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TASK ORGANIZATION

UNIT

Marine Attack Squadron 251

COMMANDING OFFICER

1-30 September 1953  
LtCol Harold A. HARWOOD  
08585/7331, USMC

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

K-6 Air Base, Pyongtaek, Korea

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Marine Aircraft Group 12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY OPERATIONS

During the month of September 1953, Marine Attack Squadron 251 was located at K-6 Air Base, Pyongtaek, Korea. The Commanding Officer from 1 September through 30 September 1953 was Lieutenant Colonel Harold A. HARWOOD, 08585/7331, U. S. Marine Corps. This squadron is a unit of Marine Aircraft Group 12.

On 1 September 1953, this squadron was assigned the mission of perfecting air defense of Korea or identifying friendly aircraft detected by radar violating the buffer or demilitarized zone at low altitudes. This task had previously been assigned to Marine Composite Squadron 1 and Royal Air Force Night Fighter Squadron 810. The British squadron was relieved of its night defense mission on 6 September 1953 and Marine Composite Squadron 1 was relieved of its night patrol on 13 September 1953. By 20 September 1953, all pilots of this squadron had received at least three (3) flights as observers in the AD-4N aircraft under the supervision of an air intercept operator from Marine Composite Squadron 1. On 20 September 1953 all AD-4N type aircraft and air intercept operators were transferred back to Marine Composite Squadron 1. As of 30 September 1953 there are 11 pilots assigned to this squadron who are qualified for night patrol intercept missions with the use of the APS-19 radar gear.

On 30 September 1953, the squadron commenced training in the use of rockets. Targets for rocket firing have not been available since the cessation of hostilities in Korea. The target now in use is located on the north bank of the Hwach'on Reservoir at CT-960188. Also on 30 September 1953 the first MFQ hops were flown since the signing of the truce in Korea. The MFQ-14 radar gear is now set up in the Suwon bomb range area and will afford this squadron an opportunity to continue its MFQ training.

During the last two (2) weeks of September this squadron suffered a critical shortage of tires for the AD type aircraft. On 26 September 1953, ten (10) aircraft of this squadron were grounded for lack of tires. Training hops were held to a minimum until 28 September, when eight (8) tires were received. The average aircraft availability for the month of September 1953 was 17.7. This low availability was due partly to the necessity of grounding aircraft in order to obtain Gyro-instruments. The average time to obtain a Gyro instrument for an AD type aircraft that is ~~AOG~~ is ten (10) days.

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

Assigned:	T/O
Naval Aviators - 26	53
Aviation Ground Officers - 4	7
Enlisted - 185*	207

During the month of September 1953, Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew a total of 438 operational sorties for a total of 635.4 operational hours. 69 night patrol sorties were flown for a total of 172.5 night patrol hours. 84.6 hours were flown in the AD-4N type aircraft. All AD-4N time was flown in aircraft from Marine Composite Squadron 1. 194 Ground Controlled Approaches and ten (10) ADE/MDE let-downs were made by pilots of this squadron during the month of September.

\* (Includes three (3) NAP's)



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CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1953

1 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 was assigned the mission of perfecting air defense of Korea or identifying friendly aircraft detected by radar violating the buffer or demilitarized zone at low altitudes. This task is shared with Marine Composite Squadron 1 and Royal Air Force Night Fighter Squadron 810.

This squadron took part in a parade and review honoring the change in command of Marine Aircraft Group 12. Colonel Ralph K. ROTTET relieved Colonel William F. HAUSMAN. Nine (9) squadron aircraft participated in an air show for this event.

Nine (9) instructional training sorties, three (3) night patrol sorties, two (2) test hops and four (4) cross-country flights were flown for a total of 26.7 operational hours.

0145/0415  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight was prebriefed to make a night patrol of the INCHON - SEOUL area under ELGIN control. The flight was conducted as briefed, with no contacts or intercepts made.

2140/0220  
Capt STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The flight departed K-6 Air Base as a prebriefed night patrol mission. The pilot contacted ELGIN and conducted the mission as briefed, with no contacts or observations.

