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Marine Aircraft Group 15
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
FPO San Francisco 96602

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

Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1 August to 31 August 1972

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(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) WgO 5750.1
(d) Admin 1st MAW 280655Z Apr 72 (U)

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

1. (U) In accordance with references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. (U) This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Marine Aircraft Group - 15

COMMANDER

Colonel K. O'KEEFE
 1-8 Aug 1972
 Colonel A. W. TALBERT
 9-31 Aug 1972

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron - 15

Maj R. N. PATRICK
 1-31 Aug 1972

Marine Air Base Squadron - 15

Maj W. W. HARDING
 1-31 Aug 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron - 115

LtCol H. C. IVY
 1-31 Aug 1972

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron - 232

LtCol F. R. MAAG
 1-31 Aug 1972

Marine All Weather Attack Squadron - 533

LtCol J. C. BROWN
 1-31 Aug 1972

2. LOCATION

Nam Phong, Thailand

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE
 1-31 Aug 1972

S-1 Officer

Maj M. W. MEREDITH
 1-31 Aug 1972

S-2 Officer

CWO-2 T. R. BURNHAM
 1-31 Aug 1972

S-3 Officer

LtCol E. J. ANDERSEN
 1-31 Aug 1972

S-4 Officer

Maj W. F. TREMPER
 1-31 Aug 1972

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN		OTHER
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	CIV	
203	1900	2	10	16	

ATTACHED STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
30	281	5	37	

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

As indicated in the attached supporting documents, Marine Aircraft Group-15 and its subordinate units have spent the month of August moving ahead, building a foundation of combat experience which is proving its validity daily.

Marine Aircraft Group-15 continues to utilize its F-4 fighter aircraft in the air-to-air role supporting strikes into North Viet Nam. The principal mission is the protection of strike and supporting units as the barrier combat air patrol. The initial extensive ground and air refresher training program had been expanded to include daily briefings, joint Marine-Air Force debriefings, and ACM training missions. The maintenance and supply effort to provide the full system aircraft needed in the hostile skies of North Viet Nam has been substantial. The primary objective to achieve a Marine aerial victory over enemy aircraft.

Although emphasis has been on the air-to-air missions, Marine Aircraft Group-15 continues to expend the majority of its effort in providing air-to-ground sorties. In August, 633 air-to-ground sorties were flown in MR-1 while 34 air-to-ground sorties were flown in Route Package One. These total more than ten times the air-to-air missions flown in August.

Marine Aircraft Group-15 employed the A-6 Intruder in it's classical role as an all weather/night attack aircraft. Appreciating the fact that its systems are extremely complex and their sensitive calibration a vital necessity in the accomplishment of their mission, the men and officers dedicated to this effort have performed in an outstanding manner.

Working from an austere base has once again proved challenging to MAG-15. Lines of communication, living conditions, and medical facilities were at first far less than desirable, but during August a visible improvement in all areas has been evident. Marine Air Base Squadron-15 has been phased into all projects initiated by MCB-5. In addition to it's normal responsibilities MABS-15 is providing services which are greatly enhancing operational commitments and bettering the morale of all personnel. Achievements of MABS-15, too lengthy to mention here, can be reviewed in the attached supporting documents.

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On 8 August Colonel K. O'KEEFE was relieved by Colonel A. W. TALBERT. Ceremonies were held on the flight line at Nam Phong and were distinguished by the presence of Major General R. H. SPANJER, Assistant Chief of Staff, J-3, PACOM, Major General L. E. BROWN, Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing, and Brigadier General A. W. O'DONNEL, Commanding General, Task Force Delta.

The officers and men were especially pleased to receive the "well done" message from Major General BROWN dated 26 August 1972.

