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TASK ORGANIZATION

UNIT	Marine Attack Squadron 251
COMMANDING OFFICER	1-30 November 1953 LtCol Rufus D. SAMS, Jr. 07287/7331, USMC
GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	K-6 Air Base, Pyongtaek, Korea
NEXT HIGHER ECHELON	Marine Aircraft Group 12 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS

During the month of November 1953, the Commanding Officer of Marine Attack Squadron 251 was Lieutenant Colonel Rufus D. SAMS, Jr., 07287/7331 U. S. Marine Corps. During this period the squadron was located at K-6 Air Base, Pyongtaek, Korea.

The month of November brought the squadron its first encounter with cold weather and the operational difficulties that accompany low temperatures. New insulation had previously been applied to the squadron's only nose hangar and four (4) Herman-Nelson heaters installed to blow hot air into the enclosure. These preparations have already paid dividends and in the future months they should prove adequate in the lower temperatures expected for this area.

During November a rather large number of the more experienced squadron officers were transferred out of the squadron. Their ranks were filled by a detachment of pilots from VMA-332 plus replacements from the United States. The Operations Department began checking out the new pilots on the night patrol and night attack functions of the squadron so that they might help maintain the combat-readiness of VMA-251.

On 30 November 1953, personnel assigned to Marine Attack Squadron 251 and the authorized T/O were as follows:

	Assigned	T/O
Naval Aviators	38	53
Aviation Ground Officers	5	7
Enlisted Men	176*	207

* Includes three (3) NAP's

During the month of November 1953, Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew 547 Effective Sorties and there were 27 Air Aborts. for a total of 901.7 Operational Hours. Included in these figures are 92 Night Patrol Sorties totaling 258.8 hours.

The daily average aircraft availability was seventeen (17) with thirteen (13) AD-3, one (1) AD-3N, four (4) AD-4 and six (6) AD-4B type aircraft assigned.

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CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1953

1 NOVEMBER 1953

At 0230 Storm Condition III was set at K-6. All aircraft were securely tied down and the squadron sentries were alerted.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3	Familiarization	1
Cross-country	8	Test	1
GCA	4	Rockets	12

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 29
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 55.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 89 2.25" Rockets

0130/0535 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
1stLt BOULDIN

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 40 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2140/0035 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
Capt STEINWAY

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	SEOUL to 20 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2330/0245 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
MSGT DELACQUA

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

2 NOVEMBER 1953

In an informal ceremony in the squadron area the Commanding Officer awarded the promotions listed in the Command Diary for October 1953.

SORTIES:

CAS	3	GCA	4
Interdiction	8	Familiarization	1
Searchlight	6	Test	2
Night Patrols	3		

One (1) CAS aircraft aborted due to electrical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 27
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 42.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

0150/0420 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
Capt AARON

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

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2135/0030
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ROMEO
INCHON to 40 miles east of SEOUL
None

2325/0250
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and ROMEO
INCHON to 60 miles east
None

3 NOVEMBER 1953

Second Lieutenant Joe G. WALKER, 060476/7331 USMC accepted a commission in the Regular Marine Corps in a ceremony today in the office of the Commanding Officer.

SORTIES:

Searchlight	6	Familiarization	2
Night Patrols	3	Test	2
Cross-country	3		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	16		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		21.8	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE		

0130/0425
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east of SEOUL
None

2145/0035
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 50 miles east
None

2332/0232
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 50 miles east
None

4 NOVEMBER 1953

Captain Samuel P. GARDNER, 050195/7331 USMC joined this day from Service Squadron AirFMFPac, MCAS, El Toro California. Captain GARDNER was assigned as Aviation Ordnance Officer.

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SORTIES:

At 1320 one (1) aircraft was ordered to scramble by Group Operations and to contact ELGIN. The controller lost the target before contact could be made and the aircraft returned to base.

SCRAMBLE	1	Cross-country	2
Bombing	8	GCA	6
CAS	4	Test	1
Searchlight	6	Strafing	4
Night Patrols	3		

TOTAL SORTIES	- - - - -	35	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	- - - - -	51.6	✓
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	- - - - -	64 100 lb GP	
		347 20 mm	

0135/0340
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 50 miles east
None

2150/0050
Maj STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 75 miles east
None

2330/0250
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

5 NOVEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant John R. BURTON, 052503/6510 USMC was transferred today to Marine Air Base Squadron 12.