2400/0220  
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol from INCHON HARBOR to a point 50 miles east of SEOUL. No aircraft were sighted, intercepted, or vectored on. The flight was controlled by ELGIN. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0220.

2 SEPTEMBER 1953

One (1) AD-4N type aircraft was assigned to this squadron from Marine Composite Squadron 1. The squadron now has three (3) Radar Operators and three (3) AD-4N type aircraft assigned to assist in the training of pilots for night patrol missions.

At a squadron pilots' meeting, Master Sergeant Walter L. SIMPSON, USMC, gave instructions on the AFS-19 control panel.

The squadron flew two (2) night patrol sorties for a total of 5.5 operational hours.

0140/0420  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol type mission. He conducted the mission as briefed, with negative contacts and observations.



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2145/0030  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to make a night patrol of the INCHON - SEOUL area under ELGIN control. The flight was conducted as briefed, with no contacts or observations.

3 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew four (4) familiarization flights, six (6) instrument training flights, two (2) GCA flights, one (1) intercept training sortie, two (2) night patrols, five (5) test hops, one (1) abort and two (2) cross-country flights for a total of 25.4 operational hours.

2150/0040  
Maj BARTON  
RO - SSgt COSBY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot conducted the flight as briefed, with no aircraft sighted, intercepted or vectored on. The flight landed at K-6 at 0040.

2400/0100  
MSgt SIMPSON  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The flight was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission. The flight was conducted as briefed, with negative intercepts, sightings, or vectors. Both pilots returned to K-6 and landed at 0100.

4 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew four (4) familiarization flights, ten (10) GCA flights, five (5) intercept training flights and two (2) test hops for a total of 28.7 operational hours.

All night patrol flights were grounded due to inclement weather and were conducted as stand-by alerts.

5 SEPTEMBER 1953

Four (4) familiarization sorties, one (1) intercept training sortie, two (2) night patrol sorties, three (3) test hops and two (2) cross-country flights were flown for a total of 16.5 operational hours.

0150/0250  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight departed K-6 as a prebriefed night patrol mission under ELGIN control. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed, making no contacts or observations. The patrolled area was INCHON - SEOUL.

2145/0010  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed, patrolling the area from INCHON to K-47. There were no vectors or intercepts. The pilot heard Chinese transmission on Red Channel several times during the mission. The



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transmission was also heard by ELGIN. The pilot landed at K-6 at 0010.

6 SEPTEMBER 1953

Royal Air Force Night Fighter Squadron 810 was relieved of its mission of night patrol in the SEOUL area. Marine Attack Squadron 251 assumed the patrol previously conducted by the British squadron.

The squadron flew five (5) GCA flights, four (4) intercept training sorties, two (2) night patrol sorties and one (1) cross-country hop for a total of 19.6 operational hours.

0145/0410  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol mission in the area five (5) miles west of INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL. The flight was conducted as briefed with ELGIN as controller. There were no contacts, or intercepts. The pilot landed at K-6 at 0410.

2150/0025  
Capt STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol of the area from INCHON to SEOUL. The flight was conducted as briefed with no contacts, or intercepts. The flight landed at K-6 at 0025.

2350/0112  
MSgt SIMPSON  
RO - Cpl RIGGS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ROMEO. The pilot patrolled the area from INCHON to 20 miles east of SEOUL as briefed. He made no contacts or intercepts. The pilot landed at K-6 at 0112.

7 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew eight interdiction sorties, four (4) strafing sorties, six (6) intercept training sorties, two (2) aborts and two (2) cross-country flights for a total of 26.0 operational hours.

2200/0135  
2d Lt MARTIN  
RO - Cpl RIGGS, TSgt GUY

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol of the area from SEOUL to INCHON. The flight was conducted as briefed, with negative vectors, contacts or intercepts. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0135.

2345/0015  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL  
(Air Abort)

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed to contact ROMEO for a night patrol mission. The flight aborted after take-off due to radio trouble and returned to K-6. The controller was notified.

