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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Attn: G-3)

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Encl: (1) MAG-12 Command Chronology for the month of May 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMMANDING OFFICER AND STAFF:

COMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL Leslie E. BROWN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Rex WILSON

ADJUTANT

CAPTAIN Michail J. RIPLEY

S-1

MAJOR Joseph L. GREGORCYK

S-2

CAPTAIN Charles H. CHAIN III

S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Thomas E. MULVIHILL

S-4

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Joseph PULTORAK

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL John W. KIRKLAND
1 MAY - 29 MAY

MAJOR Thomas J. AYERS
29 MAY - 31 MAY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Thomas J. AYERS

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S-1

CAPTAIN William W. ALLEN

S-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT Gary E. SNYDER

S-3

MAJOR John J. McCARTHY
1 MAY - 29 MAY

MAJOR John R. KOCH
29 MAY - 31 MAY

S-4

CAPTAIN Julius M. RULE

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Dellwyn L. DAVIS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Jerome T. HAGEN

S-1

CAPTAIN Thomas G. LEACH

S-2

CAPTAIN Jon MILLER

S-3

MAJOR John R. CARR Jr.

S-4

CAPTAIN Earl H. HARWELL

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONE Robert B. SINCLAIR

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Joseph J. KANE

S-1

CAPTAIN Charles M. LIVELY

1 MAY - 20 MAY

CAPTAIN James R. SHEA

21 MAY - 31 MAY

S-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT John S. BOARDMAN

S-3

MAJOR Arthur R. ANDERSON

S-4

CAPTAIN Ralph W. CASPOLE

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Jack W. HARRIS
1 MAY - 20 MAY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Paul G. McMANON
21 MAY - 31 MAY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Donald G. GASCOIGNE

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S-1

CAPTAIN Thomas L. WATKINS

S-2

FIRST LIEUTENANT Louis G. SHIKANY

S-3

MAJOR Laurin DEWOLF

S-4

CAPTAIN David T. TIERNEY

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Paul G. McMAHON
1 MAY - 21 MAY

MAJOR George M. LAWRENCE, Jr.
22 MAY - 31 MAY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR George M. LAWRENCE, Jr.
1 MAY - 21 MAY

MAJOR Richard E. SKINNER
22 MAY - 31 MAY

BASE SERVICES OFFICER

MAJOR Manuel H. L. HEDGES

BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR Richard E. SKINNER
1 MAY - 21 MAY

CAPTAIN Donald A. LANGROCK
22 MAY - 31 MAY

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

SECOND LIEUTENANT Raymond H. STOUT

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON 12

COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJOR Richard E. HAWES Jr.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Earl D. CHANELY Jr.

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR Julius B. PIERCE

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CAPTAIN Huey P. L. MILLER

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN, 1-31 MAY 1966

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

	USMC O	USMC En	USN O	USN En
VMA-211	34	178	1	1
VMA-214	32	190	1	0
VMA-223	33	170	1	1
VMA-311	30	179	1	0
MABS-12	25	683	3	19
H&MS-12	56	425	0	0
TOTAL MAG-12	210	1,845	7	21

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4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND:

Rear Admiral ARNOLD	6 May 1966
Rear Admiral LAMBERT	6 May 1966
Brigadier General ELWOOD	8 May 1966
Major General MCCUTCHEON	10 May 1966
Major General MCCUTCHEON	11 May 1966
Lieutenant General KRULAK	13 May 1966
Lieutenant General WALT	19 May 1966
Lieutenant General WALT	21 May 1966
General WESTMORELAND	21 May 1966
Major General YOUNGDALE	24 May 1966
General BEACH	26 May 1966
Major General ROBERTSHAW	27 May 1966

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(C) During the month of May MAG-12 flew a total of 2,618 sorties for 3,399.2 hours. Of these 2,424 sorties were devoted to combat operations. The Group expended 1,595.3 tons of ordnance.

(C) MAG-12 supported nine (9) III MAF ground operations, flying 195.5 hours in 174 sorties.

(C) The "Blacksheep" VMA-214 returned to Chu Lai from Iwakuni on 1 May 1966.

(C) On 11 May 1966 Captain C. H. KLINGENSMITH logged MAG-12's 30,000 combat hour.

(C) On 15 May, VMA-211 flew the 10,000 combat mission out of Chu Lai.

(C) Airfield construction continues as MCB-4 completed matting for the three aircraft alert aprons and completed the 48 foot wide taxiway.

