MAY 1969:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARDED</u>
DFC	13	2
BS	2	0
AM (HEROIC)	8	2
AM (FLIGHT STRIKE)	144	203
NCM	26	2
PH	0	1
NAM	24	1

#### CIVIL AFFAIRS (SEE TAB B)

SPECIAL SERVICES (SEE TAB B)

*L.T. Preston Jr.*  
L. T. PRESTON JR.  
MAJOR USMC  
S-1 OFFICER

## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

On 4 May 1969 the Tien Xuan Schools were visited and dental kits and individual school supplies were distributed to the students. The school year is nearing its' close and plans were made to aid in getting needed supplies for the coming school year. Scholarships were given to students from Ky Lien, Long Binh, Ky Khoang, Khuong Quang, Kuong Hiep and Khuong My schools on 5 May 1969.

The Hamlet Chief of Ly Tra Refugee Hamlet escorted members of MAG-12 Civic Action Team to Duc Bo Hamlet to discuss relocation. The people of Ly Tra Refugee Hamlet were all moved from Duc Bo in 1967 as the area was under Viet Cong control. The U. S. and South Vietnamese Forces then turned the area into a "free fire zone" and placed strict curfews on fields and farmlands surrounding the vacated Duc Bo Hamlet. The relocation and other problems faced by the Ly Tra refugees are being undertaken by the team.

On 15 May 1969 security in Ky Chanh village area deteriorated to the point where medcap activity had to be curtailed. Prior to this medcaps were progressing as usual. Medcaps were held at Ly Tra Refugee, Diem Pho, Tien Xuan, Xuan Ngoc, Phu Vinh and Dong Thanh. Six hundred and fifty (650) people received treatment for various illnesses. Medcap activity was fully resumed on 22 May 1969.

During May people in the Ky Chanh village area complained of increasing harrasment by U. S. helicopters. These aircraft have been throwing smoke grenades and on one occasion a fragmentation grenade at Vietnamese homes and people walking in their fields. Recently a U. S. helicopter crewman shot and killed a Vietnamese man with his .45 pistol at 1000 hours without any provocation. These matters are being investigated and discussed with the Village Chief and the various Hamlet Chiefs. Activity of this nature is considered to be the greatest single threat to all civic action efforts on the part of the MAG-12 Civic Action Team. On several occasions acts of throwing smoke grenades by U. S. helicopters and buzzing Vietnamese vehicles and civilians have been witnessed by members of the MAG-12 Civic Action Team. The Team members found themselves as helpless as the Vietnamese in retaliating to this harrasment.

  
L. D. RUSSELL

ENCLOSURE (1)

HEADQUARTERS  
Marine Aircraft Group 12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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2 July 1969

From: Special Services Officer  
To: S-1

Subj: Report of Significant Activities for Command Chronology

1. Preparations for a second handball court are being made. This court will probably be located near the "O" Club, with construction starting in the next two months.
2. An area by the Rec Hut is being prepared, and materials are being gotten, for the construction of a new weight room. This air conditioned room will be complete with a new olympic weight set, a universal gym set, and very possibly a sauna bath.
3. We are preparing our party area for the pouring of cement. Our request to Wing for the Construction of three beach cabanas has been approved. These buildings will be finished this quarter.
4. Our tape room has been closed this week for the introduction of over thirty new masters. Four additional tape decks have been received since the closing. We will now be able to get out more tapes than ever before. New tape catalogs will be available at the tape turn room.
5. A water fountain is being installed for the beach area.
6. Two Special Services floor shows were sponsored this month. A "Rock" group from Americal is playing tonight.
7. Inter-squadron softball competition starts today. Six games are scheduled between 311, 533, H&MS, and MABS. An all-star team will be chosen to represent MAG-12 at the Wing softball championship play-offs.

TAB B.

8. The newly initiated skiing program is a grand success. At least twenty people a day are pulled during the three hours of operation.

9. The tennis court is finished and awaiting a fence. This doesn't seem to be too large a hinderance though, for the really avid tennis players are already using the court.

*William L. Jackson*  
William L. Jackson

## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

A load of lumber provided by VMA-311 was taken to Ly Tra refugee hamlet to be used in building desks in the school. Cement was also taken for repair of the wells used by the school.

Security in the Ky Chanh village area has improved and medcaps and normal civic action projects were resumed. Medcaps were held at Xuan Ngoc, Tien Xuan, Ly Tra refugee and Diem Pho. Three hundred and six (306) people received treatment. Clothing donated via Project Handclasp was distributed to the refugees of Ly Tra.

On 10 June 1969 fifty eight (58) 2.75 inch rocket boxes were taken to the Ly Tra Refugee Hamlet to be used in the construction of school benches. The refugee hamlet was also assisted in constructing a floating bridge. Fifteen barrels were given to the refugees for the bridge construction, making a total of 45 barrels donated for this project.

Forty pallets (steel) were taken to Ly Tin District Headquarters to be used as walkways. On 11 June one thousand (1,000) pounds of vegetables were taken to the VAN COI and Tin Lanh orphanages. Also on 11 June Medcaps were held at Ly Tra and Duc Bo hamlets. On 12 June 260 rocket boxes were delivered to Ky Chanh.

Medcaps were held on Ky Chanh Island and 132 people received treatment for various illnesses. On 14 June 20 bags of cement were taken to Hoa Xuan and 15 bags to Phu Vinh and another 15 bags to Dong Thanh for use in well construction and school repair. On 15 June eight gallons of ice cream, 200 plastic spoons and 4 boxes of cookies were delivered to the Van Coi orphanage. On 16 June the Civic Action Officer went to Tam Ky to discuss future plans for education in the MAG-12 area of responsibility.

On 17 June 1969 the Civic Action Officer attended a community relations meeting at Americal Division. The subject of discussion was more M.P. control over the Chu Lai P.A.O.R. On 18 June the Medcap schedule was changed from Xuan Ngoc hamlet to Diem Pho Clinic for security reasons. Fifty four (54) Vietnamese received treatment in the morning medcap. The afternoon Medcap was held at Tien Xuan Headquarters where forty (40) people received treatment for various illnesses. Also during this Medcap two Vietnamese were taken to the MAG-12 Field Hospital and were treated for lacerations which they suffered in a motorcycle accident.

ENCLOSURE (1)

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On 19 June the Civic Action Team set out for Quang Ngai with soap and childrens shoes for the amputee hospital but had to return to Chu Lai as the Binh Son bridge had been damaged by the Viet Cong. On 20 June 1,500 pounds of food was delivered to the Van Coi and Tinh Lanh Orphanages.

On 20 June twenty one (21) bags of white wash were taken to Ky Chanh Village Headquarters for use in painting schools. Blackboards fabricated by the MAG-12 Civic Action Team were taken to the Ly Tra and Duc Bo schools.

On 23 June a Medcap was held on Ky Chanh Island 120 Vietnamese received treatment for various illnesses. On 24 June one 6x6 load of scrap lumber was delivered to Ky Chanh village Headquarters. On 25 June 20 cases of vegetables, 10 cases of apples and 10 cases of frozen meat were taken to Van Coi and Tinh Lanh orphanages. Medcaps went to Diem Pho and Duc Bo hamlets. On 26 June twenty four rocket boxes went to Ky Chanh village Headquarters. The Civic Action Officer went to Quang Ngai city to pick up amputees and deliver baby shoes and soap to the clinic.

On 27 June a Medcap was held at Dong Thanh where 97 people received treatment with LtCmdr BELL treating. On 28 June more rocket boxes went to Ky Chanh Headquarters. On 30 June more food was taken to the Van Coi and Tinh Lanh orphanages.

*L. D. Russell*

L. D. RUSSELL

ENCLOSURE (1)