8 SEPTEMBER 1953

Seven (7) intercept training sorties, one (1) night patrol and two (2)

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cross-country flights were flown for a total of 14.8 operational hours.

0115/0420  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ROMEO. Pilot contacted controller as briefed and patrolled the area from SEOUL to a point 20 miles west of K-18. The pilot received one (1) vector on a friendly aircraft for a positive identification. The plane was positively identified as an R5D type aircraft. There were no further vectors, contacts or intercepts.

2200/2400  
Capt AARON  
RO's - TSgt GUY  
Cpl RIGGS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ROMEO. The pilot patrolled the area from K-16 to K-47 as briefed. There were no sightings, vectors, or intercepts. The pilot remarked that the ROMEO transmitter was weak and the controller carried him too far north. He believes that he was confused by the controller with other aircraft in the area.

9 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew one (1) familiarization flight, one (1) bombing hop, four (4) instrument training hops, four (4) GCA flights, seven (7) intercept training sorties, two (2) night patrol flights and two (2) test hops for a total of 30.7 operational hours.

0150/0425  
Capt STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ROMEO for a night patrol mission. The pilot patrolled the area from K-16 to a point 50 miles east of K-47 as briefed. The pilot spent 30 minutes searching for reported radar interference, but found nothing. The pilot landed at K-6 at 0425.

2150/2320  
Capt FOSTER  
RO - Cpl RIGGS

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol of the area from INCHON to K-47. The flight began as briefed but was forced to land at K-16 due to engine trouble. During the flight, no vectors, intercepts or contacts were made.

2345/0215  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission. ELGIN controlled the patrol of the area from 15 miles east to 15 miles west of SEOUL. The pilot made no contacts, intercepts or vectors during the patrol.

10 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew four (4) interdiction flights, six (6) GCA flights, five (5) intercept training sorties, two (2) night patrols and two (2) test hops for a total of 26.0 operational hours.

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Mission #02

NIGHT PATROL

2145/0015  
1st Lt BOULDIN

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol of the area 15 miles south, 120 miles east and 20 miles west of SEOUL. No aircraft were sighted, intercepted or vectored on. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0015.

Mission #03

NIGHT PATROL

2340/0300  
MSgt BEARDEN

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled the area from INCHON HARBOR to a point 50 miles east of SEOUL. No aircraft were sighted, intercepted, or vectored on. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0300.

11 SEPTEMBER 1953

Seven (7) strafing sorties, two (2) night patrol sorties, two (2) test hops and one (1) abort were flown for a total of 14.2 operational hours.

Mission #02

NIGHT PATROL

2155/0010  
MSgt SIMPSON

The flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission. ELGIN controlled the flight. No contacts or observations were made.

Mission #03

NIGHT PATROL

2350/0210  
Capt STOKES

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission. There were negative contacts or observations. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0210.

12 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 participated in a parade and review honoring the presentation of awards to members of Marine Aircraft Group 12.

The squadron flew four (4) GCA flights, two (2) night patrol sorties and two (2) intercept training flights for a total of 9.9 operational hours.

Mission #04

NIGHT PATROL

0145/0300  
MSgt DELACQUA

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol of the area around SEOUL. Negative intercepts and observations were made. The flight was recalled to K-6 at 0245 due to inclement weather.

Mission #03

NIGHT PATROL

2355/0225  
1st Lt BOULDIN

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol of the area 10 miles east and 15 miles west of SEOUL. No contacts or observations were made. The pilot returned to the base at 0225.

13 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Composite Squadron 1 was relieved of night patrol in the SEOUL area. Marine Attack Squadron 251 assumed the patrols previously conducted by VMC 1. This squadron is now responsible for all low altitude night patrols of the SEOUL area. These patrols consist of two (2) ready alerts and three (3)



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two (2) hour patrols. The ready alerts are conducted from 2000 to 2200 and 0400 to 0530 while the three (3) patrols are flown from 2200 to 2400, 2400 to 0200 and 0200 to 0400 hours.

The squadron flew four (4) intercept training sorties and three (3) night patrol sorties for 13.9 operational hours.

