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Encl: ✓(1) HAMS-12 Command Chronology for the period 1-31 March 1967

✓(2) S-1 " " " "
1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12

For the period 1 to 31 March 1967

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PART I

I. Organizational Data

- a. Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol, Commanding Officer (1-30 March 1967)
Eugene LICHTENWALTER, Major, Commanding Officer (31 March 1967)
Thomas D. COONEY, Major, Executive Officer
John W. BUTLER, Major, Aircraft Maintenance Officer
Melvyn T. MORROW, 2dLt, Administrative Officer
Louis G. SHIKANY, Captain, Flight Officer (1-3 March 1967)
Jerry J. COOK, Captain, Flight Officer (4-31 March 1967)
- b. H&MS-12, Chu Lai Airfield, Republic of Vietnam, 1 to 31 March 1967.
- c. USMC Officers 67
USMC Enlisted 544

PART II

II. Narrative Summary

The tempo of combat operations in the Chu Lai area remains high as H&MS-12 added another month of combat support operations to the record.

PART III

III. Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. Promotion to Sergeant and Corporal totaling 34 were effected during this month.

b. Three Officers accepted temporary appointments to the grade of Captain.

c. As a result of the mortar attack on 6 March 1967, CWO MUIRHEAD was awarded a Purple Heart By MajGen ROBERTSHAW for wounds received.

2. N. B. C. Defense

a. Five (5) NBCD team members attended a three (3) day NBC school in Iwakuni, Japan during the month of March.

b. A new weatherproof ready locker is being designed by the NBC, NCO, Sgt J. W. CATOE, and should be completed during the month of April.

c. Captain G. F. MCHALE was relieved as NBCD Officer by Captain J. S. COOK by Squadron Special Order 8-67.

3. Ground Defense

a. On 4 March 1967 Captain J. J. COOK relieved Captain G. F. MCHALE as Commanding Officer, 5th Prov. Rfl. Co. as per Squadron Order 8-67.

b. At approximately 0010 on 6 March incoming mortar rounds began falling into the MAG-12 area. A total of fifty-nine (59) rounds were taken, the majority of which landed in and around the Company Grade Officers quarters. There were no fatalities. The mortar fire ceased at 0030 and the Provisional Rifle Platoons began moving out to their defensive positions. By 0045 the radios in the Company CP had made contact with Oxwood Command, and all four platoons were in position by 0050, and four (4) trucks and one (1) jeep were in position. At 0052 condition Red was set by a steady siren blast. There were apparently no enemy probes around the perimeter and the Company remained in its defensive positions until 0130 when condition Gray was set and the Provisional Rifle Companies were secured.

c. On 11 March at 0800 weapons training was conducted at the MAG-12 small arms range in accordance with GruO 3574.1A. Fifty-four (54) automatic riflemen and M3A1 operators FAM fired their weapons. The M-2 Carbine, .45 and .38 Cal. Pistols were also FAM fired.

d. On 22 March at 1830 a practice drill was conducted for the rifle

company. It was a walk - through for the purpose of briefing the new Company Commander, and to question individuals on their knowledge of the mission, rules of engagement, etc. It was found that improvements are needed in the monthly indoctrination of the individual riflemen. The drill secured at 1915.

e. At approximately 2215 on 31 March four (4) sharp explosions were heard in the vicinity of the north end of the airfield. Within about ninety (90) seconds after the last explosion occurred, the alert siren sounded condition Yellow. By 2222 radio contact had been established with Oxwood Command and the first and second platoons reported that their positions were manned. The third and fourth platoons reported by runner at approximately 2230. Radio communications were not established with the third platoon due to a failure of their PRC-6. At or about 2245 security condition White was passed over the base defense command net and all hands secured. The explosions were attributed to short rounds of friendly artillery fire.

