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TASK ORGANIZATION

UNIT	Marine Attack Squadron 251
COMMANDING OFFICER	1-9 December 1953 LtCol Rufus D. SAMS, Jr. 07287/7331, USMC
	10-31 December 1953 LtCol Frank R. PORTER, Jr. 07082/7331, USMC
GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	K-6 Air Base, Iwongtaek, Korea
NEXT HIGHER ECHELON	Marine Aircraft Group 12 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

MISSION AND TASKS

MISSION

Provide air support of Fleet Marine Forces operations by destruction of surface targets.

TASKS

1. Conduct close air support
2. Conduct strikes against enemy installations, armed reconnaissance and interdiction operations.
3. Conduct visual reconnaissance.
4. Provide smoke laying, illumination and insecticide spraying.
5. Maintain the capability to perform mission and tasks during darkness.
6. Maintain capability to operate from aircraft carriers.
7. Maintain capability to depart from and return to base during all-weather conditions.

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INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY

During the month of December 1953, Marine Attack Squadron 251 was located at and operated from K-6 Air Base, Pyong-taek, Korea.

Numerous personnel changes, including a change of command, took place during the month. Some of the pilots who had been with the squadron since before its departure for overseas duty were transferred out and greatly reduced our efficiency until new pilots could be trained in night operations.

The Intelligence section completed a new filing system and received appropriate clearances for the handling of classified information on all personnel concerned. Under the new filing system material will be more readily available when needed.

Operations for the month of December covered a wide variety of activities. The squadron is maintaining its capabilities as a night attack unit as well as a day attack unit. As an added mission, we have been conducting low level night radar patrols along the demilitarized zone.

Various alerts were held during the month which kept up the efficiency of both pilots and ground crews in manning aircraft in the least possible time.

The Logistics section had a routine month with very few projects. Improvements are still being made on buildings and in the general living and working areas. The Engineering department has done an excellent job in keeping the aircraft availability as high as it has been. With cold weather operations at hand, the maintenance problem is even greater than normal. The Material department has issued all available cold weather clothing and flight gear. The Ordnance department kept all aircraft guns in good working order during the month and kept a steady supply of practice ordnance ready for pilot training purposes.

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CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1953

1 DECEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 had no flights this date due to weather.

2 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Familiarization	1
Test	3	AIA	2
Radar Training	4	Weather Recon.	1

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 25.7
ORINANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

1950/2230 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Maj BARTON

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 30 miles east of K-16
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2140/0010 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
Capt FREE

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to K-47 to 15 miles north west of K-47
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2330/0225 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
LtCol SAMS

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	10 miles west of INCHON to K-46
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0145/0430 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
Capt CARPENTER

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	40 miles west of SEOUL to 40 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0350/0620 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
2ndLt SUMNER

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 20 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

3 DECEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 maintained a "stand-down" status today. All squadron personnel gathered in the Enlisted Men's Club at K-6 Air Base from 1000 to 1615 for a steak fry and squadron party. In view of the fine cooperation and work of the men under trying conditions, it was felt that a day off and a party as a reward for the effort would have a beneficial effect on the morale of all concerned.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols 3 Test 2

Two (2) aircraft on night patrol missions aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 5
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 12.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

2130/0010 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
2ndLt ALBERT

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 40 miles east of
SEoul
Contacts or Intercepts None

2335/0210 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
Capt O'KEEFE

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled K-14 to K-47
Contacts or Intercepts None

0125/0555 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
MSgt BEARDEN

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled SEoul to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

4 DECEMBER 1953

Major Gordon L. ALLEN, 010926/7302 USMC joined this squadron from VMA-332.

