

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 122  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
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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	Robert E. HOWARD Jr.	1-31 March 1970
Executive Officer	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	1-31 March 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-31 March 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-31 March 1970
Operations Officer	Major	Bernard R. HALPRIN	1-31 March 1970
Material Officer	Capt	George P. SWEENEY	1-31 March 1970
Maintenance Officer	Major	Myrl W. ALLINDER Jr.	1-31 March 1970
Safety Officer	Capt	Larry A. BACKUS	1-31 March 1970
Sgt Maj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-31 March 1970

2. (C) Task Organization. VMFA-122, LtCol Robert E. HOWARD Jr., Commanding Officer 1-31 March 1970. Chu Lai AB, RVN.

## 3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
46	270	1	0

## 4. (U) Important Visitors:

a. On 19 March Lieutenant General Keith B. McCUTCHEON, Commanding General, III MAF, toured the squadron flight line.

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of March, VMFA-122 flew 627 sorties for a total of 635.9 hours. This rate was accomplished with 14.4 of 20 assigned aircraft on hand, 70.0% full systems radar and 90.0% full systems ECM availability. The type sorties flown included close air support, direct air support, TPQ radar bombing, combat air patrol, escort, test and ferry flights.
2. (C) On 2 March Major CHAIMSON led LOVEBUG 401, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission under the control of SKYBEE BRAVO. Lt. HALL was his RIO with Lt. ROUTH and Lt. TURNER in the second aircraft. This mission was the first U.S. piloted airstrike in I Corps to be controlled by an all VNAF certified FAC aircrew. Recognition of this direct assistance was acknowledged by letter from Colonel Nelson O. POHL, USAF, Chief Air Force Advisory Team One.
3. (C) On 2 March Capt TUTHILL led LOVEBUG 407, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting Americal. Capt SWEENEY was his RIO. Lt. WILBRECHT and Lt. DUNN were in the second aircraft. The final controller was JAKE 01. The ordnance carried was 24 DIX. The BDA was 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 structures destroyed, 4 structures damaged and 1 small bridge destroyed.
4. (C) On 13 March Major CHAIMSON led LOVEBUG 206, a flight of three F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting 1st Recon Btn. Lt. MACALLISTER was his RIO. Capt CONLEY and Lt. PEPPER were in the second aircraft and Capt TUTHILL and Capt SWEENEY in the third. The final controller was HOSTAGE RIVER. The ordnance carried was 15 D2A and 10 D9. The BDA was 1 KBMA.
5. (C) On 15 March Major CHAIMSON led LOVEBUG 004, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting Americal. His RIO was Lt. HINES. The wingman was Capt BACKUS with Lt. FYKE as his RIO. The final controller was HELIX 25. The ordnance carried was 24 D1. The BDA was 4 huts destroyed, 10 huts damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.
6. (C) On 21 March Capt CONLEY led LOVEBUG 400, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting Americal. His RIO was Lt. HASKELL. Lt. MUELLER and Lt. BRATHWAITE were in the second aircraft. The final controller was JAKE 19. The ordnance carried was 24 DIWY. The BDA was 2 sampans destroyed and 1 sampan damaged.
7. (C) On 24 March Major GIBSON and his RIO, Lt. TAYLOR flew PLAYBOY 06-2, an escort mission. The ordnance carried was 4 D14 and 3 D7. The BDA was 1 truck destroyed, 2 secondary explosions and 1 secondary fire.

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8. (C) On 27 March Capt DE LA GARZA led LOVEBUG 210, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission under control of HOSTAGE ROMEO. Lt. HAYNES was his RIO. Capt HORSFALL and Lt. SEATON were in the second aircraft. The ordnance carried was 7 D9 and 12 D2A. The BDA was several bunkers destroyed and 1 KBMA.

9. (C) On 29 March Capt CONLEY led LOVEBUG 530, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting the 101st Airborne. Lt. MABEY was his RIO with Capt COSTELLO and Lt. MACALLISTER in the second aircraft. The ordnance carried was 24 DIW. The BDA was 1 bunker destroyed, 1 .50 Cal. machine gun destroyed and 1 KBMA.

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## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	2	Enlisted Joined:	26
Officers Transferred:	2	Enlisted Transferred:	39

## 2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 10

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 62%

## c. Awards

## (1) Award recommendations submitted:

- (a) BAUMBACH, R. R., Capt, BS
- (b) BRADSHAW, R. S., 1stLt, BS (posthumously)
- (c) WILLIAMS, R. H., GySgt, BS
- (d) DRAFFEN, B. H., Major, AM 8th-12th Award
- (e) BRADSHAW, R. S., 1stLt, AM 2nd-11th Award (posthumously)
- (f) BREEDING, M. H., 1stLt, AM 1st Award (posthumously)
- (g) BREEDING, M. H., 1stLt, NCM (posthumously)
- (h) KLEMM, R. D., Sgt, NAM
- (i) ETHRIDGE, H. N., Cpl, C of C
- (j) MOWBRAY, P. M., Cpl, C of C

## (2) Awards presented:

- (a) HORSFALL, W. S., Capt, DFC
- (b) HALL, F. R., 1stLt, AM 1st Award
- (c) PEPER, W. T., 1stLt, AM 1st Award
- (d) MUELLER, L. S., 1stLt, AM 1st Award

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- (e) DOUGLAS, D. L., LCpl, Good Conduct
- (f) CALVO, R., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (g) BETANSKI, F. A., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (h) BINDEWALD, G. N., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (i) DAVIS, J. E., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (j) CHAPMAN, R. S., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (k) DOMENICHILLE, S. C., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (l) FOX, J. F., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (m) McDONALD, L. A., Cpl, Good Conduct

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

- a. On 1 March the officers and enlisted men enjoyed a beach party.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

- a. During the reporting period, 10 interviews were held. There was 1 reenlistment and no extensions.
- b. There were 3 new enrollments in correspondence courses and a total of 106 enrolled in off duty education.
- c. There were 20 hometown news releases during March.
- d. There were 278 man-hours of Technical Training during the reporting period.