SORTIES:

Night Patrol	5	Test	2
Cross-country	11	Interdiction	8
GCA	4		

A Night Patrol mission was forced to abort due to opening of a wing gun cover immediately after take off.

TOTAL SORTIES	- - - - -	30	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	- - - - -	54.9	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	- - - - -	NONE	

0212/0435
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east
None

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2050/2300
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
SEOUL to INCHON
None

2130/0015
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
30 miles west of SATAN to 20
miles east of SEOUL
None

2239/0215
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
INCHON to SATAN
None

2350/0218
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

6 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	4	Cross-country	11
MPQ	1	Instrument	2
Night Patrols	3	Rockets	6

An aircraft on a cross-country flight was forced to abort due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES	- - - - -	27
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	- - - - -	42.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	- - - - -	23 2.25" Rockets
		766 20 mm

0140/0420
Maj STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
10 miles south of SEOUL to
35 miles east
None

2137/0130
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
10 miles west of INCHON to 40
miles east of SEOUL
None

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2230/0230
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
15 miles north of INCHON to 40
miles south of SEOUL
None

7 NOVEMBER 1953

The request of Captain Jack R. MERKLE, 038243/7331 USMCR for release from active duty was met with approval and Captain MERKLE was transferred today.

SORTIES:

Bombing	3	Familiarization	5
Night Patrols	3	GCA	6
Cross-country	8	Strafing	7
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -		32	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -			54.4
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -		12 100 lb GP	
		495 20 mm	

0138/0401
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east
None

2130/0115
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
5 miles south of SEOUL to 50
miles east
None

2340/0240
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 30 miles east
None

8 NOVEMBER 1953

The squadron was on a STAND DOWN status all day. No daylight sorties were scheduled.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3		
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -		3	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -			8.6
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -		NONE	

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0135/0415
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 30 miles east
None

2140/0033
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON - SEOUL area
One intercept was made on a C-124,
AF #1142 at 2257 hours, at 9000
feet on a heading of 100°

2333/0235
2ndLt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

9 NOVEMBER 1953

Nose cowl flaps have been reconnected in all AD-4 type aircraft
of this squadron.

SORTIES:

Interdication	6	Instruments	8
MPQ	1	Familiarization	6
Night Patrols	2	Test	2
Cross-country	6		

One (1) night patrol mission was forced to abort because of
electronic failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 31
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 43.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

2145/0010
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east
None

2335/0225
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
25 miles west of SEOUL to 40 miles
northeast
None

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10 NOVEMBER 1953

Captain Elree G. BARR, 029052/7331 USMCR was transferred to Marine Air Detachment, NAS Los Alamitos, California, while on emergency leave pending his release from active duty.

One (1) AD-3N aircraft was transferred to the squadron today from VMC-1. The assignment of this model aircraft will enable squadron pilots to operate the APS-19A radar under the supervision of experienced Airborne Intercept Operators.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3	Ferry	1
Test	1		

One (1) night patrol aircraft was forced to abort due to mechanical failure.

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

0130/0440	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #04
MSgt BEARDEN		

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to a point 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2215/0035	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #02
Capt CARPENTER		

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	20 miles west of SEOUL to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2345/0240	NIGHT PATROL	Mission #03
Capt AARON		

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 60 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

11 NOVEMBER 1953

On orders from the Joint Operational Command, the first and last night patrols (Missions number 01 and 05, respectively) are to be scheduled and flown by the squadron. The original plan to have the aircraft on a five (5) minute stand-by status was deemed impractical because of the cold weather.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	4
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TOTAL SORTIES	-----	4	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	-----		9.8
ORDNANCE	-----	NONE	

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0140/0415
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled

ELGIN
INCHON to a point 50 miles east
of SEOUL
None

Contacts or Intercepts

2035/2235
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
INCHON - SATAN area
None

2145/0030
2ndLt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
None

2350/0220
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east
None

12 NOVEMBER 1953

Major Jay A. STOKES, 030581/7331 USMCR, the squadron Logistics Officer, departed for the United States on emergency leave.