SORTIES:

Bombing 2 Night Patrols 5
Familiarization 2 Test 4
Rockets 2 Fly-by 4

One (1) aircraft on a bombing mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 19
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 33.8
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 4 100 lb GP
16 2.25" Rockets
250 20 mm

2010/2225 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Capt FREE

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled SEoul to INCHON to K-6
Contacts or Intercepts None

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2130/0015
Capt WILDEY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL - INCHON - SATAN - K-6
None

2330/0245
Capt EUWEMA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east
None

0150/0455
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of
SEOUL
None

0345/0600
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-13 to 30 miles east
None

5 DECEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 launched thirteen (13) aircraft to participate in a fly-over at K-3 today. The fly-over was part of the change of command ceremony as Major General COOLEY relieved Major General MC GEE as Commanding General of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

SORTIES:

Search Light	6	Night Patrols	5
Navigation	4	Familiarization	2
Radar Training	2	Fly-by	13

One aircraft on a Scramble aborted due to electrical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	32
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	62.4
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

2010/2210
Maj BARTON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of
SEOUL
None

2140/0040
LtCol PORTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

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2330/0225
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

0130/0420
Capt O'KEEFE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

0330/0550
2ndLt ALBERT

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east of SEOUL
None

6 DECEMBER 1953

Second Lieutenant Robert SCHMID Jr., 057779/7304 USMCR joined this date from Headquarters Squadron, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols 2 Cross-country 2

One aircraft on a night patrol aborted due to low ceilings and poor visibility in the patrol area.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 4
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 7.4
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

1940/2145
LtCol PORTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON Harbor to 25 miles east
of SEOUL
None

2123/0004
2ndLt CLAPP

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

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7 DECEMBER 1953

Major Jay A. STONES, 030581/7331 USMCR was transferred by Service Record to MCAS, El Toro, California while on emergency leave.

SORTIES:

Interdiction	4	Night Patrols	1
Cross-country	2	Familiarization	2
Test	1	Radar Training	6

Four (4) aircraft on a C.S mission aborted due to weather

Three (3) aircraft on a Navigation mission aborted due to weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	27.4
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

1940/2135
Capt LEE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controllers
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
SATAN area
None

8 DECEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant Charles R. KUCHARSKI Jr., 052938/7331 and Second Lieutenant John H. DUNN, 059941/7331 accepted permanent commissions in the Regular Marine Corps today.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Familiarization	1
AIA	2		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	8
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	18.7
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

1920/2310
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

2110/0030
2ndLt ALBERT

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to K-47
None

2340/0220
Capt WILDEY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to K-46
None

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0130/0420
2ndLt CLAPP

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to K-47
None

0345/0545
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

9 DECEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant James G. HALLET, 056385/0130 USMC joined this date and assumed the duties as Squadron Adjutant relieving Captain Stanley H. CARPENTER, 048955/7331.

SORTIES:

Instrument	4	Radar Training	4
Test	1		

Two (2) aircraft on a Radar Training mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	9	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		14.2
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE	

10 DECEMBER 1953

Lieutenant Colonel Frank R. PORTER Jr., 07082/7331 USMC assumed the duties of Commanding Officer, Marine Attack Squadron 251 this date, relieving Lieutenant Colonel Rufus D. SAMS.

Major Gordon L. ALLEN, 010926/7302 USMC assumed the duties of Executive Officer, relieving Colonel PORTER.

SORTIES:

Interdiction	4	Night Patrols	2
Instrument	2	Test	2
AAA Tracking	1		

Two (2) aircraft on a Radar Training flight aborted due to weather.

Two (2) aircraft on a Instrument flight aborted due to weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	11	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		21.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE	

1945/2240
2ndLt CLAPP

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

2150/0023
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
10 miles west of L-55 to 30 miles east
None

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11 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Instrument	4
GCA	4	Familiarization	2
Test	2	Night Intruder	2
TAC/A	1		

Two (2) AIA missions aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	20
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	40.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

1945/2230 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
MSgt DELACQUA

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	K-16 to 30 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2145/0010 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
LtCol PORTER

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to a point 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	Vectored on one Bogie; visual identification showed it to be an Air Force C-47

2325/0245 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	Two intercepts: one AD-4 at 0108 and one C-124, both friendlies.

