

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
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Encl: (1) VMA-121 Command Chronology for the month of February 1967

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

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CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1967 - 28 February 1967

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Donald R. STIVER 1 - 28 February 1967

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Forest G. DAWSON 1 - 28 February 1967

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAJOR William M. FOLEY 1 - 9 February 1967

MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 9 - 28 February 1967

OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR Samuel O. NEWLON 1 - 9 February 1967

MAJOR William M. FOLEY 9 - 28 February 1967

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR Edward P. CARROLL 1 - 28 February 1967

MATERIAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard D. ACOTT 1 - 28 February 1967

2. MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN, 1 - 28 FEBRUARY 1967

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

<u>USMC OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC ENLISTED</u>	<u>USN OFFICERS</u>	<u>USN ENLISTED</u>
29	211	2	3

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND: NONE

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February, the squadron continued combat operations. The flying conditions during the month continued to be characterized by the monsoon season interspersed with short periods of good weather. The flying accomplished was 826 hours and 692 combat sorties. Daytime flights accumulated 665 hours, of which 18 were under instrument conditions, and night flights accounted 161 hours with 76 hours under instrument conditions.

During this period, over 744 tons of aviation ordnance was delivered. Only 203 sorties were able to receive bomb damage assesment. This accounts for less than 1/3 of the sorties inflicting the following damage with the remainder unknown but assumed equivalent:

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Structures	388	164
Bunkers	42	3
Road cuts	16	0
Trench lines	615 meters	140 meters
Gun sites	7	0
Tunnels	1	2
Secondary explosions	30	0
KBA	130 confirmed	115 probable

In return, 74 sorties reported confirmed hostile fire directed against them and two aircraft received hits. One aircraft was lost during the month to unknown causes and the pilot is listed as missing (Major H. J. ALWAN). A search is continuing for the pilot.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTSPERSONNEL

During the month of February 1967, VMA-121 joined 3 officers and 20 enlisted. Transferred during February were 10 officers and 5 enlisted. Two of the officers transferred were to CONUS. Promotions during February were; two to SSgt. 15 to Cpl. and twenty to LCpl. On 27 February one officer was listed as missing in action.

AWARDS

The following awards were recommended and presented during the month of February 1967:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
Air Medal	22	28
Purple Heart	2	2
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry		1
In Hun Medal		1

TRAINING

During the month of February 1967, VMA-121 conducted the following training; 3 pilots attended E&E school and 1 enlisted. Low Pressure Chamber was attended by 5 officers. 1 enlisted man was sent to Corrosion Control school. The squadron held a lecture on First Aid which was given by MAG-12 Dispensary. On February 18th, all squadron weapons were inspected by squadron officers.

LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

Group Supply filled 33 of 52 AOCF requisitions submitted by this squadron during the month of February. This squadron has a total of 20 outstanding AOCF requisitions.

VMA-121 received an updated IMRL from Headquarters, 1st MAW. The new IMRL deleted 772 items previously listed as IMRL items. Those items deleted now appear in other allowance lists. A new set of master and departmental equipment custody record cards were prepared on all items with MARC code D, E, R, and L. This was required due to allowance changes, line item changes, and other data that is a mandatory entry on the ECR cards.

All outstanding squadron requisitions were reconciled with Group Supply. Upon completion all individual shop requisition logs were reconciled with those of the squadron material section. This is accomplished monthly to insure that Group, Squadron, and shop records coincide.

During the past month this squadron has placed heavy emphasis on embarkation weekly meetings. Embarkation Technical Training has been conducted with representatives from each section in the

squadron. All required boxes have either been procured or placed on order. Cargo manifests and packing slips have been reviewed and updated as required.

During this reporting period this squadron had one change of supply personnel. Cpl. K. P. HITZEMAN 3071 was transferred and LCpl. J. C. MOOTZ 3071 joined VMA-121.

All shops and departments have conducted an aggressive program of screening, identification, and turn-in of surplus supplies and spare parts. The program is not yet complete, but the initial results have been significant. The estimated value of anticipated turn-in exceeds \$160,000.00.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT/SELF HELP

Three bunkers were constructed in the squadron working area, by squadron personnel. All bunkers in the assigned junior officers and enlisted living areas were re-worked and improved.

Revetments were constructed in the squadron ordnance dump. Approximately 400 fifty-five gal. barrels were used in the construction of these revetments.

All squadron living spaces were inspected by the Buildings and Grounds Officer. During the month numerous repairs and improvements have been accomplished in this area.