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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JUNE 1972 To 30 JUNE 1972

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PART IOrganizational Data

1. <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>
Marine Aircraft Group 15	Colonel K. O'KEEFE 1 - 30 June 1972

Subordinate Units

Headquarters & Maintenance Squadron 15	Major R. N. PATRICK 1 - 30 June 1972
Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115	LtCol K. A. McFERRAN 1 - 23 June 1972
	Major G. DEJONG 24 - 30 June 1972
Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232	LtCol E. R. MAAG 1 - 30 June 1972
Marine Air Base Squadron 15	Major W. W. HARDING, Jr. 1 - 30 June 1972
Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 533	Major D. E. CATHCART 1 - 9 June 1972
	LtCol J. C. BROWN 10 - 30 June 1972

Attached Units OpCon Only

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212	LtCol R. D. REVIE 1 - 20 June 1972 (OpCon Terminated)
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2. (S) Location

Danang AB, Republic of Vietnam	1 - 20 June 1972
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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 Officers	USMC Enlisted	USN Officers	USN Enlisted	OTHER Civilian
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 aircrues 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 aircrues 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:

Targets	Destroyed	Damaged
Structures	341	54
Secondary Explosions	406	

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
Secondary Fires	406	--
Tanks	23	9
Vehicles	52	38
Supply Caches	27	1
Bunkers	79	12
Road Cuts	33	--
Runway Cuts	3	--
Trenches	2	--
Mortor Positions	6	--
Bridge	1	--
Pol Tanks	2	--
130mm Guns	6	--
APC	---	1
23mm Guns	1	--
AW Pos	2	--
SA-2	---	1
105mm Guns	6	--
51 cal. Guns	2	--
Boats	11	5
Heavy Machine Guns	1	--
B40 Rocket Launchers	3	1
82mm Mortor Pos	1	--

<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, Hawai'i 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.

commenced combat operations
Song, Thailand

PART IVChronologies of SubordinatesCommands & Supporting Documents

1. Documents listed below are considered significant.

2nd Rep a. ✓ VMFA-115 Command Chronology
b. ✓ VMFA-232 Command Chronology
c. ✓ VMA(AW)-533 Command Chronology
d. ✓ H&MS-15 Command Chronology
e. ✓ MABS-15 Command Chronology

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