

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) VMA-121 Command Chronology for the month of March 1967

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
of
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Period 1 - 31 March 1967

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Donald R. STIVER 1-16 March 1967

MAJOR Forest G. DAWSON 17-30 March 1967

LIEUTENANT COLONEL James H. MCGEE 31 March 1967

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Forest G. DAWSON 1-16 March 1967

MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 17-31 March 1967

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 1-16 March 1967

CAPTAIN Richard D. BOWEN 17-31 March 1967

OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR William M. FOLEY 1-31 March 1967

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR Edward P. CARROLL 1-31 March 1967

MATERIAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard D. ACOTT 1-31 March 1967

2. MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN, 1 - 31 MARCH 1967

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

<u>USMC OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC ENLISTED</u>	<u>USN OFFICERS</u>	<u>USN ENLISTED</u>
29	220	1	2

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND: MAJOR GENERAL L. B. ROBERTS^{SHAW}
VISITED VMA-121 on 31 March 1967.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March, the squadron continued combat operations. Flying conditions for the month were characterized by increasing temperatures with visibility being restricted by early morning fog and haze throughout the day interspersed with short periods of good visibility. The flying accomplished was 891 hours and 686 combat sorties. Daytime flights accumulated 688 hours and night flights accounted for 203 hours.

During the period, 777 tons of aviation ordnance were delivered. 186 sorties received bomb damage assessments which accounted for only 27% of the total combat sorties inflicting the following damage with the remainder unknown, but assumed to be equivalent:

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Structures	149	36
Bunkers	11	5
Road cuts	11	0
Trench lines	250 meters	40 meters
Weapon sites	4	0
Tunnels/caves	5	0
Secondary explosions	17	0
Vehicles	3	0
KBA	64 confirmed	21 probable

SIGNIFICANT EVENTSPERSONNEL

During the month of March, VMA-121 joined 11 officers and 31 enlisted personnel, and transferred 4 officers and 4 enlisted personnel. One Captain, seven Sergeants, and 4 Corporals received their promotions.

On 18 March 1967, Major F. G. DAWSON relieved LtCol. D. R. STIVER as Commanding Officer.

On 31 March 1967, LtCol. James H. MCGEE assumed command of VMA-121.

AWARDS

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
Air Medal	25	14
Purple Heart	1	1

TRAINING

During the month of March, VMA-121 conducted the following training:

2 pilots attended E&E school, 4 pilots attended Delivery Refresher School, 2 officers and 8 enlisted personnel attended Weapons Loading School, and 1 officer and 1 enlisted man attended Low Pressure Chamber School. A Ground Defense lecture and a simulated Ground Defense Alert was conducted on the squadron level with excellent results.

LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

During the month of March 1967, there were 112 AACP's submitted to MAG-12 Group Supply of which 83 were filled. On 31 March 29 AACP's remained outstanding.

A physical inventory of all Navy and Marine Corps property was commenced 27 March, required by change of Commanding Officers. The inventory is expected to be completed by 15 April 1967.