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Encl: ✓(1) MAG-12 Command Chronology for the month of February 1969

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

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GROUP 12

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

16 MAY 1965 - 28 FEBRUARY 1969

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## PART I

1. UNITS, COMMANDERS AND STAFF BILLETSMARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Colonel Rex A. DEASY . 1 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Noah C. NEW 14 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

ADJUTANT

Captain J. M. O'ROURKE Jr. 1 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Lieutenant Colonel J. J. CAHILL 22 Jan 69 - 28 Feb 69

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Major S. M. MCGEEHAN Jr. 25 Sep 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Lieutenant Colonel G. H. SHUTT Jr. 14 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Lieutenant Colonel D. A. KELLY 1 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel J. R. WATERSTREET 1 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICERMajor N. L. DERICKSON 4 Dec 68 - 15 Feb 69  
Major B. B. RUTHERFORD 16 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69S-1

CWO G. A. O'CONNELL 1 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69

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Major Eugene A. HOMER  
Major N. L. DERICKSON

1 Nov 68 - 15 Feb 69  
16 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69

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First Lieutenant R. B. LAMBDIN

1 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223COMMANDING OFFICER

Major Leonard T. PRESTON

16 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Charles D. ROBINSON

26 Sep 68 - 28 Feb 69

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First Lieutenant Larry C. SWINEA

22 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

S-3

Major Richard S. ROBERTSON

22 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

S-4

First Lieutenant Peter D. WALTERS

1 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Charles O. HEDT

25 Sep 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major William H. SMITH

21 Nov 68 - 28 Feb 69

S-1

Major Julius P. KISH III  
Major Richard L. UPCHURCH

26 Sep 68 - 14 Feb 69  
15 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69

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Major Lorin C. WALLACE Jr.

21 Nov 68 - 28 Feb 69

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First Lieutenant Charles F. DEPREKER 21 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 533COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel Paul K. GERMAN Jr. 31 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Milton T. HEFTY 15 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Major William H. HALE 16 Dec 68 - 14 Feb 69

Captain Nelson PALER 15 Feb 69 - 28 Feb 69

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Major Fred R. JERRETT 10 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Captain Ray F. MILSAP 1 Nov 68 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE AIR BASE SQUADRON 12COMMANDING OFFICER

Major Lawrence FURSTENBERG 9 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Captain John S. HOLMES 21 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Major Miles E. MIXSON 1 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

MARINE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT 67OFFICER IN CHARGE

Major John R. BEHM 9 Jul 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Lieutenant Colonel Clifford D. WARFIELD 29 Oct 68 - 28 Feb 69

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Homer R. PALMATEER 5 Dec 68 - 28 Feb 69

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Captain Leonard D. RUSSELL 21 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

FLIGHT OFFICER

Major Thomas R. FISHER 1 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Major Andrew G. MARUSHOK 7 Jan 69 - 28 Feb 69

2. MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12 CHU LAI AB, VIETNAM, RVN 16 MAY 65 - 28 FEB 69.

3. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC O</u>	<u>USMC ENL</u>	<u>USN O</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
VMA-211	31	157	1	0
VMA-223	29	157	1	0
VMA-311	28	161	1	0
VMA(AW)-533	35	220	1	0
H&MS-12	68	486	1	0
MABS-12	22	475	3	23
MATCU-67	10	79	0	0

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND

a. MGen FONTANA, MGen YOUNGDALE, and BGen HISE.

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. MAG-12 Group Headquarters moved to the new West Field complex during February 1969.

2. During February the MAG-12 Civic Action team continued supporting local schools through scholarship contributions, construction materials and

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PRESENTATION OF 20,000 Vietnamese school books. MedCap teams treated over 300 Vietnamese during February.

3. MAG-12's flight hours and sorties decreased during February due to the transfer of VMA-121 and inclement weather conditions during the first part of the month.

## PART III

1. PERSONNEL

During the month of February, MAG-12 joined 20 USMC Officers and 48 USMC Enlisted personnel and 1 USN Enlisted. Rotated during the month were 20 USMC Officers and 165 USMC Enlisted personnel.

