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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1967

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Encl: ✓(1) H&MS-12 Command Chronology for the period 1-30 September 1967

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 30 September 1967

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PART I

I. Organizational Data

- a. Robert E. MILLER, Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding Officer
- Richard J. KERN, Major, Executive Officer (1-¹³30Sep67)
- Donald L. YELEK, Major Executive Officer 14-30Sep67)
- Thomas E. JORDAN, Major, Aircraft Maintenance Officer
- Melvyn T. MORROW, 2dLt., Administrative Officer
- Roger G. MORGAN, 1stLt., Flight Officer
- b. H&MS-12, MCAS, Chu-Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 1 to 30 September 1967
- c. USMC OFFICERS - 52
- USMC ENLISTED - 473

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. Promotions to Corporal and Lance Corporal totaling 72 were effected during the month of September.

2. Power Plants Division

a. The work load of this Division this month was reduced considerably compared to that of last month. During the month, a total of 29 engines were processed through the shop as compared to 54 for the month of August. Only six engines had to be returned to CER or overhaul.

b. The test cell is now in operation. This has contributed highly to the extremely low number of rejects during the month.

3. Support Equipment Division

a. The Maintenance effort of this Division has shown a slight improvement over the previous month's effort. The only major problem is still the high pressure air compressors. By exerting maximum effort and through cannibalization to the fullest, this division has managed to keep at least three compressors in an up status at all times. This is not enough to completely satisfy the needs of all the Squadrons of this Group but through maximum cooperation and coordination of all concerned the demands of the squadrons have been met.

4. Armament Equipment Division

a. A limited amount of parts were received for the MK-4 gun pod, enabling us to only return four (4) pods to an RFI condition. Approximately 75% of MAG-12's assets remain down due to a lack of spare parts.

b. The MER/TER wash rack has been completed and is ready for the squadrons of this Group to use at any time.

5. Line Division

a. Through this is a new addition to the H&MS-12 Maintenance Department and in view of the inexperienced personnel assigned to the line, this Division has progressed rapidly since receiving the TALF aircraft. It is anticipated that in the very near future this Division will be operating with the greatest of ease and with a high state of efficiency.

6. Ground Defense

a. A Scheduled Practice Alert was held at 1800 on 7 September 1967 to familiarize the new Company Commander Lt. MOORE with the company area of response. All platoons were mustered in their assigned areas by 1810. Each platoon leader held school on all alert conditions fully explaining each condition and alternant methods of signaling if the siren is in operation. The rules of engagement and the handling of prisoners of war were fully covered during this period. This walk through drill was secured at 1900.

b. On 20 September at 1930 the Group went on practice condition yellow. This was a CPX however the 5th provisional Rifle company fell out in full strength. By 1935 all platoons were checked in to the company radio net. At 1940 the first platoon was moved by trucks to the group guard area. At 2000 this platoon was moved with group guard into positions near the crosswind runway. At this time the second platoon of the company was moved by trucks to the group guard area as a ready reserve. At 2010 OXWOOD Command wanted one platoon moved Armor Plate area as part of the practice. The second platoon was in position at armor plate in approximately 17 minutes. at 2030 Line Fire was observed in the Armor Plate area. This info was passed to the Command Bunker by land line and radio. At 2115 the second platoon was returned from Armor Plate and sent to the crosswind runway to reenforce the positions held by group guard and the first platoon. The practice alert was secured at 2200.

PART IV

IV. Supporting Documents

a. None.

ENCLOSURE (1)