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Marine Aircraft Group 13
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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-122 Command Chronology

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

1 May 1970 - 31 May 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (C) Task Organization Commanding Officer
 VMFA-122 LtCol Robert E. HOWARD Jr. 7 Jan 70 -
2. (U) 1-31 May 1970: Chu Lai, RVN
3. (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 May 1970
Executive Officer	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	1-31 May 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-31 May 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-31 May 1970
Operations Officer	Major Capt	Bernard R. HALPRIN Thomas M. CONLEY	1-3 May 1970 4-31 May 1970
Material Officer	Capt	Walter J. COSTELLO	1-31 May 1970
Maintenance Officer	Major Major	Myrl W. ALLINDER Jr. Frank J. HORAK Jr.	1-18 May 1970 19-31 May 1970
Safety Officer	Capt Capt	Larry A. BACKUS Stanley P. JOHNSON	1-5 May 1970 6-31 May 1970
Sgt Maj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-31 May 1970

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
45	254	1	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of May, VMFA-122 flew 788 sorties for a total of 752.5 hours. This rate was accomplished with 15.7 of 21 assigned aircraft on hand, 67.0% full systems radar and 87.0% full systems ECM availability. It should be noted that, based on records available, VMFA-122 flew the most combat missions ever flown, 770, by an F4 squadron in RVN. 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 May, LtCol HOWARD led LOVEBUG 916, a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission in support of the Special Forces. Capt MILES was his RIO. Capt HORSFALL and Lt MULKOVICH were in DASH TWO. The final controller was HERB 15. The ordnance carried was 10D3. The BDA was 25 bunkers destroyed and 2 secondary explosions.
3. (C) On 5 May, VMFA-122 flew LOVEBUG 551 led by LtCol HOWARD and Capt MILES as his RIO with Lt FRANGER and Lt HALL in DASH TWO. Also, LOVEBUG 555 led by Capt De La GARZA with Lt DIMIT as his RIO and Lt ROOTH with Capt SWEENEY in DASH TWO. These were the first 1st MAW missions to Cambodia.
4. (C) On 8 May, Major GIBSON led LOVEBUG 226 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission in support of Americal. Lt PEPER was his RIO. Capt KLUG and Capt JOHNSON were in DASH TWO. The final controller was HELIX 16. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 4 structures destroyed, 6 tunnels uncovered and 10 KBMA.
5. (C) On 8 May, Major GIBSON also led LOVEBUG 236 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt PEPER with Capt KLUG and Capt JOHNSON in the second aircraft. The final controller was BILK 32. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 5 KBMA.
6. (C) On 9 May, Capt SHARKEY led LOVEBUG 207 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting the ARVN. His RIO was Lt DIMIT. Lt WILBRECHT and Lt TAYLOR were in DASH TWO. The final controller was TRAIL 26. The ordnance carried was 12D2A and 6D9. The BDA was 1 mortar destroyed, 3 bunkers destroyed, 4 secondary explosions and 1 fire.
7. (C) On 19 May, Major CHAIMSON led LOVEBUG 531 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting the 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt PEPER with Lt BURPEE and Lt SZABOLCS in DASH TWO. The final controller was BILK 26. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 1 50 caliber machine gun destroyed and 5 roads blocked.

