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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January 1973 to 31 January 1973

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Encl: (1) Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Fwd) Command Chronology  
 (2) Sub Unit #2, H&MS-12 Command Chronology  
 (3) Marine Attack Squadron 211 Command Chronology  
 (4) Marine Attack Squadron 311 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. This cover letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1) through (4).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1973 to 31 January 1973

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CTU 79.3.7/MAG-12 (Fwd)

MACHO, D. C. Col USMC  
(1-31 January)SUBORDINATE UNITS

Sub-Unit 2, H&amp;MS-12

PIXTON, M. F. Maj USMC  
(1-31 January)

CTE 79.3.7.3/VMA-211

RANNEY, D. G. LtCol USMC  
(1-31 January)

CTE 79.3.7.4/VMA-311

CALDAS, J. J. LtCol USMC  
(1-31 January)2. LOCATIONBien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam  
MCAS Iwakuni Japan(1-29 January)  
(30-31 January)3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

MAAG, E. R. LtCol USMC  
(1-31 January)

S-1

DITTO, J. H. Maj USMC  
(1-31 January)

S-2

SERRATA, A. T. CWO USMC  
(1-22 January)

S-3

SCHWANDA, R. T. Capt USMC  
(23-31 January)

S-4

HOLLAND, K. D. Maj USMC  
(1-31 January)

HAD

BLACKINGTON, R. C. Maj USMC  
(1-31 January)PRIDGEN, N. E. Maj USMC  
(1-31 January)~~SECRET~~

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>		
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1. During the reporting period, the average strength for Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Fwd) has been 77 officers and 712 enlisted. Personnel strength during January 1973 stabilized somewhat towards the end of the month as replacements from CONUS and Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Rear) arrived on scene at Bien Hoa. With the arrestment of personnel losses, mission accomplishment remained exceptionally high even though many Marines were working extremely long hours.

Casualties during the reporting period were as follows: Hostile: One KIA, One WIA. Non-Hostile: Four.

During the reporting period there were thirty NJP's and five Summary Courts-Martial.

Prior planning with the MACV R&R representative bore fruit as R&R quotas were allocated to Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Fwd) for February and March to Bangkok, Hawaii, and for seven days R&R combined with seven days annual leave. However, these quotas will not be utilized because of the Group's redeployment to Japan. During January standby R&R quotas were available and taken. Fourteen Marines were granted R&R in Bangkok and twelve Marines took advantage of the seven day R&R and seven days annual leave. In-country R&R at the Vung Tau R&R facility had to be curtailed towards the end of January because of enemy activity along highway 15 between Bien Hoa and Vung Tau. Still, 97 Marines participated in R&R at Vung Tau prior to this curtailment.

The retrograde of Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Fwd) to Iwakuni, Japan commenced on 26 January with the departure of the advance party and terminated on 3 February 1973. No major personnel manifesting or personnel accounting difficulties were encountered during the move. The arrival of a C-5A and C-141 aircraft on 29 January to be filled with 183 passengers caused considerable chaos for units to determine the appropriate people to send. However, with concerted effort this problem was worked out in short order and no similar difficulties were encountered again. Upon arrival at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan all personnel orders and TAD travel claims were processed smoothly and expeditiously by Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Rear).

2. During this reporting period the MAG-12 (Fwd) S-2 continued to receive, process and report intelligence information in the form of daily intelligence briefs to the Commanding Officer, group and squadron staff officers, Security officer, pilots flying combat air support missions and visiting dignitaries. This information was received in the form of agent reports, advisories from the Third Regional Assistance Command, Tactical Operations Center (TRAC, TOC), 98th Advisory Group (Bien Hoa Province), III DASC, 21st TASS (FAC), USAF Security Police, VNAF Intelligence Organization Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and aircrew debriefs.

