

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 122
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(b) GruO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1-31 October 1969

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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CHU LAI AIR BASE, RVN

1 October 1969 - 31 October 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (C) Commanding Officer and Executive Staff Officers.

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	John K. COCHRAN	1-31 October 1969
Executive Officer	Major	Richard D. REVIE	1-6 October 1969
	Major	Josephus L. MAVRETIC	7-31 October 1969
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-31 October 1969
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-31 October 1969
Operations Officer	Major	Billy H. DRAFFEN	1-26 October 1969
	Major	Jon R. GIBSON	27-31 October 1969
Material Officer	1stLt	George P. SWEENEY III	1-31 October 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major	Josephus L. MAVRETIC	1-6 October 1969
	Major	Myrl W. ALLINDER	7-31 October 1969
Safety Officer	Capt	James P. PENNELL	1-31 October 1969
SgtMaj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-31 October 1969

2. (C) Task Organization. VMFA 122, LtCol John K. COCHRAN Commanding Officer. Chu Lai AB, RVN.

3. (C) Average monthly strength:

USMC	
Officers	Enlisted
41	238

USN	
Officers	Enlisted
1	0

4. Important Visitors - None

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of October, VMFA-122 flew 303 sorties for a total of 357.4 hours. The type sorties flown include Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, TPQ Radar Bombing, Combat Air Patrol, Escort, Test and Ferry flights.
2. (C) On 16 October, LtCol COCHRAN led a flight of two F4B's on the squadrons first Direct Air Support mission since arriving in Chu Lai, RVN. His RIO was Capt MILES. Lt TUTHILL flew wing, and his RIO was Lt SWEENEY. Both crews placed all ordnance on target and obtained a BDA of 150 meters of road cut.
3. (C) On 17 October Maj DRAFFEN led a flight of two F4B's on another Direct Air Support mission. His RIO was Lt BRADSHAW. The wingman was Lt DOLAN, and his RIO was Lt HASKELL. Their final controller directed the flight to the target which was believed to be a river ford. Both aircrew placed their ordnance on target which turned out to be an underground petroleum storage area. Immediately after impact, the surface of the stream turned black with oil.
4. (C) On 19 October, LtCol COCHRAN and his RIO Capt MILES led a flight of aircraft on the squadron's first BARCAP. The wingman was Maj HALPRIN with Lt TAYLOR as his RIO. Both aircraft and both aircrew performed well and completed the mission, the first of its type for VMFA-122. The completion of the Direct Air Support mission and the BARCAP mission meant that VMFA-122 is now ready to complete any type mission that MAG-13 may require.
5. (C) On 26 October, Major LEONARD's flight of two F4's caught eleven NVA soldiers in the open. His RIO was Lt TURNER. Lt ABRUZZO was his wingman, and the RIO was Lt CAUSER. After placing all ordnance on target, the result was three KBMA.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (U) Personnel

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

2. (U) Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins Published:	3
Average Savings Bond Participation:	80.4
Awards Received:	3

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. On 9 October an all hands party on the hangar deck was enjoyed by all.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

a. During the reporting period, five interviews were held. There was one reenlistment and no extensions.

b. There were forty-seven new enrollments in correspondence courses. A total of seven correspondence courses were completed.

c. There were ninety-two home town news releases during the reporting period.

d. There were twenty man-hours of GMS training and 145 man-hours of technical training during this reporting period.

5. (C) Air Operations

a. Sorties

Combat Sorties Scheduled	319
Combat Sorties Flown	283
Combat Sorties Cancelled	127
Ground Aborts	35
Air Aborts	3
Non-combat Sorties Flown	20
Total Sorties Flown	303

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b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	148
DAS	41
TPQ	38
BARCAP	4
CAP	14
Scramble	36
Test	6
Ferry	14
MigCAP	2

c. Sorties Flown in Support of

III MAF	155
Army	56
7th AF	54
ARVN	4
ROK	8
Navy	6

d. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 570.3. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 98.107.

(2) The following types and amounts of ordnance were expended:

D2A	500# Retarded	331
D2	500# Unretarded	1497
D3	1000# GP	55
D5	2.75" FFAR (19 RD Pack)	76 Rockets
D8	Rockeye II	28
D9	500# Fire Bomb	158
D14	CBU 24	20
D15	CBU 49	6
D20	20 MM Cartridge	4830
D7/D25	5.00" FFAR (4 RD Pack/2 RD Pack)	211 Rockets

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e. Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers Destroyed	32	Vehicles Destroyed	1
Bunkers Damaged	18	Secondary Explosions	8
Structures Destroyed	69	Fighting Holes Destroyed	4
Structures Damaged	27	Meters of Treeline	930
Secondary Fires	19	Fuel Dump Destroyed	1
Meters of Road Cut	175	Caves	2
Meters of Trenchline	150	.50 Cal. Site Damaged	1
KBA (Confirmed)	3		

6. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None

b. Incidents, No Injuries, Limited Damage

(1) F4B, 149426, three minutes after take-off, pilot reported a steady FIRE WARNING light. Immediately, emergency procedures were initiated and aircraft successfully RTB nine minutes later. Post flight inspection revealed a failure in the BLC system. Faultless and timely execution of emergency procedures prevented an aircraft accident.

c. Direct Enemy Action Hit Incidents, Limited Damage, No Injuries

(1) 5 October, F4B, 151454, Song Thu Bon Valley, soft ordnance delivery, minimum altitude 800' AGL, 450 knots TAS, 2 passes. Small arms round penetrated fuselage at the forward, starboard missile cavity. Ceiling was 2000', 6 miles.

(2) 30 October, F4B, 150478, Song Thu Bon Valley, soft ordnance delivery, minimum altitude 800' AGL, 450 knots, TAS, 3 passes. Small arms round pierced port trailing edge flap. Ceiling was 3500', 6 miles visibility.

7. (U) Material

a. The following summary of the Material Sections activities is submitted:

	BP01	BF09	BP11	BF50
Requisitions Submitted	263	41	27	1080
Requisitions completed	126	0	15	535
Total Expenditure of BP01 for October				91,762.59
Total Flight hours for October				357.4
Average Cost per Flight Hour				257.03

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8. (C) Aircraft Maintenance

- a. 19 Aircraft Assigned
- b. 75.7% Operationally Ready
- c. Aircraft Status

(1) Of the 11 F-4B aircraft on hand, 13.0% NORM is due to the following:

Large Turnover of Personnel
Shortage of Ground Support Equipment
Shortage of Supply Parts

(2) There was 11.3% NORS due to the following:

<u>BUNO</u>	<u>AACP Item</u>
150419	Trailing edge duct assembly
	Power cylinder (NOC) valve
149426	Trailing edge duct assembly
	Drogue Chute
151478	Drogue Chute
150478	Compass Compensator

d. Critical Items

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| (1) Power cylinder (NOC) valve
FSN 1620-938-3574 | P/N - 893272 |
| (2) Trailing edge duct assembly
FSN 1560-874-7357 | P/N - 20426-1800 |
| (3) Compass Compensator
FSN 6605-717-4027 | P/N - MX2826AJB3 |
| (4) Drogue Chute
FSN 1670-080-8915 | P/N - 32890 |

e. Significant Problem Areas: Shortage and delivery time of supply parts.

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