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8. (C) On 24 May, VMFA-122 flew 50 combat sorties while setting a new MAG-13 ordnance record of 107.2 tons.
9. (C) On 25 May, Lt MILNE led LOVEBUG 215 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting the 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt MULKOVICH. Lt LOGAN and Lt PEPER were in DASH TWO. The final controller was BILK 27. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 1 50 caliber machine gun position destroyed and 2 KBMA.
10. (C) On 26 May, Major CHAIMSON led LOVEBUG 208 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting the 1st Marine Division. His RIO was Lt DIMIT. Lt WILBRECHT and Lt BRAITHWAITE were in DASH TWO. The final controller was HOSTAGE WHISKEY. The ordnance carried was 12D2A and 6D9. The BDA was 1 KBMA.
11. (C) On 26 May, Lt MILNE led LOVEBUG 214 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission in support of the 1st Brigade of the 5th Mechanized Division. His RIO was Lt MULKOVICH. Lt FRANGER and Lt PEPER were in DASH TWO. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 3 KBMA.
12. (C) On 29 May, Capt De La GARZA led LOVEBUG 021 a flight of two F-4Bs on a CAS mission supporting the 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt BOND. Lt BRIGADIER and Capt JOHNSON were in DASH TWO. The ordnance carried was 24D2. The BDA was 1 truck destroyed, 4 bunkers destroyed, 1 structure destroyed, 8 bunkers damaged and 1 structure damaged.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	9	Enlisted Joined:	15
Officers Transferred:	5	Enlisted Transferred:	20

2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 11

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 70%

c. Awards

(1) Award recommendations submitted:

- (a) VMFA-122, MUC
- (b) COCHRAN, J. K., LtCol, DFC
- (c) MILES, J. J., Capt, DFC
- (d) CONLEY, T. M., Capt, DFC
- (e) CAUSER, T. D., 1stLt, DFC
- (f) WILBRECHT, K. M., 1stLt, DFC
- (g) HAYNES, J. W., 1stLt, DFC
- (h) HAYNES, J. W., 1stLt, DFC (2nd)
- (i) LOWERY, P. J., 1stLt, DFC
- (j) HALPRIN, B. R., Major, BS
- (k) HAGAN, P. E., GySgt, BS
- (l) HOWARD, R. E., LtCol, SMAM
- (m) LEE, R. E., Capt, SMAM
- (n) HEE, R. K. F., 1stLt, SMAM
- (o) FYKE, R. B., 1stLt, SMAM

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- (p) ALLINDER, M. W., Major, AM 7-22nd Award
- (q) GIBSON, J. R., Major, AM 2-16th Award
- (r) COOK, T. E., 1stLt, AM 2-8th Award
- (s) LOGAN, H. L., 1stLt, 1st AM
- (t) BRIGADIER, J., 1stLt, 1st AM
- (u) TAYLOR, G. F., 1stLt, AM 2-15th Award
- (v) CAUSER, T. D., 1stLt, AM 2-16th Award
- (w) TUTHILL, J. G., Capt, NCM
- (x) SWEENEY, G. P., Capt, NCM
- (y) ROOTH, E. L., 1stLt, NCM
- (z) CAUSER, T. D., 1stLt, NCM
- (aa) WEBB, R. E., GySgt, NCM
- (bb) DUGAN, W. J., GySgt, NCM
- (cc) McVEY, D. O., SSgt, NCM
- (dd) HOUSEHOLDER, M. T., SSgt, NCM
- (ee) O'CONNOR, J. J., Sgt, NCM
- (ff) HYATTE, J. E., Sgt, NCM
- (gg) CAUDELL, R. M., Cpl, NCM
- (hh) KUSHMA, M. E., Sgt, NAM
- (ii) HOFBAUER, J. G., Sgt, NAM
- (jj) ESSEX, T. D., Sgt, NAM
- (kk) RESAGER, J. C., Sgt, NAM
- (ll) MENDEZ, L., Sgt, NAM
- (mm) WATSON, C., Sgt, NAM

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(nn) BASHORE, D. E., Sgt, NAM
(oo) AUSTON, D. T., Sgt, NAM
(pp) RINALDI, R. D., Sgt, NAM
(qq) BIEROWKA, W. J., Sgt, NAM
(rr) TAYLOR, J. W., Sgt, NAM
(ss) CHAPMAN, R. J., Cpl, NAM
(tt) BUTTERFIELD, J. C., Cpl, NAM
(uu) McDONALD, L. A., Cpl, NAM
(vv) OCASIO, A. S., Cpl, NAM
(ww) TRANQUILLO, P. E., Cpl, NAM
(xx) GARRIGUS, L. L., Cpl, NAM
(yy) BUSBIN, J. Y., Cpl, NAM
(zz) JOHNSON, G. T., Cpl, NAM
(aaa) LEDERER, D. E., Cpl, NAM
(bbb) LOCKARD, T. A., Cpl, NAM
(ccc) KILLE, D. P., Cpl, NAM
(ddd) GRANDE, G. N., Cpl, NAM
(eee) JONES, D. E., Cpl, NAM
(fff) De La GARZA, L. A., Capt, CAR

