

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFMC
 PFO San Francisco 96602

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Subj: Command Chronology for 1-31 August 1968

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 (b) GruO 5750.1G

Encl: (1) VMA-121 Command Chronology

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 AUGUST 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
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 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, MACV
 FPO San Francisco 96602

Lieutenant Colonel William D. SHIPPER
 1 - 31 August 1968

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer-	Major David A. MERPS, 1-31 August 1968
Operations Officer-	Major Jimmie G. MORGAN, 1-31 August 1968
Administrative Officer-	Major Thomas R. DURHAM, 1-31 August 1968
Maintenance Officer-	Major Leon D. TYRRELL, 1-31 August 1968
Material Officer-	First Lieutenant Richard E. MUSSER, 1-31 August 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERENLISTEDOFFICERENLISTED

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During August, VMA-121 flew 1214.0 hours and 1067 sorties of which 1146.3 hours and 1011 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered 1517.29 tons of aviation ordnance, with the highest daily total being 67.19 tons on 29 August 1968.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment is as follows:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Structures	221	153
Bunkers	167	30
KBA	26 (c)	22 (p)
Secondary Explosions	59	
Secondary Fires	47	
Trench Line	675 meters	
Sampons	9	5
Bridges	2	
Road Cuts	22	
Gun Sites	10	

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Personnel. During August, VMA-121 joined 8 officers and 8 enlisted. Transferred during the month were 4 officers and 16 enlisted. One man was promoted to Corporal. One Staff Sergeant reenlisted for three years. One Sergeant, six Corporals and one Lance Corporal extended their overseas tours for periods of seven months.

2. S-3a. Air Operations

(1) Five of the pilots assigned to VMA-121 have over 100 combat missions, 11 have over 200 and one has reached 300.

(2) At the end of August 1968 VMA-121's accident free hours totaled 9105.9. The last operational accident occurred on 27 December 1967.

b. Training

(1) During August one officer attended the 5th Air Force Sea Survival School.

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PART IVOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
SCOTLAND II	23	1st Marines	33
HOUSTON II	38	3rd Marines	8
JEB STUART III	12	4th Marines	10
KENTUCKY	14	5th Marines	26
NEVADA EAGLE	24	7th Marines	40
LANCASTER II	49	9th Marines	11
HAMELUKE THRUST	59	11th Marines	6
ARIZONA	2	3rd Recon Bn	2
WEDDING RING	2	82nd Airborne	7
ALLENBROOK	19	7th Air Force	44
SPIRIT BOARD	2	TASK FORCE HOTEL	15
KITCHEN HAWK	10	TASK FORCE X-RAY	8
SEASIDE 14	4	AMERICAL Division	46
NAPOLEON/SALINE	10	101st Air Cavalry	4
OSCEOLA II	4	24th Corps	3
WHEELER/WALLAWA	2	2nd ARVN Division	8
SOMERSET PLAIN	17	1st Brig/5th Division	2
UNKNOWN	720	1st MAW	6
		1st MarDiv	90
		1st Air Cavalry	21
		3d MarDiv	47
		1st Recon Bn	8
		27th Marines	4
		Special Forces	4
		ROM Marines	42
		51st ARVN	4
		RVN Marines	2
		UNKNOWN	510

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