0145/0415 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
Capt PETERSON

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 30 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0335/0540 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
Capt WILDEY

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to K-46 to K-55
Contacts or Intercepts	None

12 DECEMBER 1953

At 1257 Joint Operational Center alerted 1stLt KUCHARSKI in Warhead 01. The flight was airborne at 1303 and patrolled the area around INCHEON and SEOUL until 1430. No intercepts or contacts were made on this flight. At the same time 2ndLt REYNOLDS in Warhead 02 was on a two minute stand-by status. Warhead 02 was secured without becoming airborne.

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The night patrols for this date were placed on a thirty minute stand-by status due to low ceilings and poor visibility in the patrol area. Warhead 01 was cancelled and 02 and 03 were on stand-by. No patrols were flown this night.

SORTIES:

SCRAMBLE	1	Cross-country	2
Test	1	Radar Training	6

Two (2) aircraft on a Radar Training mission aborted due to weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	10
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	11.0
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

13 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	4	Interdiction	4
Searchlight	4	Night Patrols	6
Instrument	2	GCA	4
Familiarization	3	Test	1
AIA	1	Radar Training	5
Strafing	2		

Three (3) Radar Training missions aborted due to mechanical failure.

One AIA mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

One Night Patrol mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	36
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	64.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	8 500 lb GP
	860 20 mm

1950/2320
LtCol PORTER
LtCol HUDGINS

NIGHT PATROL
(Two (2) aircraft)

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL - INCHON area
None

2125/0020
Capt SMITH

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL - INCHON area
One intercept on an AD type aircraft,

2320/0305
1stLt BELFORD

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
30 miles east of SEOUL to K-46
None

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0215/0405
Maj COCHRANE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to INCHON
None

0320/0550
2ndLt CLAPP

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 80 miles east of SEOUL
None

14 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Familiarization	2
Test	1	AIA	2
Radar Training	6	AA Tracking	6
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -		22	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		41.3	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -		NONE	

1940/2240
2ndLt REYNOLDS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 35 miles east
Two (2) intercepts: 2005, one (1)
AD; 2130 one (1) R5D

2125/0020
Capt O'KEEFE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
10 miles west to 40 miles east
of SEOUL
None

2320/0235
2ndLt ALBERT

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
10 miles west of SEOUL to 50 miles
east
None

0155/0435
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-14 to 50 miles east
None

0335/0555
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 50 miles east
None

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15 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Cross-country	1
Test	1		

One aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to electronic failure. This night patrol was a SCRAMBLE.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	7
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	15.9
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

1800/2020	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #01
Capt WILDEY		

Controller	ELGIN and SATAN
Area Patrolled	K-6 to 40 miles south of SATAN
Contacts or Intercepts	One contact, visual, no intercepts.

1955/1958	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #02
1st Lt BELFORD		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	K-46 to 45 miles west of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts	One intercept was made on a C-124

2305/0135	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #03
Capt STEINWAY		

Controllers	ELGIN and FREE TRADE
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 20 miles west to 15 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	One contact was made, identified as Air Force 5888

0110/0430	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #04
2nd Lt REALSEN		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0355/0550	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #05
Capt PETERSON		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 35 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

16 DECEMBER 1953

The night patrols for this date were placed on a thirty minute stand-by status due to inclement weather at K-6 and in the patrol area. No patrols were flown this night.

SORTIES:

CAS	4	Interdiction	4
Test	1	Radar Training	4

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Two (2) aircraft on a Radar Training mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 13
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 23.5
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

17 DECEMBER 1953

Second Lieutenant Donald C. DANIELSON, 061374/7331 USMCR joined this squadron from SS AirFMFFac, MCAS, El Toro.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	GCA	4
Instrument	2		

Seven (7) aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to weather, these aircraft were taking part in Marlex IX.