4. Maintenance

a. Avionics Division

(1) This division has made considerable progress during the past month in that they have set up the Avionics Complex in MAG-12's area on the West side of the field. The vans are now in full operation, ready for support of the various systems that are associated with the A6A aircraft.

b. Armament Equipment Division

(1) Two classes were held on the MK-4 Gun Pod for MAG-12 Ordnance personnel. The course of instruction covered two (2) five day periods for a total of eighty (80) hours. Eight ordnance men satisfactorily completed the course.

(2) A course of instructions was prepared and given to the C-117 Crew on the MK-24 Aircraft Parachute Flare. The course covered the functioning, safety precautions, handling, storage, and launching procedures. Also covered in the course was crew safety precautions during drops.

(3) Six (6) 2311's retraining in the 6511 field were sent to VMA-121 to receive OJT for a two week period. Results of this training was more than satisfactory as stated by the Armament Equipment Division Officer.

(4) During the month of March, 28 MK-4 Gun Pods were repaired and returned to RFI condition. In addition, 28 MER/TER bomb racks were repaired and returned to RFI condition by the Armament Equipment Division.

c. Aviators Equipment Division

(1) A new building is being constructed which will be 16 feet wide and 64 feet long when completed. This structure will house both the Flight Equipment Division and the Safety and Survival Sections of the Flight Equipment Division. The target date for completion has not yet been set due to the difficulty encountered in procuring the materials.

d. Power Plants Division

(1) The Power Plants Division received and built up a total of twenty (20) J52P6A engines during the past month. March was an exceptionally prosperous month for this Division. On 1 March they were AOCF for 15 engines. On 31 March all the AOCF's had been erased, a situation that has seldom ever been seen by this Organization.

PART IV

IV. Supporting Documents

None.

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
S-1 SECTION
PERIOD 1-31 MARCH 1967

PART ONEORGANIZATIONAL DATACOMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL BAYLOR P. GIBSON JR. 1-31 MAR 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN V. HANES

ADJUTANT

SECOND LIEUTENANT BERT L. McSPADDEN

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MAJOR CON D. SILARD

S-2

MAJOR MARTIN A. YARNELL

S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDGAR K. JACKS 1-31 MAR 67

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOSEPH PULTORAK

IMPORTANT VISITORS

GENERAL LAI, Ming Tang

Commander in Chief, 4 Mar 67
Combined Services
Republic of China

LIEUTENANT GENERAL V. H. KRULAK, USMC

CG, FMFPAC 9 Mar 67

CAPTAIN J. K. SLOATMAN, USN

NAVAL LAB, Wash., D. C. 27 Mar 67

COLONEL E. V. FINN, USMC

NAVAL LAB, Wash., D. C. 27 Mar 67

CASUALTIES

On 27 Feb 67 MAJOR HAROLD JOSEPH ALWAN 070722/7333, USMC, was reported missing in action when on test hop and all contact lost with pilot. On 17 Mar 67 CAPTAIN ROBERT BAUGHTON BEALE 985016/7333, USMC, was killed in action when aircraft crashed in the sea while making attack on enemy forces.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTSPERSONNEL

During the month of March 1967 MAG-12 joined 16 USMC Officers and 136 USMC Enlisted. Rotated during the months was 10 USMC Officers and 71 USMC Enlisted.

Projected losses for April 1967: 25 USMC Officers
166 USMC Enlisted

AWARDS

The following awards were recommended and presented during March 1967:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>PRESENTED</u>
SS	3	
DFC	5	2
NCM	13	1
PH	8	8
AIR MEDAL 1ST AWARD	21	14
(GOLD STAR)	121	138
(SILVER STAR)	27	27

CIVIC AFFAIRS

On Easter Sunday the children from the orphanage at Binh Son visited MAG-12. 100 pounds of clothing were given to the orphanage.

A daily MedCap in An Tan has proved very successful. Approximately 400 patients were treated.


 J. S. EVANS
 Major USMC
 Assistant S-1 Officer