SORTIES:

At 1307 a two (2) plane flight was scrambled by the Joint Operational Command to intercept an unidentified aircraft. The mission was controlled by ELGIN. The aircraft was positively identified as a friendly South Korean observation plane (OE-1) and was observed to land at A-7.

SCRAMBLE	2	GCA	2
Interdiction	4	TAC/A	2
Night Patrol	1	AAA Training	1
Instruments	2		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	14
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	25.8
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

0135/0415
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

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13 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	2	Instruments	4
Night Patrols	3	Familiarization	2
Cross-country	3	Test	2

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 24.9
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

1937/2212 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Capt STEINWAY

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

2135/0015 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
MSGt BEARDEN

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 20 miles southeast of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	Vectored on a friendly aircraft "squawking" emergency IFF at 12,000 feet, 12 miles east of K-6. Identified as a USAF B-26

2335/0235 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
Capt MARK

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	10 miles west of INCHON to 50 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

14 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3	GCA	8
Cross-country	2	Familiarization	1
Instrument	4	Strafing	12

The first night patrol mission was forced to abort because of electronic failure. The first aircraft assigned to Mission #03 also aborted because of mechanical difficulties but the pilot was able to take off in another aircraft and complete the mission.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 30
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 52.2
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 1595 20 mm

0142/0445 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
Capt AARON

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 80 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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0335/0640

Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area patrolled

ELGIN
20 miles west of SEOUL to 50
miles east
None

Contacts or Intercepts

2150/0110

Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-14 to 50 miles east
None

15 NOVEMBER 1953

Major W. MERRITT, 011242/7331 USMCR was transferred today to Headquarters Squadron 12. Major COCHRANE took over the duties of Squadron Operations Officer.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	3	Cross-country	3
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	6		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -			9.7
ORDNANCE - - - - -	NONE		

2320/0300

MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-16 to 60 miles east
None

0135/0505

Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
25 miles west of SEOUL to 65
miles east
None

0330/0605

Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
20 miles west of INCHON to
50 miles east of SEOUL
None

16 NOVEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant Billy D. BOULDIN, 054137/7331 USMC was transferred to the First Marine Division for forward air control work.

First Lieutenant Leonard C. WEATHERWAX, 033410/7331 USMC joined from 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division FMF.

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SORTIES:

CAS	4	Familiarization	5
Night Patrols	3	Test	1
Cross-country	3	Rockets	2
Instruments	2	Strafing	4
GCA	4		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 28
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 37.1
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 703 20 mm
8 2.25" Rockets

2005/2225 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Capt CARPENTER

Controller ELGIN
Area patrolled 20 miles west of SEOUL to 45
miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

2145/0045 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
MSGT SIMPSON

Controller ELGIN
Area patrolled SEOUL to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

2335/0305 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
Capt MARK

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

17 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	5	Test	3
TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	8		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -			16.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE		

0155/0425 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
Capt AARON

Controller ELGIN
Area patrolled INCHON - SEOUL area
Contacts or Intercepts None

0320/0610 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
MSGT BEARDEN

Controller ELGIN
Area patrolled K-16 to 60 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts None

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1945/2200
Maj BA-TON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
30 miles east of SEOUL to INCHON
None

2125/0045
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east
None

2345/0225
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east
Vectored on unknown aircraft
at 0035. Secured search 0052.

18 NOVEMBER 1953

Captain Albert G. WEBBERING, 036090/7331 USMCR was transferred today to Marine Air Base Squadron 12.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	4	Familiarization	5
Instruments	4	Test	1
GCA	2	AIA	8

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 24
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 36.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

0340/0605
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
30 miles west of FAENG YONG DO
to 30 miles east of SEOUL
None

1940/2320
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
30 miles west of SEOUL to 60
miles east
None

2140/0015
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of
SEOUL
None

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2330/0200
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east of
SEOUL
None

Contacts or Intercepts

19 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

At 1240 this afternoon MAG-12 Operations Department ordered one (1) aircraft scrambled to investigate a bogie in the HWACHON RESERVIOR area. Under the control of ELGIN the pilot was given several vectors and closed with the following aircraft within a very short time:

One (1) U.S. Army L-20
One (1) U.S. Army light helicopter
One (1) U.S. Army L-19
One (1) U.S. Air Force T-6
One (1) Unidentified high wing monoplane
One (1) South Korean L-19, number 01488

More positive identification of the first five (5) aircraft could not be made because ELGIN broke off the intercepts and sent the pilot on a new vector. The pilot was able to close and hold with the last aircraft, the South Korean L-19, for about five (5) miles until near K-47. The intercept was then called off by ELGIN and the pilot directed to return to base.

