

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121

Period: 1 - 30 November 1967

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Marine Aircraft Group 12
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Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. KERN
1 - 30 November 1967

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 30 November - Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer -	Lieutenant Colonel John H. MILLER, 1-30Nov67
Administrative Officer -	Major Richard L. COLLINS, 1-30Nov67
Operations Officer -	Major Gerald H. SMITH, 1-30Nov67
Maintenance Officer -	Major Gerald D. JAMES, 1-30Nov67
Material Officer -	Major Frank E. GRAHAM, 1-20Nov67
	Major D. E. KIRBY, 20-30Nov67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
31	169	1	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, VMA-121 flew 915.7 hours and 766 sorties, of which 804.3 hours and 660 sorties were combat missions. 193 of the sorties were given a battle damage assessment by the controlling agency.

The squadron delivered 1182.24 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 64.61 tons. The following lists the reported BDA:

TARGETS	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Structures	196	61
Trench Line (Meters)	730	--
Bunkers	79	27
WBA	--	1 probable
KBA	13 confirmed	58 probable
Road Cuts	9	--
AW Positions	6	1
Secondary Explosions/Fires	37	--
Trenches/Tunnels	6	--
Tree Line/Foilage	3	--
Fighting Holes	60	--
Mortar Positions	2	--
SAM Launching Van	1 probable	--
Cables Cut	2	--
Bridges	3	--
Leantoos	2	--
Boats	9	--

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. S-1

a. Personnel. During November, 1967, VMA-121 joined 7 officers and 42 enlisted. Transfers during the month were 3 officers and 14 enlisted. Promotions during the month were one Captain to Major and one 1stLt to Captain.

b. Awards. The following awards were recommended/presented:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	2	1
Air Medal	32	
Navy Commendation Medal	17	
Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry	4	

2. S-3

a. Air Operations. During November, VMA-121 provided in-country familiarization training for 7 squadron replacement pilots and continued FAM for 2 MAG-12 pilots. This training consists of 3 TA-4F flights and 10 A4E missions with appropriate flight support lectures.

b. Ground Defense. A representative from the Americal Division gave a presentation for the MAG-12 personnel concerning the divisions' mission in the defense of Chu Lai Air Base. This lecture was attended by the squadron Executive Officer, Operations Officer, Ground Defense Officer and Ground Defense Unit Leaders. Continued emphasis was placed on the training and readiness of the Ground Defense Organization during this period.

c. Training. The weekly All Officers Meeting was effectively used for pilot training. An exam is given at each meeting covering all aspects of air and ground operations. Other material covered at these meetings during November included operations and preflight of the multiple ejector rack, operating procedures for the CE-1 (SATS) catapult, and a training film on bomb-to-bomb and bomb-to-aircraft collisions.

3. Maintenance. During November VMA-121 was the top squadron in MAG-12 for total flight time and sorties flown. This was made possible by an average aircraft availability of 81.66% for the month, with over 85% availability on 13 days and over 90% on 7 days during this period.

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APPENDIX A

OPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTEDOPERATIONS

WALOWA
CROWN 14
NEWTON
ASHAU VALLEY
HILLSBORO
BADGER HUNT
KENTUCKY
ERADICATE
DRAGON FIRE
FOSTER
OSCEOLA
ESSEX
GRANITE
HEADSHED
STEEL TIGER
KINGFISHER
LANCASTER
SCOTLAND
NEUTRALIZE
WHEELER
GRASSHOPPER
DRINK POOL
SAMAUARI II
SENATOR
BIMBO 14

UNITS

3rd MARDIV
2nd ARVN DIV
1st MAW
7th AF
III MAF
9th MARINES
ROK MARINES
7th MARINES
5th MARINES
1st MARDIV
1st MARINES
5th MARDIV ?
US ARMY

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