5. (U) Civic Action

- a. On 3 March 1 Officer and 18 Enlisted men visited the orphanage at Tam Ky. On 17 March 19 Enlisted men made the trip to Tam Ky and on 31 March 2 Officers and 16 Enlisted men went to Tam Ky. Various amounts of food and clothing were presented to the orphans.

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## 6. (C) Air Operations

a. Sorties		Hours
Sorties Scheduled	450	
Combat Sorties Flown	600	607.7
Combat Sorties Canx	40	
Ground Aborts	24	
Air Aborts	6	
Non-combat sorties Flown	27	28.2
Total Sorties Flown	627	
b. Types of Sorties Flown		
CAS	270	
DAS (ST)	1	
TPQ	242	
BARCAP	13	
Scramble	123	
Test	5	
Ferry	22	
MIGCAP	10	
ESC	41	
CAP	3	
c. Sorties Flown in Support of		
III MAF	161	
Army	210	
7th AF	43	
ARVN	11	
ROK	3	
Navy	2	
d. Operations Supported:		
Texas Star		
Iron Mountain		
Fredrick Hill		
Pacifier		
e. Ordnance		

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 1221.4615. The percentage or ordnance loaded and actually expended was 98.69.

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MK 81 S/E	382
MK 81 CON	1505
MK 82 S/E	670
MK 82 CON	2012
MK 83 CON	269
MK 77 NAP	321
MK 77 C/S	53
MK 24 CBU	55
MK 49 CBU	10
5.00" RKT	56
20mm CTG	1260

f. Bomb Damage Assessment: It should be noted that due to new security measures used in passing BDA during combat missions the BDA herein is incomplete.

Bunkers Damaged	16	Fighting Holes Damaged	2
Bunkers Destroyed	52	Fighting Holes Destroyed	10
Secondary Fires	33	Tree Line (Meters)	850
Structures Damaged	15	Ordnance Jettisoned	6
Structures Destroyed	79	Trails Cut	15
Killed by A/C (Conf.)	3	Boats Sunk	4
Vehicles Destroyed	1	Storage Area Damaged	2
Bridges Damaged	1	Caves Destroyed	1
Bridges Destroyed	2	.50 Cal. Destroyed	1
Secondary Explosions	13		

## 7. (U) Aviation Safety

- a. Ground Accidents: None
- b. Direct Enemy Action Mishaps: None
- c. Operational Mishaps:

(1) 23-70I, Fl4B, 149447, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 22 degrees 50 minutes N, 124 degrees 00 minutes E. Approximately one hour out of NAS Naha enroute to NAS Cubi Point at FL 350 indicating 300 knots centerline fuel tank jettisoned from aircraft. Pilot had not attempted to jettison tank or even use any switches which could have jettisoned it. No additional damage done to the aircraft, weather no factor, day, 23 March 1970.

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(2) 24-701, F4B, 151502, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 315/25 Chu Lai Tacan, enroute to base after completion of mission, pilot of number two aircraft used full military to facilitate join up. Right throttle could not be retarded from full military. Pilot elected to shut down right engine. He extended the RAT and cycled the left throttle in after-burner. Right generator dropped off the line and bus tie light illuminated. The bus tie light would not go out after cycling the left generator so pilot secured left generator and blew the landing gear and flaps down. A successful single engine arrested landing was made, weather no factor, day, 29 March 1970.

## 8. (U) Material

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

	BP01	BP09	BP11	BP50
Requisitions submitted:	134	1	35	753
Requisitions completed:	64	5	10	383
Total expenditure of BP01 for March:			\$194,327.84	
Total flight hours for March:			635.9	
Average cost per flight hour:			\$305.55	

## 9. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

a. The following data is submitted for the month of March:

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>% READY</u>
20 Aircraft	57.8
5 NC-10	48.0
3 NCPP-105	61.0
2 Tractors	58.0
2 High Air Compressors	31.0
2 Low Air Compressors	33.0
3 Hyd Test Stands	33.0
5 Flood Light Units	0.0

## b. Aircraft Status

(1) The squadron had 14.4 F4B aircraft on hand and a 25.6% NORM rate.

(2) NORS was 16.6%.

(3) Utilization = 147.5%.

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## c. Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>PN</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days out</u>
TCRP	32-87074-307	1560-877-3402	16
NGS Unit	OMP 2202-91	1620-938-3574	19
Air Compressor	880272	1650-793-6959	19
Suction Line	32-69057-2555	1560-070-9713	5
Oil Line	32-57007-68	4720-992-5177	38

## d. Significant Problem Areas

(1) The ground support equipment (GSE) situation is a problem area. The equipment has been in a combat environment for several years and is breakdown prone. It is not unusual to go through 5 NCPP-105 starting pods in one day's operations. Several of the starting pods have damaged aircraft by blowing fuses and burning out wiring due to electrical output giving unbalanced phase loads, or shifting voltages. Insufficient numbers of NC-10s are available to perform the full radar maintenance workload.

(2) The NORS rate is up. On station delivery of issue AOCs is averaging over 3.5 hours compared to the one hour standard with random deliveries requiring 19 to 104 hours for supply items that are aboard station. (These random deliveries are not used to calculate the 3.5 hour averages.)

(3) F4B BUNO 150441 has been in a down status over 30 days due to the inadvertent firing of the rear cockpit H-7 Martin Baker ejection seat. Over 23 parts are yet to be received before repairs can commence.

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