(C) During the month of May the self help construction program helped to speed up construction to an average of 35 buildings a week. Major construction projects during the month were a new Post Exchange and an extension to the Disbursing building.

(C) The CE-1 Mod 3 catapult installation was completed and the catapult was certified. A total of 46 aircraft were launched with it.

(C) First Lieutenant J. H. VILLEPONTEAUX, Jr. was declared killed in action on 14 May 1966. Lieutenant VILLEPONTEAUX was listed as missing in action on 11 May following a midair collision between he and his flight leader.

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PERSONNEL

(C) MAG-12 commenced the month with an on board strength of 217 officers (USMC/USN). On board strength at months end was 197 officers and 1865 enlisted. These figures reflect a loss of 20 officers while joining 12. MAG-12 is projected to lose 24 officers and 129 enlisted during June.

(C) Major T. J. AYERS relieved LtCol J. W. KIRTLAND as Commanding Officer of VMA-211 and LtCol P. J. McMAHON relieved LtCol J. W. HARRIS as Commanding officer of VMA-311.

AWARDS

(C) The following awards were recommended and presented during May.

Award	Recommended	Presented
Distinguished Flying Cross	7	
Navy Marine Corps Medal		1
Bronze Star	1	
Air Medal (First Award)	27	36
Distinguished Service Medal	1	
Air Medal (Star in Lieu of Additional Awards)	72	68
Navy Commendation Medal	14	
Sec Navy Commendation for Achievment	4	
Purple Heart	1	1
Navy Unit Commendation (MAG-12)	1	

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Numerous cases of excess soap as wall as two boxes of clothing donated by outside sources were delivered to the Ly Tin District during the month.

AIR OPERATIONS

(C) During May MAG-12 aircraft flew in support of nine operations. 174 sorties were flown in Operations support. Break down by operations is as follows:

Operation	Sorties	Hours	Ordnance
Georgia	2	1.0	300 20MM
Montgomery	93	105.2	83.3 Tons 5,785 20MM
Orange	2	3.4	
Wayne	2	3.5	2.0 Tons 200 20MM

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Lamson 267	19	21.9	14.5 Tons 850 20MM
Yuma	8	11.7	3.0 Tons 550 20MM
Milestone	28	25.4	4.0 Tons 300 20MM
Mobile	14	18.4	
Cheyenne	6	5.0	5.9 Tons 600 20MM

(C) MAG-12 squadrons expended the following ordnance during the month.

Item	Quantity
Rocket 2.75"	38
Rocket 5" Zuni	173 pods
20MM	58,840 rds
Napalm	283
Bombs:	
AN-M81	1,794
MK-81SE	1,772
MK-82SE	3,545
MK-83LD	205
MK-84LD	2

(C) Installation of the CE-1 Mod 3 catapult was completed and 46 aircraft were launched. There were a total of 496 arrested landings. The TM-21 arresting gear installation is held up pending stablization and construction of engine pad areas.

(C) Ordnance received in excess of 3,373 long tons of class V(A) munitions from six LST's. A total of 6,83 long tons were flown in. The following class V(A) munitions were shipped out: 511 igniters, 135 pallets of 500# fins.

(C) Air Freight: The following statistics of incoming and outgoing air freight was compiled:

	In	Out
Passengers	4,053	6,066
Mail	397,530	160,183
Cargo	3,579,569	1,002,517
Logistical flights	365	365

(C) 69% "A" rations and 31% "B" rations were served during the month by MAG-12 messes.

ENGINEERING

(C) Major construction during the month has been the erection of a new Exchange Building and near completion of an extension on the Disbursing Building; completion is dependent on arrival of tin roofing.

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(C) Ten new huts were constructed in the company grade officers area and the Ready Alert Hut was completed.

(C) MCB-4 completed the three (25 x 50) showers in the MAG-12 cantonment with the exception of one roof. The plumbing is complete in only one shower. The completion of the showers will be delayed for the lack of 1¼" pipe and 3/4" nipples.

BASE DEVELOPMENT/MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

(C) The main taxiway was widened from 36 to 48 feet on the south end of the field for a distance of 1200 feet. The entire main parallel taxiway is now 48 feet wide.

(C) The casing in the well at the water point has been rock filled and a concrete slab will be laid on top of the rock in the near future.

(C) The repair and resurfacing of the secondary road east of the MSR was completed.

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