

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
APO San Francisco, 96602

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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
FOR
1 - 31 January 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
Marine Aircraft Group 12
108 Marine Aircraft Wing, MACV
APO San Francisco, 96302

MAJOR DAVID A. LERPS

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 January 1969 Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Alfonso SANCHEZ 1-31 January 1969
Operations Officer	Major Bobby E. FREEMAN 1-31 January 1969
Administration Officer	Major Virgil R. HUGHES 1-26 January 1969 Major Robert C. CLAPP 27-31 January 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major James L. SHIMMER 1-31 January 1969
Material Officer	1stLt David F. O'CONNOR 1-31 January 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY ACTIVITY

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
20	115	1	0

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PART VINARRATIVE SUMMARY

WAA-127 flew 505.8 hours and 472 sorties of which 460.3 hours and 430 sorties were flown in support of Operations in the Republic of Vietnam and 7th Air Force targets out of country. The squadron delivered 344.143 tons of ordnance during January.

One aircraft received damage when, while on a close air support mission, the aircraft struck a tree causing CHADLIE damage.

The average aircraft availability was 0.0% because of CHNAV INST 05442.4A, this making all aircraft being in either A1B, A1A, or EC status.

Aircraft on Hand:	19
Aircraft at PAB/Baranto:	0
Total Aircraft Assigned:	19

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PAGE IIIPERMANENT LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Self:

The average monthly strength for January was 20 Officers, both Naval Aviators and Aviation Ground Officers, and 115 enlisted men. Due to the disbanding of VMF-121 in early February, 3 officers and 34 enlisted were transferred and no personnel were joined.

One six month extension was approved and two enlisted men enjoyed 30 days special leave. A total of 16 personnel took advantage of EML while 10 others made use of their 7 days annual leave.

During the month one Private First Class was promoted to Lance Corporal and one Lance Corporal promoted to Corporal.

2. Self:

472 sorties were flown logging 591.8 hours, of these, 438 sorties and 468.3 hours were flown in support of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force and various Army units throughout I Corps. The squadron continued to fly out of country missions in support of the 7th Air Force.

A listing of the Operations the squadron supported follows:

LAFASHER II	REINERSON HILL
SCOTLAND II	JES STUART
MILLROCK	MINUTEMAN
BRACEY VICTORY	ALLEN BROSIE
NEVADA EAGLE	RESCUE

Thirty-five Strike/Flight Air Medals were awarded to squadron pilots. Four single mission Air Medals and one Distinguished Flying Cross were proudly awarded to squadron pilots. It is worthy of note that the Squadron Commander award was presented to Major LEMME by the Commander of the Marine Corps, General Leonard F. CHAPMAN. Forty-four squadron personnel were recommended for Army Achievement Medals.

A SINGLE MISSION AIR MEDAL

3. Self:

Natural has been the pulse of the squadron this month in their endeavor to get the squadron prepared for the move of the aircraft to COMUS and the distribution of the remaining gear.

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4. Maintenance:

The incident occurred this month when A/C 71-4 (Date 147669) struck a tree while pulling off target from a strafing run. The aircraft sustained CHARLIE damage and is now enroute to the repair facility.