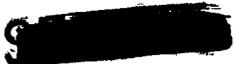


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MARINE AIRCRAFT
GROUP-12
CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
16 MAY 1965 - 31 JULY 1967

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ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I

COMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL Baylor P. GIBSON, Jr. 16 Feb 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Knowlton P. RICE 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

ADJUTANT

SECOND LIEUTENANT Bert L. MCSPADEN 26 Jan 67 - 15 Jul 67

FIRST LIEUTENANT Jerry W. MCNULTY 16 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR James M. COX 1 Apr 67 - 31 Jul 67

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CAPTAIN Wesley R. PHENEGAR 11 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL Edgar K. JACKS 15 Feb 67 - 31 Jul 67

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL Robert R. VAN DALSEM 1 Apr 67 - 31 Jul 67

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON-211

10 Oct 66 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJOR Gerit L. FENENGA 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Robert W. RASDAL 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

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SECOND LIEUTENANT Ronald Y. ISA 14 Mar 67 - 18 Jul 67

CAPTAIN Charles H. WOOD 19 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

PART I (CONT)S-3

MAJOR William L. BECKER 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON-223 1 Mar 67 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Claude E. DEERING 26 Mar 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Martin A. YARNELL 2 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Christian J. DETTLE 10 Dec 66 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Delbert G. RANNEY 2 Apr 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR David R. RAMZEL 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON-311 1 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Eugene LICHTENWALTER 8 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Samuel O. NEWLON 1 Jun 67 - 16 Jul 67

MAJOR Gale HARLAN 17 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

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SECOND LIEUTENANT Leo M. SPAETH 1 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Ralph E. BRUBAKER 1 Jul 67 - 12 Jul 67

CAPTAIN William E. LOFTUS 13 Jul 67 - 16 Jul 67

MAJOR Samuel O. NEWLON 17 Jul 67 **SECRET** 17 Jul 67

PART I (CONT)S-4

MAJOR James G. COWART 1 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON-533 1 Apr 67 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL William P. BROWN 30 Jun 66 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR William L. BALL 13 Sep 66 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Robert L. GONDEX 21 Sep 66 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Paul R. JONES 1 Jan 66 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Kent C. BATEMAN 18 Apr 67 - 31 Jul 67

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON-12 15 May 65 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

MAJOR Forest G. DAWSON 3 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Harold L. JACKSON 3 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Robert C. BLACKINGTON 31 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJOR Robert B. BOOHER 19 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

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MAJOR Henry L. SEARLE 19 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

PART I (CONT)

HEADQUARTERS AND MAINTENANCE SQUADRON-12 16 May 65 - 31 Jul 67

COMMANDING OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL Robert E. MILLER 29 May 67 - 31 Jul 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MAJOR Thomas E. JORDAN 16 Jun 67 - 31 Jul 67

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SECOND LIEUTENANT Melvyn T. MORROW 26 Jan 67 - 31 Jul 67

FLIGHT OFFICER

CAPTAIN Kirk S. WETZBARGER 1 Jul 67 - 31 Jul 67

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

MAJOR John W. BUTLER 23 Jan 67 - 31 Jul 67

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-12, CHU LAI AIRFIELD, RVN 16 MAY 67 - 31 Jul 67.

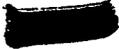
3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC O</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN O</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
VMA-211	21	205	1	0
VMA-223	27	205	1	0
VMA-311	23	205	1	0
VMA (AW)-533	39	240	1	0
H&MS-12	48	527	0	0
MABS-12 & MATCU-67	<u>32</u>	<u>767</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>37</u>
TOTAL	190	2149	6	37

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

REAR ADMIRAL M. W. WHITE COMFAIRWESPAC 1 JUL 67

MAJOR GENERAL N. J. ANDERSON CG 1STMAW 30 JUL 67


PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

(S) MAG-12 flew 3462 sorties for a total of 4501.7 flight hours. Included were 3304 combat sorties which expended 5469.271 tons of ordnance for an average of 176.43 tons per day.

(S) Combat missions were flown in support of III Marine Amphibious Force, I Corps, and Seventh Air Force. Major operations supported included ARDMORE, BEACON GUIDE, BEAR CHAIN, BOLDER, BUFFALO, CIMMARON, CROCKETT, CUMBERLAND, DRAGON HEAD, FREMONT, HICKORY II, HICKORY III, KINGFISHER, PECOS & SHERIDAN.

(S) Certification of the CE-1-3 catapult installed on runway 03, 16-19 July constitutes the operational highlight of the month. The first combat launch via the catapult was flown on 20 July by Captain P.A. KRUEGER of VMA-223. Five (5) A4 certification launches were made by LtCol C. E. DEERING, Commanding Officer of VMA-223. Combat launches by this means have since continued on a daily basis.

(S) On 24 July Captain James G. BURNS of VMA-211 piloting an A4E ejected on takeoff. The cause was attributed to engine failure. The pilot was not injured.

PART IIIPERSONNEL

(S) During the month of July 1967, MAG-12 joined 23 USMC Officers and 108 Enlisted. Rotated during the month were 8 USMC Officers and 79 Enlisted.