0155/0415  
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission under the control of ELGIN. The patrol was conducted from INCHON HARBOR to a point 65 miles east of SEOUL. There were no sightings or intercepts.

2155/0020  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol of the area 20 miles east of K-13 to INCHON. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed with ELGIN as controller. There were no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2350/0340  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled the area 30 miles east to 20 miles west of K-16 with negative contacts or intercepts. The pilot returned to K-6 at 0340.

14 SEPTEMBER 1953

Captain Austin C. FITZGERALD, 029225/7302, USMC, was awarded a gold star in lieu of his eighth Air Medal.

The squadron flew three (3) intercept training sorties, one (1) night patrol, two (2) test hops and two (2) aborts for a total of 8.5 operational hours.

Missions #03 and #04 of 14 September were grounded due to inclement weather and were conducted as stand-by alerts.

0245/0420  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol of the area from K-16 to a point 60 miles east. There were no contacts, intercepts, or observations. The flight returned to K-6 at 0420.

15 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew eleven (11) interdiction sorties, one (1) night patrol, one (1) test hop and one (1) abort for a total of 20.4 operational hours.

2345/0215  
Capt STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled east, west and south of the SEOUL area. No contacts or observations were made.



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16 SEPTEMBER 1953

All pilots of this squadron attended a lecture and movie on aerology. This very interesting and informative lecture was presented by First Lieutenant Jack HUMMEL, USAF.

JOC stand-by mission "Warhead 05" was alerted at 0630 to intercept an unidentified aircraft. Upon arrival on station, the pilot learned that contact with the plane had been lost and was told to return to the base.

The squadron flew one (1) familiarization flight, two (2) instrument training sorties, two (2) GCA flights, nine (9) intercept training sorties, five (5) night patrol sorties and two (2) test hops for a total of 31.5 operational hours.

0150/0250

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

2d Lt SUMNER

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol type mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled as briefed, covering the area 30 miles east of SEOUL to INCHON. The flight was returned to the base at 0250 when ELGIN reported an IFF failure.

0335/0510

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

2d Lt SUMNER

After returning to K-6 due to an IFF failure, the pilot departed in another plane and resumed the patrol as briefed with ELGIN controlling. There were no contacts, intercepts or observations.

0636/0510

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #05

1st Lt BOULDIN

This mission was scrambled by JOC to identify a Bogie 25 miles west of INCHON. The controller gave the pilot a heading of 330. The controller, ELGIN, lost track of the aircraft and told the pilot to return to K-6.

2150/0020

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

2d Lt SUMNER

This flight was prebriefed to make a night patrol, to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled 30 miles east of SEOUL to INCHON. The flight made no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2345/0330

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

1st Lt BOULDIN

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission. The flight patrolled from 50 miles east of SEOUL to a point 50 miles west. The pilot made no contacts or observations.

17 SEPTEMBER 1953

First Lieutenant Ralph M. EUWEMA, 033054/7331, USMCR, was promoted to the rank of Captain.

The squadron flew 12 intercept training sorties, six (6) strafing sorties, two (2) night patrol sorties, one (1) abort and two (2) cross-country flights for a total of 31.1 operational hours.

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0155/0345  
MSGT SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The flight was prebriefed as a night patrol with ELGIN controlling. The pilot was forced to abort due to an IFF failure, but returned on station in another plane to finish the mission. There were no contacts or observations.

2140/0045  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN and conduct a night patrol of the area from INCHON HARBOR to a point 50 miles east of SEOUL. The pilot made one (1) intercept on a friendly aircraft identified as a C-124 and returned to the base at 0045..

18 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew two (2) cross-country flights, two (2) GCA flights, 13 intercept training sorties, three (3) night patrol sorties and three (3) aborts for a total of 28.6 operational hours.

0025/0120  
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol type mission. The flight made one (1) sweep from INCHON HARBOR to a point 25 miles east of INCHON and then was returned to the base because of existing weather conditions.

Mission #04 was changed to a stand-by alert due to inclement weather.