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Marine pilots flying combat air support missions continued to be briefed and debriefed by the S-2 briefing and debriefing section. During this reporting period 786 missions were briefed and debriefed with the following significant results inflicted on the enemy: 714 KBA; 554 fortified positions destroyed, 82 fortified positions damaged; 214 structures destroyed, 68 structures damaged; 13 sampans destroyed; 7 sampans damaged; 809 bunkers destroyed, 154 bunkers damaged; 3 gun positions destroyed, 2 trenches destroyed; 1 trench damaged; 625 secondary explosions, 12 secondary fires, 87 sustained fires, 18 trucks destroyed, 10 trucks damaged; 3 bridges destroyed, 6 bridges damaged; 2 tanks destroyed, 2 tanks damaged; 1 vehicle destroyed, 3 Lambrettas destroyed, 9 .51 caliber positions destroyed, 1 75mm recoilless rifle destroyed, 5 machineguns destroyed, 1 water tank destroyed, 20 supply caches destroyed, 2 boxes .51 caliber ammunition captured, 2 boxes 37mm ammunition captured, 33 foxholes destroyed, 1 pier destroyed, 500 meters of road cut, 1 ferry destroyed, and 3 ammunition caches destroyed.

The S-2 conducted intelligence briefings and processed personal authenticator cards for newly assigned pilots.

The Counterintelligence section provided guidance and assistance in security matters to sections of MAG-12 holding classified material. Counterintelligence also maintained liaison with other investigative agencies at Bien Hoa and Saigon. Assistance was provided to the Naval Investigative Service Office, Saigon, in conjunction with an investigation aboard Bien Hoa Air Base.

During the reporting period elements of the S-2 were relocated to MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan as part of the redeployment of MAG-12 (Fwd).

3. Combat operations for MAG-12 (Fwd) continued undiminished throughout the month of January. The scheduled daily combat sorties remained stabilized at 52 equating to a 1.62 sortie rate. Aircraft utilization has been 1.8 hours per aircraft per day with an average availability of 83% at start of daily flight operations. Relatively few missions were cancelled for weather and the month generally was hot and dry. MAG-12 (Fwd) weather service depended entirely on the services of VNAF metro facilities located at Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa who often gave severely conflicting weather reports/forecasts. MAG-12 (Fwd) pilots continued to depend primarily upon the judgement of the Group Operations Briefers who merely looked out the back door at local conditions when queried. UHF communications between S-3 and airborne aircraft remained stable and excellent due to the reliability of the ancient ARC-51 located in the Operations office.

BDA for the month was outstanding with a large percentage of airstrikes being troops in contact close air support (See paragraph 2 - Intelligence). As in November and December the majority of the Group's air effort was concentrated in MR III and particularly in the area to the immediate north and west of the base. Strikes in the Khmer Republic increased threefold from previous months as the Communists began a concerted drive South through the city of Kampong Thom and the ruins of Ankor Wat toward the capitol of Phenom Penh. It was not unusual for MAG-12 pilots to drop their weapons as close as 100-200 meters from the friendly troops so close was the enemy.

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The SA-7 threat in the western quadrant of airspace from Bien Hoa remained severe and 7th Air Force continued designating this area an Air Traffic Control Caution Area. Local reliable intelligence sources repeatedly reported numerous small to medium sized groups of the enemy in this northern area and January saw much fierce fighting in the battle for the villages along Route 13 South of An Loc.

By the middle of the reporting period most American TAC(A)s had stood down and MAG-12 (Fwd) pilots were controlled almost exclusively by VNAF FACs. By the end of the month Marine aviators were speaking pidgin Vietnamese as well as the FACs spoke pidgin English. Problems were few, courtesy was high, and the Vietnamese fliers were a pleasure to work with.

The multiple attacks by fire the mornings of 4, 22, and 26 January included 57 rounds of 122mm rockets. The Group suffered one Marine KIA, one Marine WIA, and minor damage to facilities. No aircraft were hit.

On 26 January three A4E's were flown out of RVN. One aircraft was on schedule for PAR induction and two carried the OICs of the advance parties at Naha and Cubi Point. By the morning of 30 January the last MAG-12 A4 had departed the Republic of Vietnam. The flow of aircraft and equipment North to MCAS Iwakuni was smooth and orderly with no major problems. At 1430 1 February 1973 the final MAG-12 Skyhawk was home.