Four (4) aircraft on a CAS mission taking part in Marlex IX aborted due to cancelation of the flight.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 11
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 32.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 80 20 mm

1730/2050 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
2ndLt ALBERT

Controllers	ELGIN and SATAN
Area Patrolled	30 miles east of SEOUL to SATAN
Contacts or Intercepts	None

1955/0005 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
MSGT BEARDEN

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 30 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2235/0145 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
2ndLt DUNN

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 30 miles west
Contacts or intercepts	None

0115/0445 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
2ndLt WRIGHT

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 35 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0330/0610 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
Capt O'KEEFE

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 60 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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18 DECEMBER 1953

Major Gordon L. ALLEN 010926/7302, the squadron Executive Officer was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel today.

SORTIES:

CAS	12	Night Patrols	6
Navigation	2	Instrument	5

Two (2) aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

Two (2) aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to cancelation of the flight.

One aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	25	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		57.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE	

1818/2055	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #01
2ndLt REYNOLDS		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	20 miles west of SEOUL to 75 miles west of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2020/2310	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #02
LtCol ALLEN		
1stLt WEATHERWAX		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	35 miles east of INCHON to 50 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2225/0220	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #03
Capt SMITH.		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 60 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0223/0420	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #04
Capt PETERSON		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 40 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0355/0625	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #05
1stLt BELFORD		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	40 miles west of INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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19 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Bombing	11	Interdiction	2
Night Patrol	6	Cross-country	4
Navigation	2	Test	1
Radar Training	5		

Two (2) aircraft on an Interdiction mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 31
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 52.8
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 51 Miniature Bombs

1735/2025 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
 2ndLt SUMNER

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	30 miles west of INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	One intercept was made on a C-46 (R50) 50 miles east of K-6 at 1957, heading 140, speed 170 at 9000 feet.

1930/2300 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
 Capt WILDEY

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	Accompanied Warhead 01 on his intercept

2145/0045 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
 MSgt DELACQUA

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	E-14 to 40 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2330/0235 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
 2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 65 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0145/0515 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
 Capt AARON

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to 60 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	Vectored on Bogie 25 miles east of K-18, no contacts or intercept

0340/0620 NIGHT PATROL Mission #06
 Capt STEINWAY

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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20 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3	Cross-country	2
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One (1) aircraft on a night patrol mission was forced to abort due to weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	5	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		10.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE	

2347/0247
1stLt BELFORD

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

BEGIN
K-14 to 35 miles west of INCHON
None

0220/0440
2ndLt DUNN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

BEGIN
50 miles east of SEOUL to 35
miles west
None

0330/0600
2ndLt WRIGHT

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #06

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

BEGIN
20 miles east of K-16 to 40 miles
west of INCHON
None

21 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	6	Interdiction	2
Night Patrols	6	Cross-country	2
Rockets	6	Radar Training	4

One (1) aircraft on a Radar Training mission aborted due to cancellation of the flight.

One (1) aircraft on a night patrol aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	26	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		42.7
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	1300 20 mm	
	8 500 lb GP	
	22 2.25" Rockets	

1805/2040
1stLt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

BEGIN
INCHON to POINT OBOE, then east
to K-46
None

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1950/2220
LtCol PORTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to POINT OBOE
None

2125/0035
2ndLt CLAFF

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled

ELGIN
INCHON to POINT OBOE, south 30
miles, west for 50 miles, east
to X-55, then north to INCHON
None

Contacts or Intercepts

2350/0215
Capt SMITH

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area Patroller
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east of X-14
None

0132/0420
2ndLt REALSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

0400/0605
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #06

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

22 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	2	Test	2
Practice Scramble	4		

One (1) aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	8	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		11.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE	

1900/2240
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to INCHON
None

2200/0020
Capt WILDEY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles west
None

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23 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	6	Interdiction	4
Night Patrols	4	Familiarization	1
Test	2	Radar Training	2
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -		19	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		36.6	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -		370 20 mm	
		8 500 lb GP	