2250/0035  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to make a night patrol under ELGIN control. The pilot patrolled the area from SEOUL to INCHON with no contacts or observations. He returned to K-6 at 0035.

2355/0240  
MSGT BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The flight was prebriefed as a night patrol under ELGIN control. The patrol was conducted from INCHON to a point 35 miles east of SEOUL. There were no contacts or observations.

19 SEPTEMBER 1953

Captain Ward L. HOOPER, 031563/7302, USMC, Second Lieutenant Reynold M. OLSON, 057824/7331, USMCR and Second Lieutenant Kenneth D. PECK, 058061/7331, USMCR, were detached on Temporary Additional Duty for instruction on Air Control Procedures at K-3.

One (1) familiarization flight, one (1) instrument training sortie, six (6) intercept training sorties, one (1) test hop, three (3) night patrol sorties and one (1) cross-country flight were flown for a total of 23.3 operational hours.

0930/1045  
MSGT DELACQUA  
1st Lt BELFORD

DAY PATROL

Capt BLUNT  
RO - Cpl RIGGS

Mission #2-1  
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This flight of two (2) aircraft departed K-6 as a routine radar training flight and was diverted by ELGIN to investigate an unidentified aircraft. The flight patrolled an area three (3) miles off the coast to HAEJU PENINSULA. No contact was made. The flight returned to K-6 at 1045.

0145/0345  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol under the control of ELGIN. The patrol was conducted from 40 miles east to 40 miles west of SEOUL. The pilot made no vectors, intercepts or observations.

2155/0012  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission of the area 50 miles east of SEOUL to INCHON. ELGIN controlled the flight with no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2345/0315  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol type mission. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed, under ELGIN control, with no contacts or observations.

20 SEPTEMBER 1953

Master Sergeant CHRYSLER, USMC, AIO and one (1) AD-4N type aircraft were transferred to Marine Composite Squadron 1. This squadron has completed check-outs for all pilots on the APS-31 radar. Each pilot received three (3) observation hops in the rear seat of the AD-4N and were afforded an opportunity to conduct intercepts on a target aircraft, using the APS-31 radar.

The squadron flew five (5) navigation training sorties, four (4) GCA flights, three (3) night patrol sorties, one (1) abort and four (4) cross-country flights for a total of 27.9 operational hours.

0145/0420  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight departed the base as a prebriefed night patrol mission. He patrolled the area from INCHON to a point 50 miles east with ELGIN controlling. There were no contacts or observations.

2130/0040  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission under ELGIN control. The pilot patrolled the area from K-13 to a point 60 miles east without making a contact or intercept.

2350/0230  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to make a night patrol under ELGIN control. The flight patrolled from SEOUL to a point approximately 25 miles east of the city. There were no contacts or observations.



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21 SEPTEMBER 1953

Major Kevin COCHRANE, 026651/7331, USMC, received a gold star in lieu of his seventh Air Medal.

The squadron flew four (4) interdiction training sorties, four (4) GCA flights, three (3) night patrol sorties and one (1) test hop for a total of 21.4 operational hours.

0150/0428  
Capt STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight departed K-6 as a prebriefed night patrol mission. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed, contacting the controller, ELGIN. He patrolled the area from INCHON to a point 40 miles east of SEOUL. There were no contacts, intercepts, or observations.

2130/0030  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol of the area around SEOUL. ELGIN controlled the flight, with no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2330/0220  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to make a night patrol from K-16 to a point 50 miles east. ELGIN controlled the hop with no contacts, intercepts or observations. The flight returned to K-6 at 0220.

22 SEPTEMBER 1953

Captain James R. BLUNT, 030505/7331, USMCR and Captain Jay A. STOKES, 030581/7331, USMCR, were promoted to the rank of Major.

Officers' ground training consisted of two (2) movies on the characteristics and formation of ice and preventive measures to be taken in combating ice during flights. A lecture on recognition of British and Russian type aircraft was presented by First Lieutenant Edward M. BELFORD, 054177/7331, USMCR.

