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1. In accordance with reference (a), the information contained in paragraphs 2 through 9 is submitted.
2. Personnel. During May, one Naval Aviator and two Naval Flight Officers completed their overseas tours; three Naval Aviators and four Naval Flight Officers were received from various organizations in the U.S. Two Naval Aviators were transferred to Marine Air Control Squadron Seven. Four Staff Non-Commissioned Officers were Commissioned temporary Second Lieutenants on 27 May; these men were Adolph L. PLANK, Donald E. BENNETT, William R. ROBINSON, and Walter E. SWITZER.
3. Awards. Thirty-nine air medals were received by members of this command during the month, and recommendations for forty-five others were made to higher authority.
4. Casualties. First Lieutenant Richard H. ROYER and Second Lieutenant John D. KRAMER were killed in an aircraft accident 13 miles Southeast of Da Nang AB while returning from a combat mission on 25 May 1966.
5. Informational Services. Fleet Home Town News Releases were made regarding any air crew member who received his first air medal.
6. Air Operations. Total flight hours for the month were 668.5 with 603.3 hours of combat missions. Missions included TPQ, Steel Tiger, Helo Escort, Blue Blazer, Air to Ground Scramble, Landing Zone Prep, Landing Zone CAP, Divert Field Familiarization, Ground Controlled Intercepts, Test and Catapult Launch. During May, the squadron was credited with 265 structures destroyed, 111 structures damaged, 11 trucks destroyed, 9 trucks damaged, 1 bridge destroyed, 2 bridges damaged, 13 boats destroyed, and 23 VC killed by air. Returning from a combat mission on 31 May, First Lieutenants Charles R. GEIGER and Merle L. CRABB successfully ejected from their aircraft while experiencing a flight control malfunction; both crew members were rescued by a Marine helicopter within 3 minutes of the incident.

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7. Special Operations. As a result of the political and military disturbances in Da Nang on 20 and 21 May 1966, eight squadron aircraft were deployed to Ubon AB Thailand, and four to MCAF Chu Lai. On 22 May the four aircraft which had been sent to MCAF Chu Lai were transferred to Ubon AB via Da Nang, at the culmination of two combat missions each. All aircraft returned to Da Nang AB on 24 May 1966.

8. Training. One aircrew member completed the Jungle Environment and Survival Training Course at NAS Cubi Point, Phillipines.

9. Embarkation. A wing embarkation inspection was successfully completed by the unit embarkation section on 14 May 1966.

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