

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 May 1968

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121 Lieutenant Colonel William D. SHIPMAN
 Marine Aircraft Group 12 1 - 31 May 1968
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 May 1968 -- Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer - Lieutenant Colonel Glen H. BARLOW, 1-26May
 Major Ray E. BRIGHT, 27-31May
 Operations Officer - Major Ray E. BRIGHT, 1-26May
 Major Neal L. DERICKSON, 27-31May
 Administrative Officer - Major Richard H. ULM, 1-10May
 Major Rodney R. LETCHWORTH, 16-31May
 Maintenance Officer - Major Frank C. REGAN, 1-31May
 Material Officer - First Lieutenant R. E. MUSSER, 1-31May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
23	177	1	0

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During May, VMA-121 flew 1092.1 hours and 1061 sorties of which 1066.7 hours and 1031 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered 1740.54 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 93.12 tons on 10 May 1968.

During a one week period, 5 - 11 May, VMA-121 flew 336.1 combat hours and 333 combat sorties while delivering 497 tons of aviation ordnance. The high single day during this period was 58.4 hours and 59 sorties.

Of the 1031 combat sorties flown during May, 371 sorties were given battle damage assessment by the controlling agency. The following lists the reported BDA:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Structures	462	260
Bunkers	122	44
KBA	88(c)	31(p)
Secondary Explosions	69	
Secondary Fires	30	
Trench Line	1895 meters	
Bunker Line	50 "	
Hedgerow	50 "	
Boats	6	
Gun Positions	11	10
Fighting Holes	21	
Bridges	3	
Road Cuts	12	
Hootches	8	4
Caves Opened	9	
Observation Posts	2	
Sampons	3	
Spider Holes Uncovered	5	
Tree Line	75	
Tunnel	50	
Slides	4	
Rice Piles	2	

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a. Personnel. During May, VMA-121 joined 2 officers and 11 enlisted. Transfers during the month were 5 officers and 8 enlisted. Promotions for the month were: One to Corporal and nine to Lance Corporal. One man extended for a six month period.

2. S-3

a. Air Operations

(1) All pilots assigned to VMA-121 have flown at least 80 combat missions, eight have over 100, four have over 200, and two have achieved 300 combat missions.

(2) During May, VMA-121 flew 1061 sorties. The following lists the sorties by type flown:

GAS.....876	LZP.....8
DAS.....113	Test/Ferry.30
TPQ..... 19	Other.....15

b. Training. During May, VMA-121 sent one officer and four enlisted to MCAS Iwakuni to attend the Weapons Loading Refresher Training Course. In addition, four officers completed the Delivery Pilot Refresher course also presented at MCAS Iwakuni.

NBC training was conducted at Chu Lai. The 1stMAW NBC MCO and two instructors from the NBC School arrived on 28 May. The Squadron's NBC teams attended the classes during a three day period.

c. Ground Defense Training. Each platoon of the Squadron's Provisional Rifle Company performed necessary repairs of their defensive positions.

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APPENDIX AOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
ALLENBROOK	108	7thMAR	40
NEVADA EAGLE	16	101st Airborne	19
SAIURI II	4	82nd "	11
HOUSTON	58	5thMAR	2
HARRELBUKE THRUST	20	1stMARDIV	7
DELAWARE	56	USA	4
WHEELER WALLOWA	6	1stAIRCAL	45
CONCORDIA SQUARE	2	Special Forces	19
CARATAN II	1	1st/2nd ARVN	12
PETRIFY	16	ROMIC	26
NAPOLEON/SALINE	15	3rdMARDIV	52
KENTUCKY	60	III MAF	2
LANCASTER II	11	Other	304
SCOTLAND II	68		
VEAL STEW	12		
PETTYWISE	4		
STANLEY LUKER	6		
TFX	21		
CARLSBAD	7		
LALPSON	4		

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