SCRAMBLE	1	Familiarization	6
CAS	2	Rockets	8
Night Patrols	5	AIA	2
Instruments	2		

One (1) night patrol had to abort due to mechanical trouble.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 26
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 45.7
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 64 2.25" Rockets

0130/0445
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled

ELGIN
16 miles west of INCHON to
50 miles east of SEOUL
None

Contacts or Intercepts

0336/0604
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east
None

1935/2305
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east of SEOUL
None

2230/0015
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to K-47
None

2325/0220
Capt EUWEMA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east
None

20 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

CAS	4	Familiarization	4
Interdiction	8	Test	1
Night Patrols	5	TAC/A	1
Cross-country	6		

One (1) aircraft on an Interdiction mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 24
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 41.7
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

0130/0420
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 40 miles east
None

0320/0537
2ndLt REYNOLDS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to INCHON and 30 miles
east of SEOUL
None

1945/2210
Capt FREE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-47 to 20 miles west of INCHON
None

2135/0035
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
20 miles west of SEOUL to 70
miles east of SEOUL
None

2325/0130
2ndLt REYNOLDS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
45 miles east of SEOUL to 30
miles south of SEOUL
None

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21 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

Night Patrol	1	Test	1
Cross-country	2		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	4		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		7.1	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE		

0125/0545
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 60 miles east of SEOUL
None

22 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

At 2130 Group Operations scrambled one (1) aircraft under the control of SATAN. The pilot patrolled an area extending 24 miles south, 22 miles west and 24 miles north of SATAN. No contacts were made.

At 2145 another aircraft was alerted by Group Operations. The pilot patrolled within 5 miles of K-6. Ten (10) vectors were given on bogies but no contacts were made. The patrol was under the control of K-6 GCA.

SCRAMBLE	2	GCA	4
Interdiction	4	Familiarization	3
Searchlight	2	Night Rockets	3
Night Patrols	2	AIA	2

One (1) Night Patrol was forced to abort due to rough engine.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	22		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL - - - - -		39.5	
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	510 20 mm		
	16 2.25" Rockets		
	16 Miniature Bombs		

2110/0010
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controllers
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
45 miles east of SEOUL to 30
miles south
None

2330/0302
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east
None

SECRET

23 NOVEMBER 1953

Major James R. BLUNT, 030505/7331 USMCR, the Squadron Intelligence Officer, returned today from emergency leave.

Second Lieutenant Francis E. MARTIN, 048528/7331 USMC departed for the United States on emergency leave.

SORTIES:

At 1455 one (1) aircraft was scrambled by Group Operations. The pilot contacted ELGIN for control of the patrol. No contacts or intercepts were made.

SCRAMBLE	1	Instruments	2
Interdiction	4	Test	1
Night Patrols	2	AIA	2
Cross-country	4		

Two (2) aircraft on an interdiction flight were forced to abort due to mechanical difficulties.

Two (2) aircraft assigned a close air support mission were turned back by inclement weather.

One (1) aircraft alerted for a scramble at 1515 aborted the mission because of electrical failure.

The target plane returned to the base when the radar aircraft was diverted by ELGIN.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	23.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

0145/0415 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
MSGT SIMPSON

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	SEOUL to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0330/0540 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	SEOUL to 55 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

24 NOVEMBER 1953

The squadron was on a STAND DOWN status all day. No daylight sorties were scheduled. The night patrols were on a stand-by status due to low ceilings and visibility in the patrol area.

25 NOVEMBER 1953

Second Lieutenant Chester A. FOLCK, 061034/7331 USMCR and Second Lieutenant Joseph C. ZERN, 061914/7331 USMCR joined from Service Squadron, AirFMEPac, MCAS, El Toro, California.

