

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

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121

Period: 1 - 31 DECEMBER 1967

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121      Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. KERN  
 Marine Aircraft Group 12      1 - 31 December 1967  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 December - Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer - Lieutenant Colonel John H. MILLER, 1-31 Dec 67  
 Administrative Officer - Major Richard L. COLLINS, 1-24 Dec 67  
                                  Major Richard H. ULM, 25-31 Dec 67  
 Operations Officer - Major Gerald H. SMITH, 1-31 Dec 67  
 Maintenance Officer - Major Gerald D. JAMES, 1-31 Dec 67  
 Materiel Officer - Major D. E. KIRBY, 1-31 Dec 67

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSN

OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
30	176	1	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, VMA-121 flew 924.6 hours and 788 sorties of which 844.4 hours and 713 sorties were combat missions. 166 of these sorties were given battle damage assessment by the controlling agency.

The squadron delivered 1135.58 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 71.60 tons. The following lists the reported BDA:

TARGETS	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
Structures	130	42
Secondary Explosions/Fires	12	
Bunkers	53	14
Trench Line (meters)	475	
KBA	15 confirmed	35 probable
Road Cuts	36	
Gun Sites	10	2
Tunnels	21	
Tree Line (meters)	100	
Bridges	4	
Trucks	1	
Barrels of Rice	12	
Ferry Crossings	1	

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. S-1

a. Personnel. During December, VMA-121 joined 2 officers and 4 enlisted. Transfers during the month were 10 officers and 22 enlisted. Promotions during the month were one Private First Class to Lance Corporal and one Corporal to Sergeant.

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

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	5	
Air Medal	38	5
Navy Commendation Medal	22	
Navy Achievement Medal	1	

2. S-3

a. Air Operations. During December, VMA-121 provided in-country familiarization for 2 squadron replacement pilots and continued FAM for 2 MAG-12 pilots. Training consisted of three flights in the TA-4F and ten daylight missions in the A4E with appropriate support lectures.

b. Ground Defense. A meeting was held by the Ground Defense Officer, MAG-12 and the following items were discussed:

- (1) Check radios once every week.
- (2) Submit overlay of Defense Platoon positions.
- (3) Brief troops on proper procedures for going to defense positions.

VMA-121 participated in the Ground Defense alert conducted by MAG-12 in coordination with the Americal Division's alert on 24 December 1967. The alert was unannounced and held in the early morning hours. VMA-121 Defense Platoon was in position approximately ten minutes after the alert was sounded with 90% of the squadron participating.

c. Training. The weekly All Officers Meetings were effectively used for pilot training. Material covered at these meetings during December included a lecture and movie on SHRIKE capabilities, description and delivery of CBU-24/B, landing techniques, and aircraft mishaps by the squadron.

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APPENDIX A

OPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

OPERATIONS

AUBURN  
KENTUCKY  
NAPOLEAN  
ASHAU  
ERADICATE  
CITRUS  
NEOSHO  
BADGER HUNT  
HEAD SHED  
INCHIN  
DRAGON TRAIL  
WALLOWA  
FRUSTRATION

UNITS

9th MARINES  
2nd ARVN  
1st MAR DIV  
U. S. ARMY  
1st MAW  
3rd MAR DIV  
7th MARINES  
7th AIR FORCE  
AMERICAL DIV  
VMA-533  
III MAF  
SLF  
ROK MARINES

APPENDIX (A) to  
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