

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

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Encl: ✓(1) VMA-121 Command Chronology

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 - 30 NOVEMBER 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 121
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 FPO San Francisco, 96602

MAJOR DAVID A LERFS

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major Jimmie G. MORGAN 1-20 November 1968
 Major Alfonso CEBALERA 20-30 November 1968

Operations Officer

Major Donald E. JACKNET 1-25 November 1968
 Major Lobby H. FREEMAN 25-30 November 1968

Administrative Officer

Captain Ralph P. HUNDLEY 1-25 November 1968
 Captain Thomas J. LUCIANO 25-30 November 1968

Maintenance Officer

Major Geoffrey A. YONK 1-12 November 1968
 Major James L. SKINNER 12-30 November 1968

Material Officer

Captain Donald W. LOVE 1-30 November 1968

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
1 November 1968	30	162	1	0
30 November 1968	27	140	1	0

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4 December 1968PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMA-121 flew 884.8 hours and 813 sorties of which 840.8 hours and 771 sorties were flown in support of Operations in the Republic of Vietnam and 7th Air Force targets out of country. The Squadron delivered 731.019 tons of ordnance during the month.

Aircraft availability for the month was 70.6% with a NORS rate of 8.1% and the NORMS averaging at 21.3%

Aircraft on Hand:	16
Aircraft at PAR:	<u>3</u>
Total aircraft assigned:	19

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It was a busy month for S-1 joining 4 officers and 2 enlisted personnel, while transferring 5 officers and 22 enlisted men. There was one promotion to Corporal and another to Lance Corporal with two meritorious promotions to Sergeant in the paper work. Two of our Sergeants reenlisted for six years, but no extensions were signed during the month.

2. S-3

813 Sorties were flown accumulating 884.8 hours. A step up in operations from the preceding month due mainly to a break in the weather.

Fifty five Strike/Flight Air Medals were awarded to Squadron pilots. One Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to a Squadron pilot and four additional have been submitted. One Bronze Star has been recommended and Eleven Navy Commendation Medals have been submitted for approval.

Since its last operational accident in December 1967, VMA-121 has flown 11,285 accident free hours.

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PART IV
OPERATIONS

VMA-121 continued to support the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force and various Army units throughout I Corps. Since the bombing halt of 1 November 1968 the Squadron out of country missions have been redirected to 7th Air Force Targets in Laos. 81 sorties were flown logging 117.9 hours on strikes against these targets.

A listing of the Operations the Squadron supported follows:

LANCASTER II	JEB STUART
SCOTLAND II	KENTUCKY
MILLBROOK	ALLENBROOK
DRAGON VICTORY	HUSTON
NEVADA EAGLE	MEADE RIVER
HENDERSON HILL	

In support of these operations 771 combat sorties and 849.5 hours were flown, dropping a total of 731.019 tons of ordnance. A breakdown of the expended ordnance follows:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>
MK-81 SNAKEYE	169
MK-82 SNAKEYE	541
MK-82 CONICAL FIN	1292
M-117A1	283
MK-84 CONICAL FIN	33
MK-77 NAPALM	159
LAU 10/A	107
LAU 60	68
20 MM	5400 RDS.

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