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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	COCHRAN, J. K.	1-31 July 1969
X.O.	MAJOR	REVIE, R. D.	1-31 July 1969
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1stLt	WAGNER, C. I.	1-31 July 1969
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1stLt	ABRUZZO, D. W.	1-14 July 1969
	1stLt	TURNER, A. B.	15-31 July 1969
OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJOR	DRAFFEN, B. H.	1-31 July 1969
LOGISTICS OFFICER	CAPT	HARRAH, J. F.	1-31 July 1969
AMO	MAJOR	HALPRIN, B. R.	1-31 July 1969
ASO	CAPT	KELLY, T. P.	1-31 July 1969

2. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
46	330	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 flew 211 sorties for a total of 327.3 hours during July 1969. The missions accomplished were area familiarization, instrument training, air intercepts, air combat maneuvering, air-to-air and air-to-ground tactics.
2. (U) All aircrews received concentrated ground training covering weapons and aircraft systems. In addition, periodic briefs were given during All Officer Meetings on current information of interest concerning Southeast Asia and Viet Nam.
3. (U) On 10 July 1969, the main runway at MCAS Iwakuni was closed for repairs. For the rest of the month flight operations were conducted from the Taxiway. Due to the dimensions of the Taxiway (7500' X 75') all final landings were made by arrestment into the M-21 Morest Gear. As an additional precaution, night operations and wet runway landings were discontinued. A total of 120 Morest landings were made during the period.
4. (S) On 11 July 1969, VMFA-122 sent a detachment of two aircraft with crews to Okinawa. While at Okinawa these aircraft participated in the evaluation of early warning detection and electronic counter-measure methods used by the Bonhomme Richard. The detachment returned on 14 July 1969.
5. (S) On 18 July 1969, VMFA-122 launched four aircraft with crews and support elements to Misawa Air Force Base to meet a four-day air-to-air hot pad commitment. During the enroute phase to Misawa, one AIM 7E Sparrow Missile was lost. Causes for the separation of the missile from the aircraft have not been determined at this time nor has the missile been recovered. The detachment returned to MCAS Iwakuni on 22 July 1969.
6. (C) During the FMFPac two-day safety stand down beginning on 22 July 1969, VMFA-122 conducted concentrated exercises in safety procedures used on the ground and in the air. The subjects covered were:
 - a. Aircrew cockpit egress drill
 - b. Water survival
 - c. NATOPS lectures

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d. Safety procedures to be followed in maintenance and on the flight line.

e. All aircraft were given a Quality Assurance Inspection and a Special Pilot's Inspection.

7. (U) Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, made a visit to MCAS Iwakuni on 26 July 1969 and departed the following morning 27 July 1969.

8. (U) During the second half of July 1969, VMFA-122 introduced a new three-part training mission. The missions were flown in the following sequence.

a. Part A consisted of Airborne Intercepts.

b. Part B consisted of Air Combat maneuvering and Confidence Man-
euvers.

c. Part C consisted of practice bombing runs and forward air control procedures used in the Republic of Viet Nam.

This new three-fold mission received enthusiastic support by all the aircrews.

9. (C) During July 1969, seven aircraft were flown to NAS Cubi Point where they underwent several modifications to enable the installation of electronic counter-measure equipment.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined	12	Enlisted Joined	33
Officers Transferred	9	Enlisted Transferred	18

2. (U) Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins Published	8
Savings Bond Participation	67.5%
Awards Received	3

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. An all hands party was held at the slipway picnic area on 4 July by MCAS. Plenty of food and drink was enjoyed by all. Recreational facilities were available and a good time was had by all.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

Number of Personnel interviewed	0
Number of extensions	0
Number of reenlistments	1
New enrollments in correspondence courses	20
Correspondence Courses completed	2
Number of Home Town news releases	39

5. (S) Operations Department

a. The squadron flew 327.3 hours and 211 sorties for the period 1-31 July 1969.

b. The number of sorties was somewhat reduced because of commitments to Misawa and Okinawa, modification to aircraft at NAS Cubi Point, and restrictions on night and foul weather operations from the Taxiway.

c. The squadron flew the following type missions during the month: Area familiarization; Instrument; Air Intercepts; Air Combat Maneuvering; Air-to-Air and Air-to-Ground Tactics.

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d. In addition to the Airborne Training Syllabus, squadron air-crews received an additional 243 man hours of ground training. The subjects covered were:

- (1) Flight Support lectures: 166.5 man hours
- (2) Phase lectures: 28.5 man hours
- (3) Basic training at Group Level: 48 man hours.

e. Enlisted personnel of the squadron attended 4,848 hours of training. This training consisted of:

- (1) Basic training covering General Military Subjects: 3,168 MH.
- (2) Technical training covering specific job areas: 1,680MH.

6. (U) Intelligence Section

a. No intelligence briefing was conducted during the period 1-31 July 1969.

7. (S) Ordnance Section

a. During the reporting period, one (1) AIM-7E Sparrow III Missile was expended unintentionally.

8. (U) Material Section	<u>BP01</u>	<u>BF09</u>	<u>BP11</u>	<u>BF50</u>
a. Requisitions Submitted	387	0	36	392
b. Requisitions Completed	79	0	20	232
c. Total Expenditure of BP01 for July	<u>73,947.15</u>			
d. Total flight hours for July	<u>327.3</u>			
e. Average cost per flight hour	<u>226.13</u>			

9. (S) Aircraft Maintenance

a. For the reporting period of July 1969, the following is submitted:

Aircraft Assigned: 20	NORM: 28.3%
Operational Ready: 54.7%	NORS: 17.0%

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