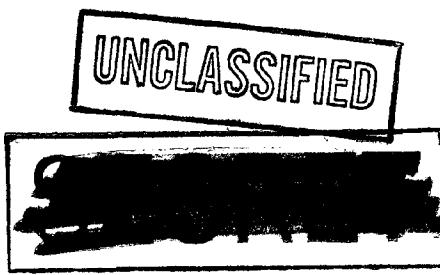
PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

8 August 1972-	Visit by Major General SPANJER and Major General BROWN. MAG-15 Change of Command.
12 August 1972-	VMA(AW)-533 commenced all weather/night operations in RP-1.
20-31 August 1972-	Pre-I.G. Inspections by 1st MAW.
26 August 1972-	VMFA-232 had (1) F-4J shot down by MIG-21 while on BARCAP mission. The Radar Intercept Officer was rescued. The pilot is listed as MIA.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Documents listed below are considered significant:

- a. Photo Change of Command Ceremony.
 - b. MAG-15 S-1 Staff Chronology
 - c. MAG-15 S-2 Staff Chronology
 - d. MAG-15 S-3 Staff Chronology
 - e. MAG-15 S-4 Staff Chronology
 - f. CG, 1st MAW Message 260031Z Aug 72 - Outstanding Performance of Duty
 - g. H&MS-15 Command Chronology
 - h. MABS-15 Command Chronology
 - i. VMFA-115 Command Chronology
 - j. VMFA-232 Command Chronology
 - k. VMA(AW)-533 Command Chronology
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Col A. W. TALBERT (Right)
Receiving the MAG-15
Colors from
Col K. O'KEEFE (Left) at
Change of Command
8 August 1972
Nam Phong, Thailand

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~~SECRET~~PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation S-1 Officer
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (S-1) Major M. W. MEREDITH
2. Location Nam Phong Royal Thai
1-31 August 1972 Air Base, Thailand
3. Staff Officers

Asst S-1, 1-31 Aug 72	1stLt A. E. MATTOX
S&C Off, 1-20 Aug 72	1stLt E. R. HARTSOCK
RPS Off, 1-20 Aug 72	1stLt R. N. RACKLEFF
S&C Off, 21-31 Aug 72	1stLt D. M. EGGSPUEHLER
RPS Off, 21-31 Aug 72	Capt D. F. DZIEDZIC
4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
4		10

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Administration within MAG-15 continues to be unique in that assistance is rendered to approximately 275 attached personnel from 20 different units, in addition to providing support for the five MAG-15 Squadrons totalling approximately 2,200 personnel. A stabilization of military occupational fields has been noted during this period, however certain specialities continue to be undermanned in comparison with assigned functions. Utilization of augmentees from the previous units mentioned has played a key role in providing maximum personnel support to the squadrons and various staff sections.
2. Throughout the Group, units are preparing for the forthcoming pre-IG inspection. In this area, emphasis has been placed on the Marine Corps Manpower Management Systems, accountability of personnel, directive systems, service records and general administrative practices. Attention in these areas have provided a wealth of knowledge and will prove a valuable tool in preparing for a successful inspection.
3. No administrative problems of sufficient magnitude have been noted which could not be solved on the Group or Wing level.

PART III SEQUENCED LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. None.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

2. None.

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONS-2 OFFICER

MAG-15 (S-2)

CWO-2 THOMAS R. BURNHAM

2. LOCATION

1 August - 31 August 1972 Nam Phong Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand

3. STAFF OFFICERS

NONE ASSIGNED

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHOFFICERSENLISTED

1

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMFA-115, VMFA-232 and VMA(AW)-533 had exceptional BDA during August. For example: 112 enemy bunkers were destroyed during August as compared to a total of 40 during July; 85 KBA and none during July. Forward Air Controllers, because of heavy and accurate AAA, are working at approximately 9,000 feet, thereby precluding more BDA results.

VMFA-115 continued to work in MR-1 with most missions flown in and around the Quang Tri, Cam Lo and Dong Ha areas. Missions also worked South and West of Danang.

VMFA-232 worked MR-1 and Barcap missions into North Vietnam. On August 2nd, an F4 from VMFA-232 went down approximately 5 miles from Nam Phong due to fuel starvation. Both crew members were rescued. On August 26, VMFA-232 had one F4 lost during a Mig engagement while on a Barcap mission in the North. The aircraft went down at approximately 2031N/10633E. The NFO was rescued but the pilot is listed as missing.