1745/2030 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
2ndLt WRIGHT

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled K-6 to SEOUL to 10 miles west
of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts At 1855 intercepted one (R4D)
#348307 with negative parrot

1930/2150 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
2ndLt REALSTEN

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled K-55 to 50 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts None

2125/0035 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
2ndLt SUMNER

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled 10 miles west of INCHON to
20 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts None

2330/0240 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 50 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts None

24 DECEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Interdiction	4	Familiarization	1
Radar Training	4	TAC/A	1
Night Patrol	1	Test	1
AAA Tracking	1		

Two (2) aircraft on night patrol missions aborted due to weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	13
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	22.7
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

1740/2030 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Capt CARPENTER

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled SEOUL to 45 miles west of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts None

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25 DECEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 joined with the rest of MAG-12 in observing Christmas Day today. A holiday routine was in effect with the exception of the night patrols. Storm condition II placed the Night Patrols on a thirty (30) minute standby.

SORTIES:

Fan	1
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	1
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	2.0
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

26 DECEMBER 1953

Major Kevin COCHRANE, the pilot of WARHEAD 06 was intercepted by an F-94 aircraft while on night patrol. ELGIN neglected to inform the pilot of this intercept being made on him, either before, during or after the maneuver.

SORTIES:

Bombing	4	Interdiction	4
Night Patrols	7	Test	1
Radar Training	8	Section Tactics	2

Two (2) aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	26
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	44.2
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	16 Miniature Bombs

1755/2015	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #01
Capt JONES	(Two (2) aircraft)	
2ndLt SCHVOB		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	K-14 to POINT OBOE
Contacts or Intercepts	None

1945/2215	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #02
2ndLt DURAND		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to 20 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2145/0030	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #03
Capt PETERSON		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to K-6
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2345/0130	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #04
MSgt SIMPSON		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	K-6 to INCHON to K-46
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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0235/0445
2ndLt REALSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to K-6
None

0345/0610
Maj COCHRANE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #06

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON - SEOUL area
An intercept was made on the
night patrol mission by an F-94.

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SORTIES:

Night Patrols	2	Rockets	6
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -		8	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -			12.2
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -		1165 20 mm	
		19 2.25" Rockets	

1755/2045
2ndLt FOLCK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-14 to K-16
None

1940/2130
LtCol ALLEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
Area 5 miles north, 10 miles
south and 15 miles west of K-6
None

28 DECEMBER 1953

Starting this date a change in Warhead call letters has taken effect. Under the new system the first night patrol will be "Warhead 90", the second "Warhead 91" etc., thus using number ninety (90) as a basis to number the patrols.

First Lieutenant William PHILBIN, 052460/0130 USMC joined the squadron this date from the December replacement draft.

SORTIES:

Bombing	5	CAS	2
Interdiction	2	Night Patrols	8
Cross-country	2	Radar Training	2

One aircraft on a bombing mission aborted due to mechanical failure.
One aircraft on a radar training mission aborted due to electronic failure.
One aircraft on a radar training mission aborted due to cancellation of the flight.

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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 21
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 42.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 25 Miniature Bombs

1745/2110 NIGHT PATROL Mission #90
1stLt WEATHERWAX (Two (2) aircraft)
2ndLt EVANCO

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled 30 miles west to 30 miles east
of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts None

1941/2204 NIGHT PATROL Mission #91
2ndLt HOAG (Two (2) aircraft)
2ndLt NEBLETT

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled SEOUL to 60 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

2130/2400 NIGHT PATROL Mission #92
Maj BARTON

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled 5 miles west of SEOUL to 30
miles south
Contacts or Intercepts None

2315/0215 NIGHT PATROL Mission #93
Capt AARON

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled K-14 to 65 miles west of
INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts None

0125/0435 NIGHT PATROL Mission #94
2ndLt CLAPP

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 40 miles west of
POINT OBOE
Contacts or Intercepts Twelve (12) large transport
or cargo ships, Located at
XB 9782, observers altitude
6000 feet, distance 10 miles.