During the month of January the Air Group's gun squadrons flew a total of 1749.4 flight hours, 1463 combat sorties, and delivered 2123 tons of ordnance.

Cumulative BDA since MAG-12 (Fwd) deployed to Bien Hoa AB in mid May is as follows BDA:

KBA	3,157	BRIDGE DAM	63	MTRS ROAD DES	500
STRUCT DES	2,373	SEC EXPL	2,467	FOXHOLES DES	143
STRUCT DAM	824	SEC FIRE	279	STORAGE TANKS DES	10
SAMPAN DES	289	SUST FIRES	87	STORAGE TANKS DAM	5
SAMPAN DAM	100	OP'S DES	9	CP'S DES	12
FFP DES	1,755	FIRE BASE DES	1	105mm HOW DES	1
FFP DAM	540	AMMO DUMPS DES	6	BULLDOZERS DES	1
BUNKERS DES	2,700	DAMS DAMAGE	1	WATER BUFFALO KBA	25
BUNKERS DAM	424	75mm R R DES	2	FERRY DES	2
GUN PSN DES	110	57mm R R DES	2	WATER TANKS DES	3
GUN PSN DAM	53	MG'S DES	7	LAMBRETTAS DES	3
MTR PSN DES	42	BOXES 51mm AMMO DES	2	TENTS DES	4
MTR PSN DAM	4	BOXES 37mm AMMO DES	2	MTRS THRNC LINE DES	1,570
TUNNELS DES	114	PIER DES	1	130mm FIELD GUNS DES	1
TUNNELS DAM	8	AMMO CACHES DES	30	POW'S	22
TRUCKS DES	40	51 CAL PSN DES	30	ARTY PSNS DES	18
TRUCKS DAM	38	51 CAL PSN DAM	1	STACKS SUPPLIES DES	73
TANKS DES	10	TRENCH DES	173	STACKS SUPPLIES DAM	15
TANKS DAM	10	TRENCH DAM	18	SUPPLY CACHES DES	92
BRIDGE DES	50	ROADS CUT	50		

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## Breakdown of Attacks by Fire:

	<u>ATTACK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE &amp; NO RNDs</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
69 days	First	23MAY72	2215	5-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam
	Second	1AUG72	0520-0540	101-122mm	Continuous volley, 1-Marine KIA, 6-Marines WIA, 3-acft dam, 5-M35 trks dam, CO Hdqtrs des, Grp Ops and Briefing Rm dam, Ord Bldg des.
29 days	Third	31AUG72	0555-0600	61-122mm	Three volleys, no casualties, 2-acft dam, runway cratered.
	Fourth	22OCT72	0500-0520	61-122mm/107mm	Three volleys, 1-Marine WIA, 1-acft dam, runway cratered.
20 days	Fifth	12NOV72	0300	30-122mm	Single volley, no casualties, 1-conex supply area des, runway cratered.
	Sixth	12NOV72	0515	25-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam
18 days	Seventh	1DEC72	0500	17-122mm	Single volley, no casualties, supply bldg dam, runway cratered.
	Eighth	4DEC72	0420	8-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
10 days	Ninth	15DEC72	0400-0410	17-122mm	Two volleys, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
	Tenth	16DEC72	0115	7-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
2 hours	Eleventh	16DEC72	0300	11-122mm	Single volley, missed base entirely.
	Twelfth	16DEC72	0910	5-107mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
18 days	Thirteen	4JAN73	0100	18-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
	Fourteen	22JAN73	0201	13-122mm	Single volley, no casualties or dam, runway cratered.
3 days	Fifteen	26JAN73	0227	33-122mm	Single volley, 1-Marine KIA, 1-Marine WIA, minor dam, runway cratered.
	Total: 412 Rockets				

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## Breakdown of Operational Statistics by Month:

	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY</u>	<u>A/C UTILIZATION</u>
May	598	441	586	85%	1.4
June	1,635	1,320	2,385	82%	1.7
July	1,842	1,499	2,844	84%	1.8
August	1,991	1,584	2,040	82%	2.0
September	1,771	1,476	1,749	82%	2.0
October	1,907	1,658	2,595	89%	2.0
November	1,828	1,564	2,444	89%	1.9
December	1,893	1,569	2,137	84%	1.9
January	1,749	1,463	2,123	83%	1.8
<u>Totals</u>	15,214	12,574	18,903		
<u>Averages</u>	1,833	1,515	2,277	84.4%	1.8

4. For most of January logistics efforts continued to be focussed on supporting combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam and surrounding environs.

MAG-12 (Fwd) ordnance was responsible for the inspection, assembly and delivery to user units of more than 10,500 MK series weapons. The arm-dearm crews launched and recovered 1404 sorties while ordnance technicians processed some 8700 items at IMA level.

The EOD unit continued to perform in a superlative manner responding to 36 on station calls of which 28 involved explosive items. Noteworthy is the recovery of 10 MK81 bombs from an A-1 crash site, some of which were buried as much as 10 feet below the surface. The recovery was without incident. Other activities included the destruction of a number of enemy weapons and munitions, and the thorough, professional inspection of the passenger terminal building and runways anticipating a visit by the Vice President of the United States. Finally, in recognition for his many services to and close rapport with VNAF forces, CWO JOZAITIS, EOD OIC, was tendered a testimonial dinner by his Vietnamese counterparts.

The esteem and regard with which W. O. JOZATIS is held is reflected by the fact that the Vice Commander of the third air division (Vietnamese) attended the dinner as command representative. With a cease fire impending at month's end MAG-12 supply made herculean efforts to accelerate the receipt of badly needed aircraft parts. In large measure, those efforts contributed to the rapid and successful departure of all Group aircraft.

Embarkation plans were implemented at the end of the month when orders for redeployment were received. Aircraft loading began a scant 36 hours after cessation of combat operations. The success of this airlift was due to the efforts of many, but 1st Lt. E. J. JOBIN, Group Embarkation Officer, must be singled out for his exemplary efforts. Receipt and handling upon return to Iwakuni was expeditious and practically flawless.

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The Logistic Coordination Center established and directed by CWO L. G. CRAVENS gave yeoman service throughout the evolution.

5. During the month Of January MAG-12 (Fwd) once again became 100% trained in Human Relations Phase I, and is now prepared to enter Phase II. Seminars continued to be held which proved to be both informative and educational for all participants. The troop orientation program for newly arrived personnel was presented to all incoming personnel and has proved to be a highly successful way to orient new troops on such information as request mast, drug abuse, etc.

Two thousand three hundred thirty one personnel participated in the World Wide Urinalysis Screening Program during the month. There were 221 cases of Laboratory positive with 166 cases of clinically confirmed abusers. For report purposes clinically confirmed drug abuses were any individuals that tested positive twice. Of this number 145 cases were repeats with 137 of these located in MABS-Security. The drug problem was vigorously attacked during the month with known abusers being tested three times per week which resulted in the abnormally high positive rate. The percentage of Laboratory positives to number tested declined during January for new positives. The easy accessibility of drugs at Bien Hoa continued to be a problem but a strict urinalysis testing program appears to be the best deterrent at the present time.

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1 January: MAG-12 (Fwd) stood down from combat operations for a period of 24 hours.

2 January: Memorial services held at base chapel for Corporal SMARTT, MABS-12 Security, who died as a result of an accidental gunshot wound on 31 December 1972.

3 January: Four sorties ground abort due to closure of Bien Hoa AB. Crash of VNAF aircraft and subsequent fire engulfing ordnance closed field for two hours.

4 January: At 0100H Bien Hoa AB received eighteen (18) 122mm rockets. No damage to MAG-12 personnel, facilities or equipment. Flight operations normal.

6 January: Four sorties ground abort due to airfield closure. VNAF aircraft crashed on take-off. Two MK81 bombs exploded during subsequent fire.

13 January: CG, III MAF (MGen RYAN) and CG, 1st MAW (MGen BROWN) visited MAG-12. A group staff briefing was presented. Visits with Col MACHO and a tour of the area were conducted. General RYAN spoke to a group of MAG-12 enlisted personnel.

19 January: The Group Commander presented a gift of five hundred dollars on behalf of MAG-12 units to the VNAF Air Logistics Command to support their TET holiday festivities. The money was raised by fund drive.

22 January: At 0201H Bien Hoa AB received thirteen (13) rounds of 122mm rockets. No damage to MAG-12 personnel, facilities, or equipment. Flight operations normal.

LtGen WILSON, CG FMFPac, visited MAG-12 (Fwd). Arrived at 1130H, was briefed by Col MACHO and staff, dined with subordinate commanders, and spoke to various groups of MAG-12 personnel, he departed at 1430H.

24 January: Three teams of correspondents headed by Messrs. Foster DAVIS, Charles BURKE, and Bill READ representing CBS, ABC, and Voice of America respectively, visited MAG-12 (Fwd).

26 January: At 0227H Bien Hoa AB was hit by thirty-three (33) 122mm rockets. MAG-12 (Fwd) suffered one (1) KIA, and one (1) WIA. Damage to facilities and equipment was light.

Mr. Keyes BEECH of Chicago Daily News visited the Group Commander and toured the group area from 1300 - 1400H.

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27 January: Correspondents and cameramen representing NBC, CBS, ABC, UPI, AP, and several U. S. newspapers visited MAG-12 (Fwd) throughout the day.

28 January: MAG-12 (Fwd) stood down from combat operations at 0759H. The final SITREP of the deployment was sent at 0825H.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Enclosures (1) through (4).

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MAG-12 (FWD)BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

PERIOD: 1 to 27 January 1973

OPERATING AREA: Military Regions 3 and 4, and Cambodia

COMBAT SORITES: 1352 Scheduled/1312 Flown/1547.9 Hours

ORDNANCE EXPENDED: Bombs.....10463 (2133.1 Tons)  
20MM.....13,200

## BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Personnel 807 Confirmed KBA/41 Probable

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Tanks	2	4
Trucks	18	11
Tracked Vehicles	1	-
AAA/Arty Pieces	4	1
Machine Guns	4	-
Structures	198	47 <sup>47</sup>
Bunkers	770	151
Bridges	3	6
Boats	13	-
Supply Caches	11	1
Secondary Explosions	53	
Sustained Fires	67	

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MAG-15BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

PERIOD: 1 to 31 January 1973

OPERATING AREA: Military Regions 1 and 2, Route Package II, Steel Tiger, and Barrell Roll

COMBAT SORTIES: 1036 Scheduled/975 Flown/1566.5 Hours

ORDNANCE EXPENDED: Bombs.....10719 (2825.3 Tons)  
Rockets.....545

## BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Personnel 74 Confirmed KBA/3 Probable

Destroyed      Damaged

Trucks	20	12
Tanks	1	1
Tracked Vehicles	1	-
AAA/Arty Pieces	7	2
Mortars	3	-
Fortified Positions	1	-
Structures	44	25
Bunkers	94	10
Bridges	-	2
Barges/Boats	2	-
Supply Caches	12	-

Secondary Explosions...223  
Sustained Fires.....78

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MAG-12 REDEPLOYMENT

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1. YOUR RECENT REDEPLOYMENT FROM BIEN HOA AB, RVN, TO MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN, MARKS THE END OF ANOTHER PROUD CHAPTER IN YOUR UNIT'S HISTORY; SINCE COMMENCEMENT OF COMBAT OPERATIONS IN SEASIA ON 19 MAY 1973, MAG-12 HAS COMPILED AN ENVIALE RECORD WHILE PROVIDING CRITICAL AIR SUPPORT IN RVN AND CAMBODIA THAT UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PRESENT CEASEFIRE IN SEASIA. THE IMPRESSIVE COMBAT STATISTICS AS WELL AS A SUSTAINED 1.57 DAILY SORTIE RATE COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY A GROUP OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS. PLEASE

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CONVEY MY PERSONAL WELL DONE TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF  
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THE TOP FLIGHT PERFORMANCE OF MAG 12 IN SEASIA TYPIFIES THE BEST  
TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS. WELL DONE AND HATS OFF TO ALL  
UPON RETURN TO HOME STATION SIGNED GAYLER, ADMIRAL, USN.