VMA(AW)-533 began flying night single sortie missions into Route Pack I. The prime targets were vehicles along the supply routes. Several Secondary Explosions were observed but because of darkness accurate BDA was not obtained.

Intelligence reports show the enemy is launching Migs out of Gia Lam Airfield, Hanoi to a point considered a likely avenue of approach for U. S. Aircraft. The Migs then orbit there at a low altitude waiting for a target of opportunity. When a target is presented, they climb to a higher altitude, jettison their fuel tanks and make a single pass attack. They then head for the deck and attempt to recover at a pre-assigned Airfield.

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PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 2 Aug 1972 F4J from VMFA-232 crashed due to fuel starvation.
Reference a: SITREP number 002 Aug.
Reference b: OPREP-3 DTG 020444Z.
- 12 Aug 1972 VMA(AW)-533 commenced night operations into RP-1.
- 26 Aug 1972 F4J from VMFA-232 lost during MIG engagement.
Reference a: SITREP number 026 Aug.
Reference b: OPREP-3 DTG 260701Z.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Bomb damage assessment derived from daily intelligence summaries and operational report-4s for the month of August.

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BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

<u>RGFT</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
STRUCTURES	89	10
SECONDARY FIRES	160	0
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	354	0
KBA	85	0
BUNKERS	112	0
TRUCKS	13	15
122MM MORTAR	2	0
37MM GUN	1	1
82MM MORTAR	2	0
130MM	6	9
23MM	1	0
57MM	1	0
TANKS	3	2
RADAR VAN	0	1
HUTS	0	6
APC	1	0
UNK CAL. GUN	0	1
ARTY PIECE	2	0
SAMPANS	3	0
NORTAR BUNKERS	1	0
SA-2	1	0
POL BARRELS	15	0
STORAGE TANKS	3	4

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UNCLASSIFIED**PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA****1. DESIGNATION**

Marine Aircraft Group-15 (S-3)

S-3 OfficerLtCol E. J. ANDERSEN
1-31 August 1972**2. LOCATION**

1 August - 31 August 1972

Nam Phong, Royal Thai
Air Base, Thailand**3. STAFF OFFICERS**

Assistant S-3

Maj A. P. LORING
1-31 August 1972

Assistant S-3

Maj P. M. COLE
1-31 August 1972

Aviation Training Officer

Capt J. A. D'ERRICO
1-31 August 1972

NATOPS Officer

Capt J. P. BROWN
1-31 August 1972

GMS Training Officer

Capt E. J. CHAPMAN
1-31 August 1972

NCOIC

MSgt W. J. EHLERT
1-31 August 1972**4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**Officer/Enlisted

7 5

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

August 1972 provided the S-3 section with a host of new goals. Among these was the establishment of debriefing teams comprised of members of the applicable squadron and MAG-15 personnel for joint Marine Corps/Air Force Linebacker debriefings. The debriefings, although held in Udorn, have provided all concerned with timely critiques of coordination and tactics. These critiques have in the past and are continuing to be a valuable source of information used to update all factions of linebacker operations.

Another area of effort has been the planning for numerous contingencies which are being considered as our present situation becomes stabilized. Although highly classified these plans cover the spectrum from an indefinite stay at Nam Phong to an immediate retrograde to Iwakuni, Japan.


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Since MAG 15 arrived at Nam Phong a "New Guy School" conducted by the S-3 section has provided incoming aircrews with briefings consisting of information as to enemy and friendly situations, area orientations, flight facilities, defensive electronic countermeasures, safety and rules of engagement. During August this program was revised by Major COLE which facilitated the incorporation of an elaborate survival, evasion, resistance and escape (SERE) briefing and a walk around orientation of ordnance facilities and procedures. Acknowledging the importance of SERE information in particular, a weekly school has been established to provide all crew members with updated situations and procedures applicable to SERE operations.

Another program which has received much attention has been the establishment of a workable Human Relations training school. With the assistance of the 1st MAW Human Relations Training Teams and the cooperation of subordinate units, a suitable schedule has been devised and put into operation. The goal of graduating all Marines within MAG-15 by 1 October 1972 is fully expected to be achieved.