0335/0620 NIGHT PATROL Mission #95
Capt O'KEEFE

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled K-14 to POINT OBOE
Contacts or Intercepts None

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SORTIES:

Night Patrols 8 Test 2

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One aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 10
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 23.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

1730/2010 NIGHT PATROL Mission #90
2ndLt DURAND (Two (2) aircraft)
2ndLt MILLER

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 50 miles west of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts None

1925/2210 NIGHT PATROL Mission #91
2ndLt ZERN (Two (2) aircraft)
2ndLt SCHWOB

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 40 miles west of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts None

2132/2355 NIGHT PATROL Mission #92
2ndLt REALSEN

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled INCHON to 30 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts None

2325/0205 NIGHT PATROL Mission #93
1stLt BELFORD

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled 20 miles east of SEOUL to 20
Contacts or Intercepts miles west of INCHON
None

0115/0515 NIGHT PATROL Mission #94
Capt SMITH

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled 14 miles east of K-16, then
Contacts or Intercepts west to INCHON
Made contact with a C-124 at
0400, on a heading of 070°. Identified 65 miles east of K-16 at an altitude of 7000 feet.

0420/0620 NIGHT PATROL Mission #96
MSgt BEARDEN

Controller ELGIN
Area Patrolled SEOUL to 40 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

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SORTIES:

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Bombing	2	CAS	2
Night Patrols	7	Cross-country	6
Instrument	4	Test	4
Radar Training	4		

One aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to electronic failure.

One aircraft on a radar training mission aborted due to electronic failure.

One aircraft on a radar training mission aborted due to cancellation of the flight.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	29
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	44.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	8 Miniature Bombs

1800/2030	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #90
2ndLt WALKER		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	20 miles west of INCHON to 10 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

1950/2220	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #91
Capt JONES	(Two (2) aircraft)	
1stLt WEATHERWAX		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	POINT OBOE to 40 miles east of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2135/0020	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #92
LtCol ALLEN		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	20 miles east of SEOUL to 10 miles west of INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2330/0215	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #93
2ndLt WRIGHT		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	SEOUL to K-6 to 20 miles west of INCHON to 20 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0140/0430	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #94
2ndLt ALBERT		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	10 miles east of SEOUL to 30 miles west
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0340/0620	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #95
Capt WILDEY		

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	20 miles west of INCHON to 20 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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31 DECEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant James G. HALLET Jr., 056385/0130 USMC was transferred today to Marine Aircraft Group 11.

At 1345 this afternoon Lieutenant DURAND, flying an AD-4 aircraft (Bureau Number 123898), took off on a scheduled GCA flight. After completing a series of GCA landings, the pilot found he was not able to lower his right wheel. Every measure was taken to force the gear down including bouncing the extended wheel on the runway. When all emergency procedures had failed, Lieutenant DURAND was forced to make a wheels-up landing on the runway at K-6. The prop, flaps and wheel well doors of the aircraft were damaged, but the pilot was uninjured.

SORTIES:

CAS	1	Interdiction	2
Night Patrols	6	Cross-country	2
Instrument	4	Test	2
Radar Training	2	Rescue Emerg.	1

One aircraft on a night patrol mission aborted due to electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES	20
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	40.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	NONE

1750/2005 NIGHT PATROL Mission #90
2ndLt DUNN

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	40 miles east of ELGIN to 25 miles west and 20 miles south
Contacts or Intercepts	None

1925/2220 NIGHT PATROL Mission #91
2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON
Contacts or Intercepts	Intercepted a C-47 at 2103, 10 miles south of SEOUL on a heading of 330° at 150 kts.

2145/0015 NIGHT PATROL Mission #92
Capt STEINWAY

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	INCHON to SEOUL south to K-6
Contacts or Intercepts	Made contact with a B-26 in K-6 area at 2325. Heading of the aircraft was not steady; air speed was about 200 kts.

