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Encl: ✓(1) H&MS-12 Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1968

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a).

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12

For the period 1 to 31 July 1968

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## PART I

## I Organizational Data

- a. Dan C. ALEXANDER, LtCol, CO
- Joseph J. BISCHOFF, Maj, ExecO
- Richard F. SKINNER, LtCol, Aircraft Maintenance Officer
- William R. TONER, CWO, Admin Officer
- Thomas R. FISHER, Maj, Flight Officer
- b. H&MS-12, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1 to 31 July 1968
- c. USMC Officers - 58
- USMC Enlisted - 481

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## 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.

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## PART III

## III. Significant Events

1. Ordnance:

a. During the month of July, Ordnance gained one (1) man and lost none. Projected loss of Ordnance Personnel for the next three months is four (4) men.

b. An average of 120 MER's and 20 TER's were repaired during the month and returned to their respective squadrons.

c. Approximately 95 MK-4 Gun Pods were repaired, serviced, and checked out to the squadrons.

d. It is expected that major checks (9,000 rds.) will have to be made on ten (10) MK-4 Gun Pods in the month of August.

e. Daily Maintenance requirements have been performed on the TAlF's.

f. The major problem area is lack of testers both in the MER/TER shop and in the MK-4 Gun Pod shop. Assistance has been requested from the First Marine Aircraft Wing to furnish the test equipment.

2. Power Plants:

a. The month of July found the Power Plants Division operating without the benefit of three (3) key personnel. Warrant Officer BLEERMAN and GySgt ORTIZ were conducting squadron business at NAS Cubi Point and NAS Atsugi for a greater part of the month. SSgt DEES was used to provide tech. assistance to the Flight Line/Check Crew division

b. A kull in incoming RFI engines coupled with supported squadron's need to fly aircraft over Periodic inspection cycles provided time to rearrange the power plants shop for more efficient operations.

c. During the latter part of the month, light damage was sustained by the engine shop when a mortar round hit approximately thirty feet from the south east corner of the building.

d. RFI engines issued during this reporting period totaled twenty-two, while twenty five engines were inducted into IMA. A breakdown of engines processed is as follows:

<u>ISSUED TO</u>		<u>RECEIVED FROM</u>
VMA-121	8	9

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VMA-211	8	9
VMA-311	4	4
VMA(AW)-533	1	1
H&MS-12	1	1
H&MS-13	0	1
	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>

e. This was the third consecutive month whereby service was provided to the H&MS-13 engine shop.

3. AMSE:

a. During the month, this division lost four (4) men and will lose three additional men during the month of August.

b. More strict emphasis is needed by squadrons to perform their daily maintenance on ground handling equipment. Lack of lubricants is primary contributing factor for equipment going down.

4. Airframes:

a. Heliarc welder and milling machine received power and are back in operation.

b. Commenced calendar inspection on TAlF BuNo 153491.

c. Requested replacement X-ray unit. Present unit not operational and beyond repair at this level.

5. Aviator's Equipment:

a. During the month of July this division repaired one (1) seat pan and incorporated IACSC 115 into one (1) seat pan.

b. Two (2) dual visor kits were assembled and a dual visor assembly was installed on an APH-6 helmet.

c. Seven (7) miniature oxygen regulators were repaired and eighty-three (83) were tested.

d. Nine (9) parachutes were packed for other squadrons.

e. The division mfg. one (1) Air conditioning duct for H&MS Avionics.

6. Avionics:

a. MA-1A Vari Drive returned from North Island Rework Facility. Drive

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installed in new Vari-Drive/CSD building. Building awaiting completion by Public Works. Anticipated completion in August.

b. Submitted work request for construction of battery shop for support of the Ni-Cad batteries used in the A6A. Equipment and supplies for this shop placed on order. One man sent to MAG-16 to effect liason and survey their shop of this type.

c. Submitted work request for sheds to cover power converters. Mid day heat has been effecting operation and in some cases causing shut-down of diesel generator. As interim measure, a portable nose dock now being utilized. If this alleviates the problem, a more permanent structure will be requested.

7. Ground Defense:

a. During the month of July the 5th Provisional Rifle Company responded to Green alerts from 23 July to 31 July. The radio net was up during the hours of darkness during this period. One platoon of the Company was on standby as a reaction force from 1600 to 0600 on 23 July 1968.

b. There have been no significant personnel changes in the Company since the last reporting period. However, during September 68 the present XO of the Company will rotate to CONUS.

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