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SORTIES:

Bombing
CAS
Test

8
4
1

AIA
Strafing

6
4

Two (2) aircraft scheduled for a searchlight bombing mission were forced to abort due to weather.
The first night patrol mission returned early because of weather and the following patrols were held in a stand-by status.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 23
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 37.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 32 100 lb GP
15 2.25" Rockets
280 20 mm

26 NOVEMBER 1953

Captain Chalmus H. JONES, 033918/7331 USMCR and Captain Robert M. PETERSON, 029653/7302 USMCR joined the Squadron today from VMA-332.

SORTIES:

One (1) aircraft was scrambled by Group Operations. After take-off the pilot contacted the controller ELGIN. A patrol was made of the area from SEOUL to 1 mile south of the Demarcation line. No contacts or intercepts were made.

SCRAMBLE

1

Night Patrols 3

One (1) night patrol mission was forced to abort due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 4
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 10.0
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

1945/2205
Capt FREE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #01

Controllers
Area patrolled

Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN and SATAN
Immediate area north and south of SATAN
One (1) contact with an unidentified aircraft was made about three (3) miles north of SATAN.

2300/0047
Capt CARPENTER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controller
Area patrolled

Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
20 miles west of SEOUL to 30 miles east
None

2344/0222
Capt STEINWAY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
INCHON to 50 miles east
None

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27 NOVEMBER 1953

SORTIES:

At 1315 this afternoon while on a routine radar training flight, two (2) squadron aircraft were diverted by MAG-12 Operations. At 1335 the flight leader reported into ELGIN as directed and was vectored north to SEOUL and then immediately back to K-6. No contacts or Intercepts were made.

CAS	3	AIA	6
Interdiction	4	Night AIA	2
Night Patrols	5	Night Intruder	2

One (1) aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to electronic trouble. While on a familiarization flight, one (1) aircraft was forced to return to the base because of mechanical trouble.

TOTAL SORTIES	-----	22
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	-----	39.4
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	-----	NONE

0130/0415 NIGHT PATROL Mission #04
MSgt BEARDEN

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	SEOUL to 50 miles east and southeast
Contacts or Intercepts	None

0330/0535 NIGHT PATROL Mission #05
Capt MARK

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 50 miles east
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2040/2240 NIGHT PATROL Mission #01
Capt EUWEMA

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON - SEOUL area
Contacts or Intercepts	None

2145/0015 NIGHT PATROL Mission #02
MSgt SIMPSON

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	SEOUL to K-46
Contacts or Intercepts	Radar contact with an unidentified aircraft was made at 2303. The aircraft was intercepted at 2310 and a visual contact established.
	Type: R4D
	Speed: 120 knots
	Heading: 120 degrees
	Altitude: 11,000 feet
	Position: 20 miles east of K-55

2325/0235 NIGHT PATROL Mission #03
2ndLt REYNOLDS

Controller	ELGIN
Area patrolled	INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL
Contacts or Intercepts	None

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28 NOVEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant George B. NELSON Jr. 056090/6510 USMC joined the squadron today from WMA-332.

After a partial power failure of the engine of one of the squadron aircraft, the Engineering Department found a large quantity of metal filings in the oil sump. The Engineering Officer then ordered the oil sumps drained on all aircraft in the squadron. A quantity of filings were found in the engines of one (1) aircraft and a trace of metal in the sumps of two (2) others. As a result of this inspection, all aircraft in the squadron were grounded and the night patrols cancelled. The Joint Operational Command was notified of the situation and requested to place the first and last night patrol on a fifteen (15) minute stand-by for the next few days until the aircraft could be carefully checked and test run. This request was granted immediately.

SORTIES:

Interdiction	2	GCA	2
Night Patrols	2	AIA	5
Instrument	2	Strafing	3

One (1) night patrol aircraft aborted when the radar gear failed to function properly.

One (1) aircraft on a radar training flight was forced to abort when the aircraft radio failed.

Both aircraft on an instrument training flight returned to the base when the partial power failure mentioned above occurred.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 26.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 520 20 mm

0130/0450
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled

ELGIN
INCHON to 30 miles east
of SEOUL
None

Contacts or Intercepts

0400/0600
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
K-16 to K-47
Intercepted an R4D type
aircraft with negative parrot

29 NOVEMBER 1953

Major James R. BLUNT, 030505/7331 USMC was transferred today to Headquarters Squadron, First Marine Aircraft Wing.