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 WITH GREAT PLEASURE, I HEARTILY ENDORSE THEM WITH A WELL DONE  
 OF MY OWN, THE MARINES OF MAG-12 HAVE REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT  
 UPON THEMSELVES AND UPON THE U. S. MARINE CORPS AND HAVE WON  
 ANOTHER NICHE IN OUR PROUD HISTORY. LTGEN WILSON SENDS,

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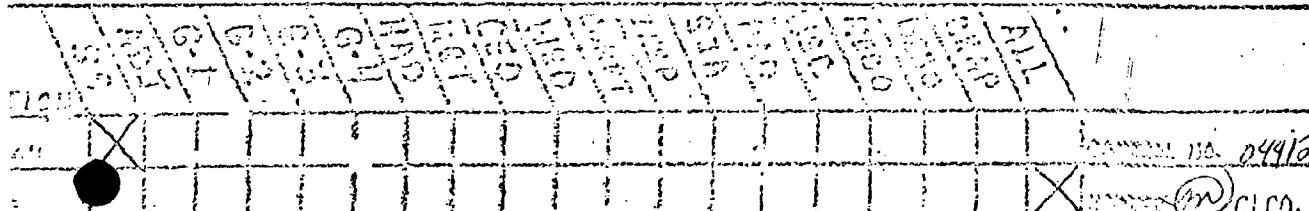
1. DURING THE PERIOD 27 JAN THROUGH 3 FEB 1973, THE LAST MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP IN RVN WAS SUCCESSFULLY REDEPLOYED TO IWAKUNI JAPAN.

2. I AM PROUD TO NOTE THAT THE COMBAT READINESS OF THE UNIT INVOLVED HAS MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE DEPLOYMENT. THIS CAPABILITY WAS DUE, IN LARGE MEASURE, TO THE LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT RENDERED BY UNITS OF YOUR COMMAND.

3. THE PROFESSIONALISM OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF 1ST MAW AND PARTICULARLY MAG-12 (FORWARD) WAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED THROUGHOUT THE REDEPLOYMENT. PLEASE EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF YOUR HQ AND THOSE OF 1ST MAW WITHOUT WHOSE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS THIS MOVEMENT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN SUCH A FLAWLESS AND COMMENDABLE

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THE FOLLOWING IS A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM COMUSJAPAN TO ALL PERSONNEL OF MAG 12, QUOTE, UPON YOUR RETURN TO JAPAN, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME YOU BACK AND TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR YOUR MONUMENTAL EFFORTS IN SEASIA WHICH CONTRIBUTED SO SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OBJECTIVE FOR PEACE IN VIETNAM, YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE WRITTEN ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ILLUSTRICUS HISTORY OF MARINE AVIATION AND THE 1ST MAW, U.S. FORCES THROUGHOUT JAPAN JOIN ME IN EXTENDING OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PERSONNEL OF MAG 12 FOR A JOB WELL DONE, SIGNED LT GEN ROBERT E. PURSLEY, COMMANDER, U.S. FORCES JAPAN, UNQUOTE.

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FOR COL MACHO, INFO ADM CLAREY, LT GEN WILSON, VICE ADM HOLLOWAY,  
MAJ GEN RYAN, MAJ GEN BROWN FROM GEN VOGT,  
SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION.

PLEASE EXPRESS MY SINCERE ADMIRATION AND RESPECT TO THE OFFICERS AND  
MEN OF MAG-12 FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONALISM AND AIRMENSHIP  
WHILE SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THEIR COURAGE AND DEDICATION HAS CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE CEASE-FIRE THAT HAS JUST BEEN NEGOTIATED. HOPEFULLY, WE ALL CAN NOW LOOK FORWARD TO A WORLD AT PEACE. AS YOU RE-DEPLOY, YOUR MEN CAN TAKE WITH THEM THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICES WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN. BEST WISHES.

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