AWARDS

(S) The following awards were recommended and presented during July 1967:

<u>AWARDS</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	21	7
Bronze Star	6	1
Navy Commendation Medal	14	4
Air Medal 1st Award	7	3
Air Medal (Gold Star)	322	172
Air Medal (Silver Star)	52	24

CIVIL AFFAIRS

(S) Miss Do Thi Dong, having completed therapy for an artificial leg was flown out of Danang by helicopter with the Wing CAO to the Ly Tin District Headquarters where MAG-12 Civil Affairs personnel met Miss Dong and conveyed her to her home (Approx BT438099).

(S) MAG-12 Civil Affairs personnel have made three visits to check on the welfare of Miss Dong since her arrival home with the intentions of assisting her in getting a job whereby she can support or help to support her family.

(S) Information was obtained on four young Vietnamese who suffered leg amputations as a result of war accidents. Pending word from Saigon hospital authorities, MAG-12 Civil Affairs will arrange to have them sent to Danang where Wing Civil Affairs will in turn convey them to Saigon to receive treatment and possible fittings for artificial legs.

(S) A contract was made with local firms for production of sufficient school furniture to complete the furnishing of the Ly Tin High School. Cost: 152,000 VN\$. This provides the following quantity of furniture, 48 student desks; 48 student chairs; 6 teachers desks; 6 teacher chairs; 6 teacher platforms and 7 bookcases.

(S) Upon receipt of paint or whitewash from III MAF and the application of same, this project will be completed as far as MAG-12 is concerned. Improvements in the grounds and outbuildings have been assumed by MCB-71.

(S) Several wood runs have been made to various Vietnamese families at the Hamlets of Phuoc An and Trung An and 3 Ky Hoa Island Hamlets. Large sheets of plywood and black paint were distributed to two schools in the island hamlets for the purpose of constructing blackboards.

PART III (CONT)

(S) In the Hamlet of An Tan, a playground site has been chosen at one of the schools. Under the direction of the Group Civil Affairs Officer, different squadrons will be constructing various playground items. Completion of the project should take place in the very near future. The actual location of the playground site is behind and along side of the Buddhist School in An Tan.

(S) With assistance from the MAG-12 CAO, MAG-12 S-1 Section has paid for the education of a 14 year old Vietnamese boy named Nguyen Van Xin. Donations in the amount of 20,000 VN\$ will supply the boy with food, board, clothing, school supplies and the cost of his education for his last three years of elementary school prior to his entering high school. The boy, whose parents are dead, is very intelligent, has some knowledge of English and is ranked third in his class of fifty at his school in Sam Hy.

(S) During the month of July, the MAG-12 Medical Department made a trip to the Binh Son Orphanage distributing food, clothing and medical supplies. The medical supplies and instructions were entrusted to one of the sisters, an accomplished nurse, who will administer the supplies as needed.

(S) The Catholic Chaplain made four trips to the Chu Lai Orphanage delivering lumber, roofing tin, clothing, building materials and financial aid in the amount of approximately 35,000 VN\$.

(S) The Protestant Chaplain made a trip to the Tam Key Orphanage distributing clothing, food and approximately 12,000 VN\$. A trip was also made to Da Lat to deliver clothing and food to the Christian Military Alliance. Financial remuneration was made to the Montagnard Tribesmen for many Montagnard goods the Protestant Chaplain has obtained on various occasions.

(S) During the month of July VMA(AW)-533 built and delivered 32 double bunk beds to the Dong Cong Orphanage.

(S) Lieutenant Colonel Brown presented 26,550 VN\$ to the Dong Cong Orphanage in Chu Lai Hamlet on behalf of the officers and men of the squadron.

(S) The squadron built and delivered one slide for the playground at the orphanage.

AIR OPERATIONS

(S) During the month of July 1967, MAG-12 flew in support of fifteen operations:

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>
ARDMORE	92	129.0	162.0
BEACON GUIDE	36	39.3	51.2

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PART III (CONT)

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>
BEAR CHAIN	17	23.2	20.3
BOLDER	20	26.8	22.7
BUFFALO	368	471.0	566.6
CIMMARON	197	263.0	328.1
CROCKETT	122	164.4	186.5
CUMBERLAND	25	36.2	38.0
DRAGON HEAD	8	9.6	10.5
REMONT	26	35.1	35.4
HICKORY II	170	214.9	341.4
HICKORY III	178	224.9	319.6
KINGFISHER	308	387.7	613.0
PECOS	10	13.4	13.2
SHERIDAN	8	10.2	7.7

(S) MAG-12 expended the following ordnance during the month:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
ANM-65	1101
N117A1	162
MK-81	6343
MK-82	12,737
MK-77	1292
MK-79	46
FFAR	14,826
ZUNI	173
20 MM	

(S) A-1 takeoffs and landings:

	<u>A-1</u>	<u>F-4</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>TRANS</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
East Runway	4707	0	8646	116	210
Crosswind runway	68	4	0	0	0
Total	4775	4	8646	116	210

SQUADRON COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES

- ✓ Enclosure (1), VMA-211 Command Chronology
- ✓ Enclosure (2), VMA-223 Command Chronology
- ✓ Enclosure (3), VMA-311 Command Chronology
- ✓ Enclosure (4), VMA(AW)-533 Command Chronology
- ✓ Enclosure (5), H&MS-12 Command Chronology
- ✓ Enclosure (6), MAES-12 Command Chronology

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