Projected losses for the month of March 1969: 7 Officers and  
198 Enlisted

2. AWARDS

	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARDED</u>
Distinguished Flying Cross	4	0
Bronze Star	5	2
Air Medal	344	55
Navy Commendation Medal	9	0
Purple Heart	2	0
Navy Achievement Medal	25	5
Navy Marine Corps Medal	11	1

3. AIR OPERATIONS

a. MAG-12 flew 2953 sorties for a total of 3360.6 flight hours. Included were 2863 combat sorties which expended 4978.5 tons of ordnance for an average of 179 tons per day.

b. Combat missions were flown in support of Free World Military Assistance Forces attached to the III Marine Amphibious Force, Seventh Air Force and A4VN Forces located in the I and II Corps Tactical Zone.

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS</u>	<u>ORDNANCE (TONS)</u>
TAYLOR COMMON	470	510.8	1083.1
NEVADA EAGLE	150	157.9	291.4
DEWEY CANYON	305	384.9	548.8
LYNN RIVER	4	7.2	6.4
SCOTLAND	67	96.2	107.6
VERNON LAKE	29	26.6	56.4
KENTUCKY	10	13.0	11.5
FAYETTE CANYON	4	4.4	11.7
VICTORY DRAGON	80	77.0	126.8

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c. Take-offs and landings

	<u>A4</u>	<u>F4</u>	<u>A6</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
West Rwy	5162	4807	578	129	3713	14389
East Rwy	2	0	0	5821	2552	8375
X-Wind Rwy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5164	4807	578	5950	6265	22764
<del>May 65 - Feb 69</del>	<del>282117</del>	<del>108726</del>	<del>16736</del>	<del>291415</del>	<del>221997</del>	<del>921091</del>

4. AIR CONTROL

a. <u>INSTRUMENT OPERATIONS TOTAL</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>May65 - Feb69</u>
Tactical Instrument Departures	773	34159
Radar Climbs	1015	33606
Flight Following	40	2870
TACAN Approaches	1691	8126
Radar Vectors	133	51000
ADF	0	2

b. <u>RADAR APPROACHES</u>	<u>SURVEILLANCE</u>	<u>PRECISION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1-28 Feb 69	IFR	0	437
	VFR	1	990
	WO	0	59
	TOTALS	1	1486

5. LOGISTICS

a. MAG-12 expended the following ordnance during the month

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TONS</u>
ML17A	263.4
MK-81	1153.2
MK-82	2713.1
MK-84	99.1
MK-77	332.4
FFAR (2.75)	13.6
FFAR (5.00)	87.4
AN-M66A2	121.5
20MM	1.9

6. CASUALTIES

a. NONE



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PART IV

1. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Appendix 1, VMA-211
  - ✓ Appendix 2, VMA-223
  - ✓ Appendix 3, VMA-311
  - ✓ Appendix 4, VMA(AW)-533
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- ✓ Appendix 5, H&MS-12
  - ✓ Appendix 6, MABS-12
  - ✓ Appendix 7, MAG-12, S-1
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
OF  
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12  
S-1 SECTION  
PERIOD 1-28 FEBRUARY 1969

PART ONEORGANIZATIONAL DATACOMMANDING OFFICER

COLONEL REX A DEASY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NOAH C. NEW

ADJUTANT

CAPTAIN J. M. OROURKE JR.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. J. CAHILL S-1

CAPTAIN R. D. DOYLE S-1A

MAJOR B. G. HALLIDAY LEGAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN R. W. DRYZGA AWARDS OFFICER

CAPTAIN J. M. MILLIGAN CAO/IRO

S-2

MAJOR S. M. MCGEEHAN S-2

CAPTAIN T. C. FLANAGAN S-2A

S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL G. H. SHUTT JR. S-3

LIEUTENANT COLONEL R. L. CRITZ S-3A

MAJOR W. D. BARNES S-3A

MAJOR A. D. THOMPSON JR. WPNS/TRNGO

MAJOR B. M. GREELEY S-3 ODO

MAJOR T. C. MCCLAY S-3 ODO

CAPTAIN C. R. SAPPENFIELD S-3 ODO

CAPTAIN T. L. HAMPTON S-3 ODO

CAPTAIN T. W. CARTER S-3 ODO

MAJOR D. E. BAKER NATOPS

MAJOR D. T. SITES AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL D. A. KELLY S-4