The squadron flew two (2) familiarization sorties, four (4) night intercept training sorties, two (2) night patrol sorties and two (2) aborts for a total of 16.6 operational hours.

0145/0425  
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled the area from K-16 to a point 45 miles east. There were no observations, vectors or intercepts made. The pilot returned to the base at 0425.

2130/0030  
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The flight departed K-6 prebriefed to work with ELGIN controlling a night patrol type mission. The area patrolled was from SEOUL to a point 50 miles east of the city. The pilot made no contacts, intercepts, or observations.

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2330/0015  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL  
(Air Abort)

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission. The pilot contacted the controller as briefed and returned to K-6 when his IFF went out.

23 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 flew one (1) familiarization sortie, four (4) interdiction training sorties, six (6) GCA flights, two (2) night intercept training sorties, two (2) test hops, four (4) night patrol sorties and four (4) cross-country flights for a total of 33.6 operational hours.

0035/0215  
1st Lt BOULDIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

After one (1) abort, the pilot continued his prebriefed mission and patrolled the area 30 miles east to 20 miles west of SEOUL. There were no contacts, intercepts or observations.

0145/0415  
Maj. STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The flight departed K-6 prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled an area from INCHON to a point 20 miles east of SEOUL. He made no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2125/0020  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. He patrolled from 30 miles east of SEOUL to INCHON. Negative contacts and observations were made.

2330/0250  
MSGT SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol of the area from INCHON to points 30 miles south and east. The flight, controlled by ELGIN, made no contacts or observations.

24 SEPTEMBER 1953

A lecture on ground controlled intercept terminology was presented to the pilots of this squadron by Major Jay A. STOKES, USMCR.

The task of debriefing night patrol flights was assumed by this squadron and will be accomplished each night by the Squadron Operations Duty Officer. This work was previously done by Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron-513.

One (1) familiarization sortie, two (2) bombing sorties, four (4) interdiction sorties, two (2) test hops, one (1) abort, nine (9) cross-country flights, three (3) night patrol sorties, two (2) GCI sorties and one (1) radar mapping hop were flown for a total of 31.3 operational hours.

0130/0200  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL  
(Air Abort)

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol under ELGIN control.

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The pilot started his flight as briefed, but due to IFF failure, returned to K-6 at 0200.

0205/0425  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

After one (1) abort, the pilot continued his night patrol. The pilot patrolled the area from 20 miles east of SEOUL to a point 20 miles west of INCHON.

2135/2400  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The flight departed K-6 as a prebriefed night patrol mission. ELGIN controlled the patrol of the area around SEOUL, INCHON and K-13. There were no contacts or observations.

2330/0250  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight departed K-6 as a prebriefed night patrol mission. ELGIN controlled the mission which patrolled from INCHON to 30 miles east of SEOUL. The pilot made no contacts or observations.

25 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew one (1) familiarization sortie, 15 air show practice hops, three (3) night patrol sorties, three (3) test hops, one (1) abort and five (5) cross-country flights for a total of 35.8 operational hours.

0205/0415  
Capt AARON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol of the area from K-14 to a point thirty miles east. He made no contacts or observations.

2130/0015  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot was prebriefed to conduct a night patrol type mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The flight was conducted as briefed with no contacts, intercepts or observations.

2340/0215  
Capt MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled the SEOUL area with no observations.

26 SEPTEMBER 1953

This squadron participated in a group parade in preparation for the parade and review to be conducted on 30 September 1953 in honor of Lieutenant General Franklin A. HART, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

The squadron flew three (3) night patrol sorties for a total of 8.8 operational hours.



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0135/0500  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol. The flight covered the area from INCHON to a point 60 miles east of SEOUL. Negative contacts and observations were made.

2145/0015  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The pilot departed K-6 prebriefed to make a night patrol. The pilot contacted ELGIN and made a patrol of the area from SEOUL to a point 30 miles east of the city. He made no contacts or observations.

2345/0215  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The flight was a prebriefed night patrol under the control of ELGIN. The area patrolled was from INCHON to SEOUL. No contacts or observations were made.

