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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, MAG-15 ltr 3:WJE:ss over 005750  
Ser: 003A22072 of 7 August 1972

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)

Subj: Marine Aircraft Group 15 Command Chronology for  
Period 1 July 1972 through 31 July 1972

1. Forwarded.

2. It is noted that the first endorsement was by the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing vice the Commanding General, Task Force Delta. By copy of this endorsement, the Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15 is requested to forward future command chronologies through all addressees as shown in the basic letter.

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*R. E. Haebel*  
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CG, Task Force Delta  
CO, MAG-15

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, Marine Aircraft Group-15 ltr  
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From: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Marine Aircraft Group-15 Command Chronology for  
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Marine Aircraft Group-15  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
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7 August 1972

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HQ)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, Task Force Delta  
(2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 July 1972 through 31 July 1972.

Ref: (a) MGO 5750.1C  
(b) MGO 5750.1  
(c) Admin 1stMAW 280655Z Apr72 (U)

Encl: (1) Marine Aircraft Group-15 Command Chronology.

1. (U) In compliance with the provisions of references (a) through (c) enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. (U) This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 JULY 1972 TO 31 JULY 1972

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PART I1. (U) DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group-15

COMMANDERColonel K. O'KEEFE  
1-31 July 1972SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-15

Major R. N. PATRICK  
1-31 July 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron-15

Major W. W. HARDING Jr.  
1-31 July 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-115

Major G. DEJONG  
1-22 July 1972  
LtCol H. C. IVY  
23-31 July 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-232

LtCol E. R. MAAG  
1-31 July 1972

Marine Attack All Weather Squadron-533

LtCol J. C. BROWN  
1-31 July 19722. (S) LOCATION

Nam Phong RTAFB, Thailand

1-31 July 1972

3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE  
1-31 July 1972

Administrative Officer

LtCol J. T. TYLER  
1-20 July 1972  
Major M. W. MEREDITH  
21-31 July 1972

Intelligence Officer

Captain B. M. WINCENTSEN  
1-31 July 1972

Operations Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN  
1-31 July 1972

Logistics Officer

Major J. P. SMITH  
1-2 July 1972  
Major W. F. TREMPER  
3-31 July 1972

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4. (S) Average Monthly Strength

	USMC		USN		OTHER
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	
195	1990	5	36		


PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of July 1972 Marine Aircraft Group-15 has continued in support of Combat Operations for South Vietnam ground forces and continued in it's buildup of the Royal Thai Air Force Base Nam Phong, Thailand. One squadron of F-4's is now supporting the United States Air Force Linebacker series by flying BARCAP missions over North Viet Nam.

Even though the aircraft availability suffered due to the inherent difficulties of operating from an expeditionary environment the subordinate units of Marine Aircraft Group-15 have delivered 2656.9 tons of ordnance on target while amassing 1830.8 flight hours. As FAC's were not able to report all BDA the following is considered impressive.

	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Trucks	26	11
Tanks	3	2
100MM Gun	0	1
Bunkers	40	0
Structures	80	12
130 MM Guns	2	2
37MM Guns	0	1
SAM Transport	1	0

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51 Cal. MG	1	0
57MM Gun and Site	1	4
APC	1	0
SAMPANS	10	0
Road Cuts	0	8
Bulldozer	0	1
Motor POS	1	0
Support Areas	6	0
82 MM Mortar	1	0

In addition to the above BDA there were 200 secondary explosions, 105 secondary fires, and 15 MOL fires reported. The 3 operating squadrons conducted the majority of their strike missions in MR-1.

On 7 July 1972 VMA(AW)-533 lost one A-6A due to AAA in the vicinity of Khe Sanh. Both crewmembers are listed as MIA.

Throughout the month of July Marine Aircraft Group-15, in addition, to it's combat role, continued improving the base facilities at Nam Phong and have transitioned from billeting in general purpose field tents to the more permanent hard backed tents.


July was also marked with several VIP's in the Marine Aircraft Group-15 area. On 1 July 1972 Major General L. E. BROWN, 1st MAW Commander visited MAG-15 and on 15 July Marine Aircraft Group-15 was inspected by Lieutenant General METZGER III MAW Commanding General.

### PART III


#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING

1 July 1972	MAG-15 inspected by MGen L. E. BROWN, CG, 1st MAW
7 July 1972	Combat loss of 1 A-6A from VMA(AW)-533

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12 July 1972

H&MS-15 TA-4F's transferred to MAG-12

15 July 1972

MAG-15 inspected by LtGen METZGER, CG, III MAF

PART IV

Chronologies of Subordinate Units

Commands & Supporting Documents

1. Documents listed below are considered significant.

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

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