MAJOR G. F. BOEMERMAN S-4A 15-28FEB69

MAJOR J. W. LENT JR. EMBARKO

CAPTAIN R. J. STOCKING GROUND SAFETY OFFICER

LIEUTENANT COLONEL E. T. GRAHAM JR. BASE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

MAJOR A. D. MILLER FISCAL OFFICER

CAPTAIN H. A. FRANZ ORDNANCE OFFICER

MAJOR D. G. DICKERSON 3M ANALYST

IMPORTANT VISITORS

NONE

CASUALTIES

LCPL DONNIS L. WILSON 2264656/6511, H&MS-12 MAG-12, SUSTAINED INJURIES TO RIGHT LEG DURING HOSTILE ROCKET ATTACK WHILE ON COURIER ORDERS TO DANANG INJURY OCCURED AT 0530, 23 FEBRUARY 1969. RETURNED TO FULL DUTY.

PFC RALPH W. ADKINS 2452862/0141, MABS-12 MAG-12, FRACTURE, LEFT FOREARM AND MULTIPLE ABRASIONS DURING HOSTILE ROCKET ATTACK AT 0700, 23 FEBRUARY 1969 AT CHU LAI, RVN. RETURNED TO DUTY ON 24 FEBRUARY 1969.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1969, MAG-12 JOINED 20 OFFICERS, 48 USMC ENLISTED AND 1 USN ENLISTED. ROTATED FOR THE SAME MONTH WERE 20 USMC OFFICERS AND 165 USMC ENLISTED.

PROJECTED LOSSES FOR MARCH 1969:           7 OFFICERS  
  198 ENLISTED

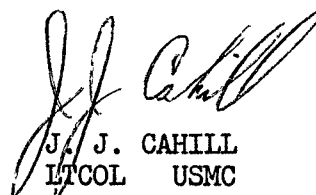
AWARDS

THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE RECOMMENDED AND AWARDED DURING FEBRUARY 1969:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED</u>	<u>AWARDED</u>
SS	0	0
DFC	4	0
BS	5	2
SMAM	2	2
AM	344	55
PH	2	0
NCM	9	0
NAM	25	5
CC	0	0
LOM	0	0
NMCM	11	1

✓ SPECIAL SERVICES (SEE TAB A)

✓ CIVIL AFFAIRS (SEE TAB B)

  
J. J. CAHILL  
LTCOL USMC  
S-1 OFFICER

HEADQUARTERS  
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
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1 Mar 1969

From: Special Services Officer  
To: S-1

Subj: Report of Significant Activities for Command Chronology

1. Our tape acceptance program is being utilized more and more. We received 50 more tapes this past month than the previous one. Two additional TEAC 4010 tape decks were sent from Wing, thus increasing our tape producing potential. The men turning in tapes have been extremely well pleased with the quality of the finished product.
2. The beach officially opened on 1 March. Our two 19' lightening sail boats have been completely overhauled and are ready for sea duty. We have a limited number of fishing poles and reels. The new 85 hp outboard for the ski boat would be in any day. The beach program is now completely dependant upon the weather.
3. The H&MS-12 basketball team is clearly the winner in our inter-squadron league. Fine team spirit was displayed at all times during the series of games. Congratulations to the H&MS team and coach.
4. MAG-13's handball court is finished and ready for use. Anyone in MAG-12 desiring to use their court, please contact the Special Services section in MAG-13. Our court is still in the planning stage.
5. Additional weights have been received for our weight room. The olympic set has been installed in the weight room also.
6. Special Services needs more personnel! An additional man is needed in the Rec Hut. One more man is also needed to help run the outboard motor shop. Special Services cannot run efficiently unless we have the required number of personnel!

