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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4
(b) GruO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1-30 November 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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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	1-30 November 1969
Executive Officer	Major	Josephus L. MAVRETIC	1-30 November 1969
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-30 November 1969
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-30 November 1969
Operations Officer	Major	Jon R. GIBSON	1-30 November 1969
Material Officer	2ndLt	Eugene L. POLDERDYKE	1-30 November 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major	Myrl W. ALLINDER	1-30 November 1969
Safety Officer	Capt	James P. PENNELL	1-30 November 1969
SgtMaj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-30 November 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
42	236

USN	
Officers	Enlisted
1	0

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4. (U) Important Visitors

a. On 20 November, Major Generals THRASH and CHAISSON visited the Squadron Ready Room.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of November, VMFA-122 flew 406 sorties for a total of 480.3 hours. This rate was accomplished with 11 of 23 assigned aircraft on hand. 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 4 November LtCol COCHRAN led a flight of two F4B's on a CAS mission. His RIO was Capt. MILES. The wingman was Lt. BURPEE and his RIO was Lt. CAUSER. The final controller was Barkey 15 and in support of the 5th Marines. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A, 4 D9 and 1 D24. The BDA was 8 bunkers destroyed.
3. (C) On 7 November Maj. MAVRETIC led a flight of two F4B's on a CAP mission with Lt. CAUSER as his RIO. The wingman was Lt. ROTH with Lt. TURNER as his RIO. The flight was controlled by Helix 21 in support of Americal. The ordnance carried was 8 D7, 4 D8 and 1 D24. The BDA was 3 structures damaged, 3 structures destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.
4. (C) On 12 November Maj. GIBSON led a flight of two F4B's on a CAS mission under control of Hostage Baker supporting the Korean Marines. His RIO was Capt. LEE. The wingman was Lt. COLLYAR with Capt. SEYKORA as his RIO. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A and 3 D9. The BDA was 1 KBMA and 2 huts destroyed.
5. (C) On 13 November Maj. ALLINDER led a flight of two F4B's on a CAS mission in support of the Korean Marines. Lt. HAYNES was his RIO. Lt. LOWERY and Lt. CAUSER were in the second aircraft. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A, 3 D9 and 1 D24. The BDA was 2 structures damaged, 2 structures destroyed, 1 bunker destroyed and 2 secondary fires.
6. (C) On 19 November Maj. MAVRETIC led a flight of two F4B's on a CAS mission in support of the 7th Marines. Lt. FRENCH was his RIO. The wingman was Lt. RIDDELL with Lt. FYKE as his RIO. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A, 3 D9 and 1 D24. The BDA was 1 KBMA, 2 bunkers destroyed and 6 hooches destroyed.
7. (C) On 21 November LtCol HOWARD led a flight of two F4B's on a Direct Air Support mission. His RIO was Lt. FYKE. Lt. HEE was the wingman with Capt. LEE as his RIO. A most complimentary message was received from Brig. Gen. BEVAN, 7th AF, concerning this mission.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	3	Enlisted Joined:	2
Officers Transferred:	1	Enlisted Transferred:	5

2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 11.

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 73%.

c. Awards: 8 DFC's, 4 Naval Achievement Medals, 1 Naval Commendation Medal, and 4 Air Medals were submitted. 14 Air Medals were presented.

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. On 10 November the Marine Corps Birthday Message was read to all hands by the Squadron Commanding Officer.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

a. During the reporting period, 4 interviews were held. There were two reenlistments and no extensions.

b. There were twenty-three new enrollments in correspondence courses while one correspondence course was completed. There is also one off duty course with the University of Maryland.

c. There were sixty-five home town news releases during the reporting period.

d. There were 177 man-hours of GMS Training and 456.5 man-hours of Technical Training during this reporting period.

5. (U) Civic Action

a. On 23 November, 2 officers and 16 enlisted men visited the Orphanage at Tam Ky.

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6. (C) Air Operations

a. Sorties

Combat Sorties Scheduled	282
Combat Sorties Flown	366
Combat Sorties Cancelled	74
Ground Aborts	26
Air Aborts	6
Non-combat Sorties Flown	40
Total Sorties Flown	406

b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	117
DAS	56
TPQ	80
BARCAP	32
CAP	13
Scramble	28
Test	10
Ferry	30
MigCAP	31
VR	9

c. Sorties Flown in Support of

III MAF	163
Army	90
7th AF	61
ARVN	2
ROK	7
Navy	43

d. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 615.16. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 99.16%.

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

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D2A	MK 82 S/E	1,178
D2	MK 82 CON	798
D3	MK 83 CON	96
D9	MK 77 NAP	135
D14	CBU-24	10
D8	Rockeye II	24
D15	CBU-49	6
D7/D25	5.00" FFAR	118
D20	20MM CTG	5,590

e. Bomb Damage Assessment

Bunkers Destroyed	22	Vehicles Destroyed	1
Secondary Fires	17	Secondary Explosions	4
Structures Damaged	23	Fighting Holes Destroyed	18
Structures Destroyed	38	Treeline (Meters)	870
Meters of Road Cut	505	Sampans	4
Trench Line (Meters)	150	Enemy Supply Route	1
Killed by A/C (Conf.)	4		

7. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None.

b. Incidents, No Injuries, Limited Damage.

(1) F4B, 150478, six minutes after take-off, starboard engine flamed out. A relight was successful and a precautionary approach and landing was performed in accordance with NATOPS procedures.

(2) F4B, 150419, lost Utility Hydraulic Pressure during a 4G turn. An uneventful emergency landing was performed in accordance with NATOPS procedures.

c. Direct Enemy Action Hit Incidents: None.

8. (U) Material

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

	BP01	BF09	BP11	BF50
Requisitions Submitted	141	12	33	1010
Requisitions Completed	83	0	18	809
Total Expenditure of BP01 for November			114,735.79	
Total Flight Hours for November			480.3	
Average Cost per Flight Hour			239.03	

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9. (C) Aircraft Maintenance

- a. Aircraft assigned: 23.
- b. Operationally ready: 72.0%.
- c. Aircraft Status

(1) Of the eleven F4B aircraft on hand 16.6% NORM is due to the following:

Shortage of personnel
Shortage of Ground Support Equipment
Two unscheduled FOD engines
One unscheduled Calendar Inspection

(2) There was 11.4% NORS due to the following:

<u>BUNO</u>	<u>AOCP ITEM</u>
149426	Trailing edge duct assembly and a CAC
151502	Hose assembly

d. Critical Items

- (1) RT-853 Radio
FSN 8RG-5895821-5769-MX7X P/N-522-0885-005
- (2) Trailing edge duct assembly
FSN 1560-874-7357 P/N-20426-1800
- (3) Compass Compensator
FSN 6605-717-4027 P/N-MX2826AJB3

e. Significant problem areas: None.

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