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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121	Lieutenant Colonel James H. MC GEE
Marine Aircraft Group 12	1 - 24 September 1967
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac	Major Richard J. KERN
FPO San Francisco, 96602	25 - 30 September 1967

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 3 September 1967 - MCAS Iwakuni, Japan
4 - 30 September 1967 - MCAS Chu Lai, Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer -	Major Frederick P. ANTHONY, 1-15 September 1967
	Major Richard J. KERN, 16-24 September 1967
	Major John H. MILLER, 25-30 September 1967
Administrative Officer -	Major Bernon R. ERICKSON, 1-30 September 1967
Operations Officer -	Major Gerald H. SMITH, 1-30 September 1967
Maintenance Officer -	Major Kenneth W. LANGFORD, 1-30 September 1967
Material Officer -	Major Raymond R. HOWER, 1-30 September 1967

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERENLISTEDOFFICERENLISTED

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, the remainder of VMA-121 was positioned in-country. On 5 September the entire squadron started combat air operations from MCAS Chu Lai in support of the RVN. VMA-121 provided extensive air support to Operation KINGFISHER in the Quang Tri Province. A total of 859.7 flight hours and 709 sorties were flown of which 819.6 hours and 675 sorties were combat missions. Night combat missions accounted for 224.2 flight hours.

A total of 1081 tons of aviation ordnance were expended during the period for an average daily expenditure of 35 tons. There were 180 sorties which returned with a reported Battle Damage Assessment (BDA) from the strike controlling agency. This represents only 27% of the total number of combat sorties flown. The following lists the reported BDA:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Structured	222	97
Bunkers	44	13
Secondary Explosions	37	--
Gun Emplacements	7	5
Tunnels/Caves/Holes	28	--
Road Cuts	8	--
Bridges	-	1
Trench Lines	457 meters	--
KBA	26 confirmed	90 probably
Water Buffalos	3	--
Motor Bikes	2	--
Boats	4	--

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

During the month of September 1967, VMA-121 joined 5 officers and 8 enlisted. Transferred during September were 7 officers and 14 enlisted. Promotions for September were: 1 to GySgt, 1 to SSgt, 11 to Sgt and 19 to Cpl. Two LCpl's were reduced to Pfc, and 1 Pfc was reduced to Pvt. Reenlistments for the month: 1 for 6 years. Extensions of enlistments: 2. Overseas extensions: 1 for 6 months.

On 25 September 1967, Major Richard J. KERN 055356 USMC assumed command of VMA-121 relieving Lieutenant Colonel James H. MC GEE 052665 USMC reassigned as Assistant S-3, for MAG-12.

On 26 September 1967, one enlisted to hospital as a result of burns received while burning trash. On 29 September 1967, one pilot was injured as a result of an aircraft accident and evacuated to the States on 30 September 1967.

2. AWARDS

The following awards were recommended/presented during the month:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	3	
Air Medals	36	4
Navy Unit Commendation	1 Officer	
	2 Enlisted	

3. IMPORTANT VISITORS

Major General Norman A. ANDERSON, CG 1st MAW, attended the Change of Command Ceremony held on 25 September 1967.

4. TRAINING

During the month of September, VMA-121 conducted a simulated Ground Defense Alert. This was conducted to familiarize the Squadron personnel with their assigned defensive area. VMA-121 also participated in MAG-12's CPX on 20 September and again on 27 September. Vast knowledge of radio procedures and techniques was obtained by these two CPX's. The Squadron's

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defensive area was in dire need of repairs when we assumed control of the Squadron's area of responsibility. This is being remedied and bunkers are being built all along the Squadron's defensive area, and will be completed in the near future.

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APPENDIX A

OPERATIONS SUPPORTED

1. ARDMORE
2. ASHAU BARRIER
3. BEACON POINT
4. COCHISE II
5. CONQUEST
6. CONVICTION I
7. CUMBERLAND
8. DRAGON FIRE
9. FORTRESS SENTRY
10. FREMONT
11. HARMFULL
12. KINGFISHER
13. NEUTRALIZE
14. SAMURAI II
15. SENATOR
16. SHELBYVILLE
17. SWIFT
18. USA
19. WHEELER

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