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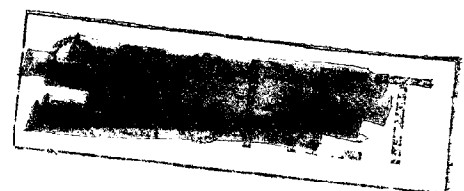
Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1 Jun 1972 through
30 Jun 1972

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IOrganizational Data1. DesignationCommander

Marine Aircraft Group 15

Colonel K. O'KEEFE
1 - 30 June 1972Subordinate UnitsHeadquarters & Maintenance
Squadron 15Major R. N. PATRICK
1 - 30 June 1972Marine Fighter Attack Squadron
115LtCol K. A. McFERRAN
1 - 23 June 1972Major G. DEJONG
24 - 30 June 1972Marine Fighter Attack Squadron
232LtCol E. R. MAAG
1 - 30 June 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron 15

Major W. W. HARDING, Jr.
1 - 30 June 1972Marine All Weather Attack
Squadron 533Major D. E. CATHCART
1 - 9 June 1972LtCol J. C. BROWN
10 - 30 June 1972Attached Units OpCon OnlyMarine Fighter Attack Squadron
212LtCol R. D. REVIE
1 - 20 June 1972
(OpCon Terminated)

2. (S) Location

Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam 1 - 20 June 1972

Nam Phong RTAB, Thailand

21 - 30 June 1972

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3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE 1 - 30 Jun 1972
Administrative Officer	LtCol J. T. TYLER 1 - 30 Jun 1972
Intelligence Officer	Capt WINCENTSEN 1 - 30 Jun 1972
Operations Officer	Major J. B. WUERTZ 1 - 5 Jun 1972
	LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN 6 - 30 Jun 1972
Logistics Officer	Major J. P. SMITH 1 - 30 Jun 1972

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
226	2133	1	10	9

PART IINarrative Summary

During this reporting period MAG-15 continued its role of supporting SVN ground forces against the invasion of that country by the NVN Army. The aircrews and maintenance crews have produced a very impressive rate of sorties and aircraft availability that were accomplished only by superior performance of duty and long hours by all marines within MAG-15. Although MAG-15 deployed from Danang Air Base to Nam Phong, Thailand, on 20 June the aircrews still produced 3042.7 tons of ordnance delivered on target while flying 1292.9 hours and 935 sorties and received the following credit for battle damage:

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Structures	341	54
Secondary Explosions	406	

TargetsDestroyedDamaged

Secondary Fires

406

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Tanks

23

9

Vehicles

52

38

Supply Caches

27

1

Bunkers

79

12

Road Cuts

33

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Runway Cuts

3

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Trenches

2

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Mortor Positions

6

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Bridge

1

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Pol Tanks

2

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130mm Guns

6

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APC

1

23mm Guns

1

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AW Pos

2

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SA-2

1

105mm Guns

6

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51 cal. Guns

2

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Boats

11

5

Heavy Machine Guns

1

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B40 Rocket Launchers

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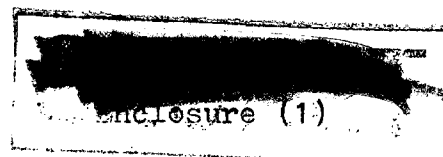
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82mm Mortor Pos

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<u>Targets</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
AK-47's	6	--
SAM Launchers	3	--
Antennae Farm	---	1
KBA	448	--

On 4 June VMFA-212 lost one F-4J due to suspected enemy ground fire while on a CAS mission in MR-II. SAR efforts were dispatched to the crash scene. Two bodies were recovered.

During the period 1 - 30 Jun MAG-15 gained a total of 22 officers and 476 enlisted and transferred a total of 7 officers and 103 enlisted.

VMFA-212, OPCON to MAG-15 while deployed to RVN, departed for their home station at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii on 20 June 1972.

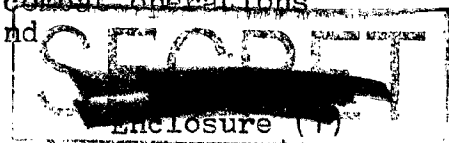
VMA(AW)-533 was joined to MAG-15 from MAG-12 and transferred to Nam Phong, Thailand.

On 16 June 1972 2 aircraft from VMFA-115 piloted by Colonel K. O'KEEFE and LtCol K. A. McFERRAN launched from Danang RVN and after completing a Close Air Support mission turned west and recovered at Nam Phong, Thailand thus becoming the 1st combat elements of Task Force Delta to arrive in Thailand. On 17 June 1972 VMFA-115 conducted the first combat operations from Nam Phong thus being the first Marine Tactical Fighter Squadron in Thailand.

PART III

Sequential Listing

4 Jun 1972	Loss of 1 F-4J and both crewmembers.
16 Jun 1972	VMFA-115 departed for Nam Phong, Thailand.
17 Jun 1972	VMFA-115 commenced combat operations from Nam Phong, Thailand.
20 Jun 1972	MAG-15 chopped VMFA-212 to their home base at Kaneohe, Hawaii and departed for Nam Phong, Thailand. VMA(AW)-533 joined MAG-15.
24 Jun 1972	VMA(AW)-533 commenced combat operations from Nam Phong, Thailand.



Chronologies of Subordinates

1. Documents listed below are considered significant.

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| | b. ✓ VMFA-232 | Command Chronology |
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| | d. ✓ H&MS-15 | Command Chronology |
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