27 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew two (2) night patrol sorties and one (1) test hop for a total of 6.2 operational hours.

0155/0435  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight departed the station prebriefed as a night patrol mission under ELGIN control. The pilot patrolled the area from INCHON to SEOUL and made no contacts or observations.

2140/0030  
MSgt SIMPSON

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This was a prebriefed patrol of the area from INCHON to SEOUL. The pilot, controlled by ELGIN, made one (1) practice intercept on a B-26 type aircraft. The flight returned to the base at 0030.

28 SEPTEMBER 1953

Eight (8) tires for the AD type aircraft were received by this squadron. This squadron previously had ten (10) aircraft grounded for lack of tires.

The squadron flew five (5) instructional training sorties and four (4) night patrol sorties for a total of 21.0 operational hours.

0015/0215  
Maj STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The flight was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission of the area 20 miles west of INCHON to 15 miles east of SEOUL. The mission was conducted as briefed, with no contacts or observations.

0130/0420  
2d Lt SUMNER

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight was prebriefed at K-6 as a night patrol mission. The pilot contacted ELGIN and patrolled the INCHON - SEOUL area. The pilot made no

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contacts or observations.

2145/0030  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The flight departed K-6 as a prebriefed night patrol under ROMEO control. The area patrolled was from SEOUL to a point 50 miles east. The pilot made no contacts or observations.

2340/0225  
1st Lt KUCHARSKI

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ROMEO for a night patrol. The pilot conducted the patrol as briefed, patrolling the area from INCHON to SEOUL. The flight switched to ELGIN control for a practice AIA. No contacts or observations were made.

29 SEPTEMBER 1953

The squadron flew two (2) night patrol sorties for a total of 5.6 operational hours.

2145/0030  
Captain MARK

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

This flight was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol type mission. The pilot conducted the mission as briefed, with no contacts or observations.

2335/0230  
MSgt DELACQUA

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol mission under ELGIN control. The area patrolled was from INCHON to a point 50 miles east. There were no contacts or observations.

30 SEPTEMBER 1953

Marine Attack Squadron 251 participated in a parade and review in honor of a visit by Lieutenant General Franklin A. HART, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

The squadron flew four (4) interdiction training sorties, four (4) night GCA flights, three (3) night patrol sorties, three (3) MPQ flights and four (4) rocket firing hops for a total of 25.9 operational hours.

0135/0335  
2d Lt MARTIN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #04

This flight was prebriefed as a night patrol under ELGIN. The pilot patrolled the area from 10 miles east of SEOUL to 10 miles west of INCHON. No contacts or observations were made. The pilot returned to the base early due to an oil leak.

2145/0005  
Maj STOKES

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #02

The flight departed this base as a prebriefed night patrol mission to be controlled by ELGIN. The pilot patrolled an area from K-6 north to SEOUL, west to INCHON and east to a point 15 miles east of K-13. No contacts or observations were made.



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2345/0200  
MSgt BEARDEN

NIGHT PATROL

Mission #03

The pilot was prebriefed to contact ELGIN for a night patrol mission. The flight was conducted as briefed, patrolling the area from INCHON HARBOR to a point 20 miles east of SEOUL. Negative contacts and observations were made.

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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 4	NA 26	Enlisted 185	NAP 3	Total 218
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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-4, AD-4b	Number 24
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(c) Aircraft lost:

None

3. OPERATIONS:

Availability of pilots	-----26
Availability of aircraft	-----17.7
Total flight sorties	-----438
Total flight hours	-----635.4



RECAPITULATION OF FLIGHTS

<u>NON-COMBAT FLIGHTS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
FAMILIARIZATION	20	29.0
INSTRUCTION TRAINING	123	174.4
GCA	53	70.4
INTERCEPT TRAINING	90	129.4
NIGHT AIR PATROLS	69	172.5
TEST	33	22.9
ABORTS	13	5.5
X-COUNTRY	37	31.3
TOTAL	438	635.4

4. ORDNANCE EXPENDED:

Bomb, miniature, practice, Mk23-----16  
 Rockets, 2.25"-----30  
 Cartridges, 20MM-----1,698



S-2 MONTHLY SUMMARY

All officers in this squadron have been cleared for access to classified matter in accordance with the U. S. Navy Security Manual for Classified Matter, 1951 and Marine Corps Memorandum 51-53 of 22 July 1953. At this time, eleven (11) National Agency Checks are still pending and these officers have been authorized access to classified matter up to and including SECRET by the Commanding Officer in accordance with paragraph 27, Article 1506 of the U. S. Navy Security Manual.