  
W.L. Jackson

## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. During the month of February the VMA-223 Civic Action Team gave construction supplies for repairs at the Khuong Quang and Khuong Hiep schools. Scholarship money was paid for the month of February to Khuong Quang, Khuong Hiep and Khuong My schools. The Khuong Quang school was presented with a Vietnamese flag, a flagpole and two bags of cement for the construction of new flagpole base. The VMA-223 Team also contributed several pieces of lumber for the construction of school benches at Khuong Dai. VMA-211 gave a First Aid kit to the Khuong Long school and is presently making plans to sponsor additional students at the school. The MAG-12 Civic Action Team traveled to Tam Ky to pick up 180 bags of cement and 66 sheets of tin for the construction of Ky Lien school. In addition to this 75 pieces of rebar and several 3" pipes were given to the Ky Lien school. A movie was shown at the Hoi Trung meeting house as a fund raising project for the Ky Lien PTA. The proceeds were used to pay the laborers that are doing the construction work at the Ky Lien school. Scholarship money for the month of February was paid to the students of Ly Tin High School, as well as Ky Lien, Ky Khuong and Khuong Binh schools. Pre-Tet ceremonies were attended at Ky Lien and Ky Khuong schools. 15,000 cookies, 700 wieners, 650 apples and 720 oranges were distributed to various schools. The Civic Action Officer traveled to Saigon at the request of the Province Minister of Education to receive 20,000 Vietnamese school books. The books arrived via C-130 from Saigon and were taken by truck to Tam Ky for distribution. An allocation of 250 bags of cement and 90 pieces of tin was received from the Tam Ky warehouse for construction purposes. English teachers were provided to Ly Tin high school 5 days a week. Night classes were held at Ky Lien school until the Tet holidays.

2. During the early part of the month, Phan Thi Cau, a MAG-12 worker, was killed in a traffic accident. The MAG-12 Civic Action Team visited the family and presented them with rice and flour to help during the period before a solatium payment was made. A medcap was held at Long Binh and 75 people were treated. During a medcap visit to Ky Phu hamlet of Ky Sanh village 110 people were treated and three people were evacuated. One of the evacuees had an abscessed tooth which had prevented her from eating, she was taken to MAG-12 sick bay and had her teeth repaired. The other two were taken to 312th Med. Hosp. One of them had a gangrenous foot which needed immediate attention, and the other was suffering from acute stomach cramps. A young girl was taken to the 312th Med Hosp for surgery on an improperly healed foot that was broken during infancy. During the week of 10-17 February 2,500 lbs of produce and various other foodstuffs were

taken to Van Coi and Tinh Lanh orphanages. Tet gifts were distributed to all of the children of both orphanages in separate ceremonies. The Team travelled to Tam Ky to purchase 500 lbs of polished rice to be given to the refugees as a Tet offering. The money used to buy this rice was raised by selling scrap lumber. Medcaps were held in Long Binh and Khuong Dai hamlets resulting in the treatment of over 125 people. Over 1000 lbs of rice and 500 lbs of clothing were distributed to refugees and needy families of the Ky Khuong-Ky Lien villages. The refugees of both villages, also received 200 lbs of sugar and 170 lbs of flour. A movie was shown to the people of Chu Lai hamlet as a Tet gift. Over 500 lbs of various health items were presented to the District Chief for distribution to the Popular Force troops of Ly Tin District. By request of the District Chief, the MAG-12 Civic Action Team Showed a movie at the Ly Tin Headquarters. After Tet Over 1000 lbs of food was distributed to the two orphanages in An Tan Hamlet, Ky Lien village. The MAG-12 Civic Action Team spent most of the Tet holiday visiting hoses and attending ceremonies connected with the Holidays. Two children were taken to the MAG-12 Dispensary for dental treatment and treatment of a badly infected leg sore. A MedCap was held at Ky Phu after the holidays. Over 500 lbs of food and clothing were carried out to Ky Phu for distribution to needy families. Sixty bags of cement and many pieces of scrap lumber were salvaged from NSAD for Civic Action purposes.

5. The MAG-12 Civic Action Officer went to Saigon to bring Phan Tu, a blind boy, to visit his parents in Long Binh during the Tet holidays. Ninety six bags of cement were delivered to Bo De school for classroom construction. Additional medical supplies were provided to the family of the child suffering from cerebral palsy in Long Binh hamlet, Ky Lien village. A volley ball net was given to Ly Tin District Headquarters during the week of Tet. The Civic Action Team attended an extensive Tet ceremony at Ly Tin High School. Skits, and songs were performed by the students. A baby suffering from an advance stage of infection was taken to 27th Surg. Hosp. for treatment.

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