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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121

Period: 1 - 31 March 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121.

Marine Aircraft Group 12

1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO San Francisco 96602

Lieutenant Colonel Richard J. KERN

1 - 10 March 1968

Lieutenant Colonel William D. SHIPPEN

11 - 31 March 1968

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 March = Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer Administrative Officer Operations Officer Maintenance Officer Material Officer -

Lieutenant Colonel Glen H. BARLOU, 1-31Mar Major Richard H. ULM, 1-31Mar Major Ray E. BRIGHT, 1-31Mar Major Gerald D. JAHES, 1-31Mar First Lieutenant R. E. MUSSER, 1-31Mar

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	FNL ISTED
29	158	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

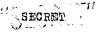
During March, VMA-121 flew 1228.8 hours and 1027 sorties of which 1213.6 hours and 1006 sorties were combat hours/sorties. The squadron delivered 1419.75 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 68.99 tons on 4 March. During a one week period, 3 - 9 March, VMA-121 flew 359.3 combat hours and 297 combat sorties while delivering 378 tons of aviation ordnance. Of the 297 sorties, 170 sorties were flown while resupply operations were being conducted at Khe Sanh and the surrounding hills. The high for a single day during this period was 72.6 combat hours and 64 combat sorties.

Of the sorties flown during March, 129 sorties were given battle damage assessment by the controlling agency. The following lists the reported BDA:

<u>TARGETS</u>	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
KBA WBA	35 Confirmed 2 "	56 Probable
Structures	120	32
Bunkers	51	5
Trench Line	280 meters	
Gun Emplacements	15	
Secondary Explosions/Fires	33	
Fighting Holes	28	
Rocket Tubes	32	
Road Cuts	2	
Water Buffalo	3	

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. <u>S-1</u>

a. <u>Personnel</u>. During March, VMA-121 joined 4 officers and 28 enlisted. Transfers during the month were 5 officers and 26 enlisted. Promotions for the month were: 1 to Master Sergeant, 1 to Staff Sergeant, 1 to Sergeant, 1 to Corporal, and 1 to Lance Corporal.

b. Awards.

<u>AVARD</u>	RECOMMENDED	PRES INTED
Air Medals Flt/Stk-Single Msn	28	Ó
Distinguished Flying Cross	3	ø
Silver Star	1	0
Navy Commendation Medal	5	4

2. <u>S-3</u>

a. Air Operations.

- (1) During March, VMA-121 provided in-country familiarization for 2 squadron pilots. Training consists of three flights in the TA-4F and ten daylight missions in the A4E with appropriate support lectures. All pilots assigned to VMA-121, with the exception of the two mentioned above, have flown at least 50 combat missions, twelve have over 100 combat missions, two have over 200 combat missions and one has reached 300 missions.
- (2) During March, VMA-121 flew 1027 sorties. The following lists the sorties by type flown:

\mathtt{TPQ}	527	HE/CAS	68
CAS	247	TEST	20
HE	78	LZP	10
DAS	68	OTHER	9

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APPENDIX A

OPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	SORTIES FLOWN	<u>units</u>	SORTIES FLOWN
NIAGARA	270	26thIIAR	9 8
SCOTLAND	12	9thLIAR	9
FALCON	6	4thMAR	7
HELL FIRE	10	lstMARDIV	7
BUXON	14	3rdliARDI V	7 5
Fortress	12	lstMAV	11
CARLIEN	4	III MAF	1
CRUSHER	7	1stBn, 7thMAR	5
SOFIA	10	7 thEAR	55
TITHOUSE	6	ROKLIC	11
Dongeon	2	TF "X"	24
GINA	10	ARVN	11
COCKATOO	12	lOlstAirCav	1
DEANNA	8	Army	4
WOODPECKER	12	Other	208
CASTLE	12		
BUICK	2		
KENTUCKY	27		
LANCASTER	7		
WHERLER MALLOMA	8		
HUE CITY	6		
Napolean	7		
LAMPSON	10		
SALTURI	4		
SALINE	7		
HOUSTON	1		
SANDROLLER	1.		
WORTH	8		
JEB STUART	2		
TERAPIN	2		
HI RISE	1		

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