

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

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Encl: ✓ (1) VMA-121 Command Chronology for the month of May 1967
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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VMA-121

CMD CHRON

MAY 1967

ENCLOSURE (1)

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

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL James H. MCGEE 1 - 31 May 1967

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 1 - 16 May 1967
 MAJOR Charles F. WALLACE 17 - 31 May 1967

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard D. BOWEN 1 - 31 May 1967

OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR Robert J. REID 1 - 16 May 1967
 MAJOR Frederick P. ANTHONY 17 - 31 May 1967

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR Kennenth W. LANGFORD 1 - 31 May 1967

MATERIAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN Richard A. BISHOP 1 - 31 May 1967

2. MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121, MCAS CHU LAI, RVN

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

<u>USMC OFFICERS</u>	<u>USMC ENLISTED</u>	<u>USN OFFICERS</u>	<u>USN ENLISTED</u>
29	198	1	4

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, VMA-121 continued combat air operations from Marine Corps Air Station, Chu Lai, RVN in Support of the RVN. Flying conditions were excellent throughout the month. VMA-121 provided extensive air support to Operations Hickory, Union and in the Khe Sanh area. A total of 1478.4 flight hours and 1125 sorties were flown of which 1460.0 hours and 1107 sorties were combat missions. Night combat missions accounted for 267 flight hours.

1756.89 tons of ordnance were expended during the period resulting in the following Battle Damage Assessment (BDA):

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Bunkers	104	15
Structures	321	119
Secondary Explosions	55	
Gun Emplacements	38	8
Tunnels/Caves	10	3
Road Cuts	34	
Bridges		3
Trench Lines	595 meters	
KBA	146 confirmed	122 probable

Only 297 sorties returned with a BDA.

VMA-121 lost three (3) aircraft during the period: two were combat losses and one was an accident which occurred during air refueling operations. One pilot was KIA, and one WIA. The other sustained no injury. 1stLt. Michael W. THOENNES was KIA on 30 May 1967. Captain George C. ROMANO was WIA after his aircraft was shot down on 11 May 1967