SORTIES:

Night Patrols	2	Test	2
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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 4
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 7.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

2145/0005
Lt Col SAMS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

Controllers
Area patrolled

ELGIN and SATAN
SEOUL to K-46 until diverted
to SATAN at 2230. Patrolled
within a six (6) mile radius
of SATAN until 2330.

Contacts or Intercepts

None

2345/0225
Capt FREE

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL - INCHON
None

30 NOVEMBER 1953

Warrent Officer Thomas E. WILLIAMS, 057611/6410 USMC reported
aboard from the November Replacement Draft.

SORTIES:

Night Patrol 1
Familiarization 12

Test 6
AIA 2

A pilot on a familiarization flight was forced to return to the
base when his engine began to run rough.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 21
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 27.5
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

0130/0405
Capt EUWEMA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

Controller
Area patrolled
Contacts or Intercepts

ELGIN
SEOUL to 40 miles east
None

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STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

1. PERSONNEL

(a) Personnel authorized:

Officers	AG 7	NA 53	Enlisted 207	NAP 0	Total 267
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(b) Personnel assigned:

Officers	AG 5	NA 38	Enlisted 173	NAP 3	Total 219
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(c) Personnel lost:

None

(d) Personnel returned to duty from MIA:

None

2. AIRCRAFT:

(a) Aircraft authorized:

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

Type	AD-3,	AD-3M,	AD-4,	AD-4B	Number 24
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(c) Aircraft Lost:

None

3. OPERATIONS:

Availability of pilots	-----	28
Availability of aircraft	-----	17
Total effective sorties	-----	547
Total air aborts	-----	27
Total flight hours	-----	901.7

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RECAPITULATION OF FLIGHTS

<u>NON-COMBAT FLIGHTS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Night Patrols	92	258.8
Bombing	114	166.4 166.4
Instruments	78	115.0
Cross-country	76	98.1
Familiarization	54	77.6
Strafing	34	51.2
AIA	35	47.4
Rockets	31	43.6
Test	30	23.8
Miscellaneous	3	3.6
TOTAL	547	901.7
		885.5
		16.2
		901.7
Air aborts	27	

4. ORDNANCE EXPENDED:

20 mm, rounds - - - - -	5216
Rockets, 2.25" - - - - -	215
Bombs, 100 lb - - - - -	108
Bombs, Miniature - - - - -	16

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ENGINEERING MONTHLY SUMMARY

During the month of November 1953 this department completed the following:

TYPE of WORK	NUMBER COMPLETED
30 hour check	12
60 hour check	6
90 hour check	6
120 hour check	1
240 hour check	4
Carburetor change	3
Magneto change	3
AD Service change #332	2
AD Service change #271	1

To aid in quick starting and warm-up, a thin winter grade oil (1065) was substituted for the regular grade (1100).

The nose cowl flaps on the model AD-4 and AD-4B aircraft were connected to help keep engines warm on the night patrols.

Because no webbing is available in this area, the wing covers previously constructed in the parachute loft could not be completed and used to combat the hazard of frost on the wings of squadron aircraft. As an interim measure the wings of all aircraft are now folded every night and a coating of "Kilfrost" applied to the surfaces.

MATERIAL MONTHLY SUMMARY

As of 30 November 1953, one officer and six (6) men were assigned to the Material section.

The latter part of November overcoats, caps, pile lined, thermo boots and five (5) buckle over shoes were received and issued to the men.

Winter flight jackets and trousers were received and issued to the pilots; hoods and winter flying gloves will be issued in the near future. All pilots have immersion suits with the exception of two (2) who require extra large sizes; these suits are on order.

During the Month of November 1953, there were 232 stub requisitions submitted; 149 priority "C" of which 109 were received; 59 priority "A" with 34 received and 24 ACOG's with 21 received.

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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
GCA	-----	Ground Controlled Approach
GCI	-----	Ground Controlled Intercept
MPQ	-----	Mobile Radar equipment used to direct bombing
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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