2330/0240 NIGHT PATROL Mission #93
2ndLt CLAPP

Controller	ELGIN
Area Patrolled	K-55 to K-46 to K-13 to K-47
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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0140/0430
1stLt WEATHERWAX

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #94

Controller
Area Patrolled

ELGIN
30 miles east of K-13 to
15 miles west of K-13
None

Contacts or Intercepts

0355/0605
2ndLt FOLCK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #95

Controller
Area Patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-55 to K-41
None

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S-2 MONTHLY SUMMARY

Second Lieutenant Frederick H. CLAFF, assistant Historical Officer, has taken over the duties of Historical Officer in the absence of Second Lieutenant Francis E. MARTIN who is on emergency leave.

During the month, the filing system of the S-2 office was reorganized, and a new index system initiated, to facilitate handling of material.

In accordance with First Marine Aircraft Wing General Order number 193 of 10 December 1953, this office has completed it's reclassification of security matter up to date.

S-2 has maintained it's combat readiness by keeping on hand necessary reports, forms, etc., that would be required should hostilities resume. During the Alerts personnel from this office were on hand to efficiently destroy classified matter, should it have been deemed necessary.

All clearances have been completed up to date on all officers and enlisted men in the squadron.

Second Lieutenant Chester A. FOLCK, was assigned to the S-2 department as Recognition Officer, replacing First Lieutenant Edward M. BELFORD.

On 15 December 1953, Captain Robert L. WILDEY, Intelligence Officer, briefed the squadron pilots on the MARLEX OPERATION IX, and Second Lieutenant Arvid W. REALSEN, Escape and Evasion Officer, discussed known Bandit activity.

The old debriefing forms formerly used for night patrols, were replaced by a new form which facilitates the debriefing by the Duty Officer, and the transmission of the report to JOC.

Also, pilot weather reporting forms have been initiated to help the duty officer in reporting to base weather, conditions encountered by the patrol pilot.

On 24 December 1953, Lieutenant Colonel James W. MERRITT, of Group S-2, inspected this department and found everything to be in good order and that the operations of this office were handled satisfactorily.

Operations by this department were routine through the month, except that a shortage of office material, somewhat hampered operations at times.

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S-3 MONTHLY SUMMARY

Marine Attack Squadron 251 commenced operations in Korea on 12 July 1953, when the twenty four (24) aircraft assigned were flown from Itami Air Force Base, Japan to K-6 Air Base, Korea. During the month of July, 865.2 operational hours were flown, of which 555.1 were combat hours. In the succeeding months the operational hours flown were: August 590.8; September 635.4; October 782.0 and November 904.0

During the month of December the squadron flew 481 effective sorties with 64 air aborts for a total of 894.9 operational hours. Included in the months figures are 120 night patrol sorties which totaled 312.5 hours.

The average number of pilots available during the month was 35. The average number of aircraft available for flight was 14.8

Squadron flight training records show that the pilots completed 32% of the quarterly syllabus in the month of December to bring the cumulative total to 88.5% of the quarterly syllabus ending 31 December 1953. The flight syllabus included radar intercept training in order to qualify pilots for the night patrol commitments. For this training we acquired an AD-3 aircraft for "backseat" instruction in scope presentation and interpretation.

There were four (4) instrument card renewals during the month of December. The cards were issued to Captain Robert A. STEINWAY, Captain Albert V. AARON, Captain Stanley H. CARPENTER and Second Lieutenant Duane H. ALBERT.

On 5 December at 0935, Captain Stanley E. FREE was "scrambled" for an intercept on a suspected "bogies", but no contact was made. He returned and landed at 1020. This "scramble" has been carried as an abort due to electronic failure.

On 15 December at 1525, the squadron was warned of possible impending sabotage and precautions were taken by tripling the guard. Nothing unusual was reported. Again on 25 December, a similar warning was received and the same precautions were taken with no untoward developments.

