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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMANDING OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE STAFF OFFICERS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
C.O.	LTCOL	L. J. WILLIS	1-30 April 1969
X.O.	MAJOR	D. WOJCIK	1-30 April 1969
S-1	CAPT	R. E. LEE	1-30 April 1969
S-2	1/LT	D. W. ABRUZZO	1-30 April 1969
S-3	MAJOR MAJOR	D. K. HANNA B. H. DRAFFEN	1-15 April 1969 16-30 April 1969
S-4	CAPT	K. W. VADNAIS	1-30 April 1969
AMO	MAJOR CAPT	B. H. DRAFFEN S. P. HUEY	1-15 April 1969 16-30 April 1969
ASO	CAPT CAPT	P. A. CRAWFORD T. P. KELLY	1-15 April 1969 16-30 April 1969

2. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
41	242	1	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of April 1969, VMFA 122 flew a total of 135 sorties comprising area familiarization, instrument, test, air intercepts against electronic counter measures, air intercept tactical weapons, and advanced tactics flights for a total of 210 hours.

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2. Squadron aircrews received a total of 45 man hours of intelligence briefings during April. The subjects covered included a resistance to interrogation lecture, a recognition brief concerning Soviet fighter aircraft, and a brief on the North Korean Order of Battle. In addition, periodic briefs were given during All Officers Meetings on current intelligence information of interest.
3. During the month of April VMFA 122 concentrated on the air to air phase of training. The air to air syllabus was highlighted by airborne intercept missions. Included in the syllabus were air intercepts against electronic counter measures which provide the utmost in crew training.
4. On 11 April, seven officers from the Japanese Self Defense Force visited VMFA 122. The officers were given a tour of the Squadron area and a brief on the mission of VMFA 122 and the capabilities of the F4B.
5. Brigadier General J.E. WILLIAMS, Commanding General 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, made an informal visit to Marine Air Group 15 on the 14th and 15th of April. Included in the General's visit was a tour of the VMFA 122 barracks.
6. On 16 April VMFA 122 was placed on alert in connection with the EC 121 incident. The alert necessitated a limited schedule for the duration of the month to allow maximum maintenance time to place the squadron aircraft in a combat ready status. Temporary additional duty (TAD) and permanent change of station (PCS) personnel joined the squadron, resulting in a combat ready (C-2) status. During the alert VMFA 122 flew the squadron aircraft solely to exercise the aircraft systems airborne.
7. Lieutenant General H.W. BUSE, Commanding General Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, made an informal visit to Marine Air Group 15 on 24 April. Included in the General's visit was a tour of the VMFA 122 barracks.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Personnel

Officers Joined	10	Enlisted Joined	25
Officers Transferred	8	Enlisted Transferred	29

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2. Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins published 5

Savings Bond participation 49%

Officer members of Marine Corps Association 15

Awards received: 4

3. Morale/Welfare Programs a. On 12 April, a squadron party was held at the Slipway picnic area.

4. Career Advisory/Education/Information

Number of personnel interviewed 6

Number of extensions 0

Number of reenlistments 0

New enrollments in correspondence courses 13

Correspondence courses completed 1

Number of Home Town news releases 20

5. Operations Department

- a. The squadron flew a total of 210 hours and 135 sorties for the period 1-30 April 1969.
- b. The squadron flew the following type missions during the month:
Area Familiarization, Instrument, Test, Air Intercepts against electronic counter measures, Air Intercept Tactical Weapons, Advanced Tactics Flights.
- c. The squadron conducted 180 man hours of aircrew training covering the following subjects:
Intercept Procedures, Generator Systems, Korean Airfields, Navigation Computer, S-2 Brief, Airfield Operations, Course Rules Brief, Basic Intercept Geometry

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d. There were 500 man hours of basic training conducted during the reporting period.

6. Intelligence Section

a. The squadron aircrews received a total of 45 man hours of intelligence briefings.

7. Ordnance Section

a. The following ordnance was expended during the month of April 1969:

250	20mm Rounds
14	2.75 FFAR Rockets

8. Material Section	<u>BP01</u>	<u>BF09</u>	<u>BP11</u>	<u>BF50</u>
a. Requisitions Submitted	143	0	57	193
b. Requisitions Completed	52	0	8	210
c. Total Expenditures of BP01		<u>66,237.38</u>		
d. Average cost per flight hour		<u>315.42</u>		

9. Aircraft Maintenance

1. For the reporting period of April 1969 the following is submitted:

Aircraft Assigned	18
Operational Ready	54.3%
NORM	18.2%
NORS	27.5%

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