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1. MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

Period 1 July 1966 - 1 December 1966

Commanding Officer: LtCol. D. R. STIVER

Executive Officer: Maj. F. G. DAWSON

Average monthly strenghts:

Officer/Enlisted

July - 31/174

August - 30/173

September 30/174

October - 31/174

November 31/172

2. Sequential Narrative

a. Marine Attack Squadron 121

(1) Personnel - 13 September exchanged 5 pilots and 33 enlisted with VMA-211.

(2) Administration - None.

(3) Intelligence - None.

(4) Operations and Training

1 July - Squadron returned from MCAS Yuma weapons deployment.

5-6 July - Fired 19 enlisted men on rifle "B" course and 4 enlisted men fam fired the M-14.

5-8 July - 26 officers attended MAWTUPAC Weapons School III.

9 July - Monthly weapons loading held.

19 July - Advanced party departed MCAS El Toro for MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

A total of 556 hours and 275 sorties were flown in July.

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1-25 Aug highlevel profiles were flown by squadron pilots in preparation for Transpac operations. A total of 769 hours and 264 sorties were flown in August.

26 Aug - Transpac commenced.

27 Aug - All squadron aircraft now positioned MCAF Kaneohe Bay.

29 Aug - 20 aircraft launched for Wake Island, refueling at Midway.

30 Aug - 20 aircraft arrived at Wake Island. Squadron lost one day when the International Date Line was crossed.

31 Aug - 18 aircraft departed for Atsugi Japan. 2 were forced to return to Wake Island because of mechanical trouble.

1 Sep - Remaining four aircraft departed Wake Island.

2 Sep - All aircraft positioned at MCAS Iwakuni. Transpac complete. 26 pilots participated in the Transpac.

10 Sep - VMA-121 exchanged 20 A4E aircraft for 22 A4C aircraft from VMA-211.

14 Sep - 8 Squadron pilots departed MCAS Iwakuni for 2 weeks indoctrination lectures and flights at Chu Lai RVN.

28 Sep - 8 Squadron pilots departed for 2 weeks TAD to Chu Lai RVN. A total of 210 hours and 141 sorties were flown in September.

10 Oct - Two VMA-121 A4C aircraft participated in the HILLTOP VII exercise. VMA-121 detachment deployed to NAHA, Okinawa for weapons training with 9 aircraft.

12 Oct - 9 pilots departed for 2 weeks TAD to Chu Lai RVN.

16 Oct - Two VMA-121 A4C aircraft departed NAF Naha for NAS Cubi Pt. to provide fixed wing Close Air Support for operation Mudpuppy I.

5 Nov - Four aircraft participated in an Air Show at Iruma AB in conjunction with the Japanese Air Defense Activities.

6 Nov - Squadron detachment returned from Naha, Okinawa. 424 sorties and 400 hours were flown.


14 Nov - Advanced party departed MCAS Iwakuni for Chu Lai RVN.

3. Special Operations - Negative.

4. Combat Operations - 25 squadron pilots participated in a pilot indoctrination program at Chu Lai RVN. The first group of pilots arrived in RVN on Sept 15. The last increment left on 10 Oct. An average of 7 combat flights were flown by each squadron pilot. The goal of the program was to have each of the pilots familiarized with the combat flight operations involved at Chu Lai prior to squadron deployment to RVN. One pilot was killed on 25 November, Captain C. N. WILLIAMS, 087244, at Chu Lai RVN.

5. Logistics - Between 1 July and 27 Aug the squadron staged and embarked its equipment for the Transpac. 10 Sept - The exchange of A4E for A4C aircraft, necessitated exchanging ground support and maintenance equipment peculiar to the type aircraft.

6. Air Defense - Negative.


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