On 20 December at 1621 a "Red Alert" was sounded and all personnel took cover as directed. The "All Clear" was sounded at 1635.

On 22 December at 1403 the Group conducted a practice "Yellow Alert". Pilots immediately manned taxiable aircraft and when instructed by the tower, dispersed to the designated area. At 1417 four (4) aircraft were launched on a practice "fly-away". At 1424 the field was placed on a practice "Red Alert" status and all hands took cover. At 1452 the "All Clear" was given. The aircraft launched on the "fly-away" returned and landed at 1505. The results of the practice were considered very satisfactory in the ensuing critique.

At 0900 on 27 December the field was placed on a "Yellow Alert" status, but the "All Clear" was sounded at 0905. At 1005 the "Yellow Alert" was again in effect and the aircraft were dispersed to the designated area. At 1055 the "All Clear" sounded, but the aircraft were left in the dispersal area for the remainder of the day and night by order of the Group Commander.

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STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

1. PERSONNEL

(a) Personnel authorized:

Officers	AG 6	NA 53	USN 1
Enlisted	194	NAPLO	USN 3

(b) Personnel assigned:

Officers	AG 6	NA 39	USN 1
Enlisted	152	NAP 3	USN 3

(c) Personnel Lost:

None

(d) Personnel returned to duty from MIA:

None

2. AIRCRAFT:

(a) Aircraft authorized:

Type	AD-3	AD-4	AD-4B	Total	24
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(b) Aircraft assigned:

Type	AD-3	AD-3E	AD-4	AD-4B	Total	24
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(c) Aircraft Lost:

None

3. OPERATIONS:

Availability of pilots	-----	35
Availability of aircraft	-----	113
Total effective sorties	-----	481
Total air aborts	-----	64
Total flight hours	-----	894.9

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RECAPITULATION OF FLIGHTS

<u>NON-COMBAT FLIGHTS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
SCRAMBLES	1	2.3
Night Patrols	120	312.5
Radar Training	68	92.1
CAS	37	85.6
Interdiction	36	76.1
Instruments	27	60.2
Bombing	24	36.8
Fly-by	17	36.3
Test	35	35.8
Familiarization	18	27.7
Navigation	8	18.2
Rockets	14	17.9
Cross-country	25	17.3
AAA Tracking	8	16.4
GCA	13	16.2
Searchlight	10	12.9
Miscellaneous	10	12.3
AIA	7	9.7
TAC/A	2	4.9
Strafing	2	2.7
TOTAL	481	894.9
Air Aborts	64	

ORDNANCE EXPENDED:

20 mm, rounds - - - - -	4025
Bombs, Miniature - - - - -	100
Rockets, 2.25" - - - - -	57
Bombs, 500 lb - - - - -	24
Bombs, 100 lb - - - - -	4

GLOSSARY

ADF	- - - - -	Automatic Direction Finding
AIA	- - - - -	Airborne Intercept Attack
CAS	- - - - -	Close Air Support
ELGIN	- - - - -	Code name for a Fifth Air Force Tactical Air Direction Center
Fam.	- - - - -	Familiarization
FREETRADE	- - - - -	Code name for a Fifth Air Force Tactical Air Direction Center
GCA	- - - - -	Ground Controlled Approach
GCI	- - - - -	Ground Controlled Intercept
JOC	- - - - -	Joint Operational Center
Nav.	- - - - -	Navigation
ROMEO	- - - - -	Code name for a Fifth Air Force Tactical Air Direction Center
SATAN	- - - - -	-do-
TAC/A	- - - - -	Tactical Air Coordinator, Airborne
X-C	- - - - -	Cross Country

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 251, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California


10 December 1953

SQUADRON ORDER)

: Assumption of Command

NUMBER.....59)

1. I have this date assumed command of Marine Attack Squadron 251, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force. All orders and directives issued by my predecessor remain in effect until revoked or revised.


FRANK R. PORTER JR.
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps