

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

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5750
5 May 1967

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 April 1967

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

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VMA-121

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ENCLOSURE (1)

Apr 1967

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
of
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Period 1 - 30 April 1967

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL James H. MCGEE 1 - 30 April 1967

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 1 - 30 April 1967

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard D. BOWEN 1 - 30 April 1967

OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR William M. FOLEY 1 - 5 April 1967

MAJOR Robert J. REID 5 - 30 April 1967

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR Edward P. CARROLL 1 - 18 April 1967

MAJOR Kenneth W. LANGFORD 19 - 30 April 1967

MATERIAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard D. ACOTT 1 - 13 April 1967

CAPTAIN Richard A. BISHOP 14 - 30 April 1967

2. MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN,
1 - 30 April 1967.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

| <u>USMC OFFICERS</u> | <u>USMC ENLISTED</u> | <u>USN OFFICERS</u> | <u>USN ENLISTED</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 27 | 228 | 1 | 0 |

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND: MAJOR GENERAL L. B. ROBERTSHAW FLEW WITH VMA-121 ON 12 APRIL 1967.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of April, VMA-121 continued combat operations from Chu Lai Airfield, RVN in support of the Republic of Vietnam. Flying conditions were generally good, however, rising temperatures somewhat restricted the load carrying capacity of the aircraft. A total of 1005.3 flight hours and 830 sorties were flown, of which 953.3 hours and 783 sorties were combat missions. Night combat missions accounted for 166.2 flight hours.

777 tons of aviation ordnance were expended during the period for an average daily expenditure of 25.9 tons. There were 175 sorties which returned with a reported Battle Damage Assessment (BDA) from the strike controlling agency. This represents only 22% of the total number of combat sorties flown. The following lists the reported BDA:

| <u>TARGETS</u> | <u>DESTROYED</u> | <u>DAMAGED</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Structures | 186 | 58 |
| Bunkers | 36 | 3 |
| Road cuts | 27 | - |
| Trench Lines | 2,555 | - |
| Weapon sites | 5 | - |
| Tunnels/caves | 1 | - |
| Secondary explosions | 20 | - |
| Storage areas | 1 | - |
| Fox holes | - | 50 |
| Vehicles | 1 | 4 |
| River ford | 1 | - |
| Killed By Air (KBA) | 14 confirmed | 92 probable |

SIGNIFICANT EVENTSPERSONNEL

During the month of April, VMA-121 joined 3 officers and 5 enlisted personnel. 8 officers, 9 Marine Corps enlisted and 2 Navy enlisted were transferred.

There was 1 reenlistment for 6 years during the month of April, and 3 extensions. 31 enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour.

Three officers were promoted to 1stLt. on 1 April 1967.

AWARDS

The following awards were presented during the month of April 1967:

| <u>AWARD</u> | <u>RECOMMENDED</u> | <u>PRESENTED</u> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Air Medal | 1 | 3 |
| Gold Star in lieu of AM | 15 | 15 |
| Silver Star in lieu of AM | 10 | 1 |
| Certificate of Achievement | 1 | - |
| DFC | 2 | - |
| Letter of Appreciation | - | 2 |
| National Defense Service Medal | - | 1 |

TRAINING

One pilot attended E&E school and weekly Pilot Training was conducted as usual.

LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

During the month of April 1967, there were 109 AOC's submitted to MAG-12 Group Supply of which 79 were filled.

As of 30 April 1967 30 AOC's were still listed as being outstanding.