The task of debriefing pilots returning from Night Air Patrols in the SEOUL - INCHON area was taken over by this section on 24 September 1953. Previously, all debriefing was done by VMF (n) 513 which is located on the opposite side of the field. A mission summary is completed each morning and delivered to the Group S-2.

An Emergency Destruction Plan was published on 17 September 1953 by this section and is included in this report as Appendix I.

This section has completed packing and is prepared to evacuate within ten (10) days in accordance with MAG-12 Mobility Plan Number 1-53 of 14 September 1953. Both two (2) drawer cabinet type safes have been crated with a removable front and all classified matter has been scrutinized and excess or obsolete matter has been burned.

On 22 September 1953, Captain James R. BLUNT, Squadron Intelligence Officer was promoted to the rank of Major.



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APPENDIX I

EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION PLAN

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SQUADRON ORDER)  
: EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION PLAN  
NUMBER.....49 )

Ref: (a) U. S. Navy Security Manual for Classified Matter, 1951  
(b) MAG-12 General Order 28 of 21 June 1952

1. Reference (a) sets forth the procedure for the emergency destruction of classified information.
2. Reference (b) sets forth the procedure for emergency destruction of classified matter within MAG-12.
3. This squadron is located at a Station at which attack by enemy forces is highly possible. Therefore it is mandatory that all Officers and enlisted men of this squadron thoroughly familiarize themselves with the contents of this order.
4. Combinations to all safes in this squadron will be placed in sealed envelopes and stored in the Shaw Walker Safe located in the S-2 section. The combination to the Shaw Walker safe will be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Marine Aircraft Group 12, S-2 section. All combinations will be changed in accordance with reference (a).
5. In the event of an emergency as described in paragraph (3), the Operations Duty Officer will notify the Classified Material Control Officer and in his absence any officer attached to the S-2 section, who will supervise the complete destruction of all Classified Material or Matter assigned to this squadron. In the event time does not permit or the officers listed above cannot be located the Operations Duty Officer will obtain the combination to the Shaw Walker safe from the MAG-12, S-2 section and supervise the complete destruction of all classified matter.
6. Destruction shall be in order of the relative security classification of the matter as follows:
  - a. Top Secret documents, files and equipment.
  - b. Secret documents, files, and equipment.
  - c. Confidential documents, files, and equipment.
  - d. Restricted documents, files and equipment.
  - e. Any other documents, files or equipment of an unclassified nature which might give aid to the enemy.
7. The procedure to be followed in the destruction of this matter will be:
  - a. All classified matter, highest classified matter first, will be taken from the office and away from the building and will be spread out for fast burning. Gasoline, which is located in the five (5) gallon can painted red and next to the safes, will be poured on the matter and the matter burned. The ashes will be stirred to insure complete destruction. In the event that sufficient time does not allow the carrying out of the matter, the safe drawers will be opened, the matter taken out, placed on the floor, gasoline poured over it and burned.



b. In the event orders are given for emergency destruction of the contents in each safe, Incendiary Safe Destroying Bombs, (Mark I and Mark I-A-I), will be employed by placing same in the top drawer of each safe.

8. Authority for destruction:

a. In the case of routine destruction, such destruction will be ordered by the Group Intelligence Officer on orders from the Group Commander.

b. In the event of an emergency and time does not permit contacting higher authority, the Operations Duty Officer will initiate the emergency destruction plan.

9. A copy of this plan will be posted on or by each safe containing classified matter and in the Operations Duty Officers log book.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARWOOD

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