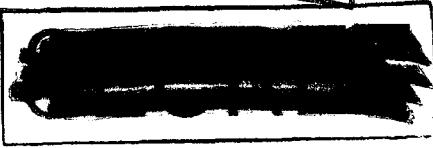
"Planning, coordination and assistance" has been the motto of the MAG-15 S-3. Providing subordinate units with well conceived goals, coordinating these with higher headquarters and ensuring all required assistance is made available to achieve these goals, is the foremost thought within the minds of all members of the S-3 section.

PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

NONE

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE


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1. Designation
MAG-15 S-4 S-4 Officer
Major W. F. TREMPER
2. Location
1 - 31 August Nam Phong RTAB
3. Staff Officers
Assistant S-4 Capt D. L. SCHUSSELE
Ground Safety Officer 1stLt D. O. WEETER
4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
OFF	OFF	OFF
3	0	0
ENL	ENL	ENL
7	0	0

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of August, MAG-15 accepted six major projects from NMCB-5 consisting of the Security Complex, the administration facilities, the water distribution system, 4 wonder arches on the flight line, 291 strongback tents and 18 SEA huts in the cantonement area, and the TRC-97 site. MABS-15 completed the Group missile building and commenced retrofitting all the strongbacked tents into SEA huts. TRC-97 and message center were placed on MUSE generators for primary power. MCC-1 arrived on 15 August and was completely operational on 17 August. H&MS-15 completed construction of the survival equipment maintenance shelters (SEMS) complex on 21 August and is now in full operation. Major W. J. COOPER arrived in Nam Phong as a replacement for Major W. F. TREMPER as MAG-15 S-4 Officer.



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PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

- 4 August 1972 - - - - - Group Ordnance Missile Building Completed.
- 13 August 1972 - - - - - Acceptance Inspection conducted for 6 Major projects from NMCB-5
- 14-17 August 1972 - - - - - Primary power for Comm site converted to MUSE generators. NCC-1 arrived Nam Phong 15th, operational 17th.
- 21 August 1972 - - - - - SEMS complex completed.
- 28 August 1972 - - - - - Major W.J. Cooper arrives Nam Phong as replacement for Major W.F. Tremper as MAC-15 S-4 Officer.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. OIC, NCC-1 ltr DEC:m/o over 5750 of 3 Sept 1972.



MOBILE CALIBRATION COMPLEX ONE

FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
F.P.O. SAN FRANCISCO 96602OEC:mlo
5750
3Sep72

From: Officer in Charge

To: Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 15

Subj: Command Chronology, 15-31 August 1972, submission of

1. MCC-1 debarked C-130 aircraft 15 August 1972 to join MAG-15 in support of operations at Royal Thai Air Force Base Nam Phong, Thailand.

2. The following are specific facts and pertinent details of the deployment of MCC-1:

a. Total personnel 1 officer
 11 enlisted
 2 civilians

b. Total cargo airlifted - 152,060 pounds

(1) 7 MC-2 Mobile Maintenance Facilities
(2) 2 2111 Mobile Maintenance Facilities
(3) 1 Dodge van
(4) 1 M-151 Jeep
(5) 6 pallets of Miscellaneous Cargo

c. Arrival date 15 August 1972

d. Operational date (50%) 16 August 1972

e. fully operational 17 August 1972

3. Since joining MAG-15, MCC-1 has provided support to the following customers.

a. H&MS-15, MAG-15
b. MABS-15 Motor Transport
c. H&MS-36 Detachment D
d. MATCU-62
e. MABS-15 Communications
f. H&MS-12, MAG-12

4. Number of items processed and manhours expended:

a. Items processed	169
b. Calibration Man-hours	404.5
c. Repair Man-hours	175.0

5. On-site calibration team provided calibration and repair for
DECM and ECM equipment for H&MS-15.

6. MCC-1 Detachment Bien Hoa:

- a. Items processed 21
- b. Calibration man-hours 97.0
- c. Repair man-hours 30.0


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