(2) Awards Presented:

(a) BRAITHWAITE, J. W., 1stLt, 1st AM
(b) FLORES, B. H., 1stLt, 1st AM
(c) MacALLISTER, J. T., 1stLt, SMAM
(d) MITCHELL, G. A., 1stLt, SMAM

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- (e) FYKE, R. B., 1stLt, SMAM
- (f) BURPEE, D. B., 1stLt, SMAM
- (g) HODGES, M. B., Sgt, Good Conduct
- (h) OCASIO, A. S., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (i) TANGUAY, R. J. P., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (j) FERRY, W. J., LCpl, Good Conduct
- (k) MAGYAR, J., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (l) HICKMAN, C. H., Sgt, Good Conduct
- (m) ANDERSON, R. B., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (n) GLENN, J. M., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (o) BUSEIN, J. Y., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (p) JORDAN, D. O., Cpl, Good Conduct

3. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

a. During the reporting period, 18 interviews were held. There were 2 reenlistments and 2 extensions.

b. There were 2 new enrollments in correspondence courses and a total of 110 enrolled in off duty education.

c. There were 22 hometown news releases during May.

d. There were 469 man-hours of Technical Training during the reporting period.

4. (C) Air Operations

a. Sorties

Sorties Scheduled	416
Combat Sorties Flown	770
Combat Sorties Canx	39
Ground Aborts	8
Air Aborts	2
Non-combat sorties Flown	19
Total Sorties Flown	789

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b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	566
DAS (ST)	4
TPQ	139
BARCAP	12
Scramble	247
Test	7
Ferry	12
MIGCAP	4
ESC	30

c. Sorties Flown in Support of

III MAF	87
Army	223
7th AF	6
ARVN	48
ROK	6

d. Operations Supported:

(1) Texas Star	(4) Iron Mountain
(2) Geneva Park	(5) Golden Dragon
(3) Frederick Hill	

e. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 1996. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 98.6.

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
MK 81 CON	12	1.66
MK 82 S/E	1390	381.56
MK 82 CON	4528	1152.38
MK 83 CON	435	219.41
MK 77 NAP	728	184.13
MK 24 CBU	75	31.13
MK 49 CBU	14	5.81
MK 20 CBU	14	3.43
5.00" RKT	64	17.41

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.

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Bunkers Damaged	17	Ordnance Jettisoned	7
Bunkers Destroyed	147	Treeline (Meters)	1040
Secondary Fires	50	Roads Cut	3
Structures Damaged	2	Boats Damaged	1
Structures Destroyed	33	Medicine Cases Destroyed	5
Meters of Road Slide	70	Roads Flocked	5
Killed by A/C (Conf.)	21	Caves Destroyed	3
Vehicles Destroyed	1	Elephant Grass (Meters)	50
Enemy Positions Destroyed	2	Tunnels Uncovered	6
Secondary Explosions	49	Tunnels Damaged	1
Rocket Sites Destroyed	1	Mortars Destroyed	1

5. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None

b. Direct Enemy Action Mishaps:

(1) 31-70J, F-4B, 150478, Echo damage/Golf injury, 275/28 Danang Tacan. Post flight inspection revealed holes in port aileron, port stabilator honey comb and starboard outer wing panel made by suspected enemy explosive round. Hit on attack run, weather no factor, day, 3 May 1970.

(2) 32-70I, F-4B, 150478, Echo damage/Golf injury, 272/28 Phu Bai Tacan. Post flight inspection revealed 2" by 3" hole through door 83L. Engine fire warning line severed and 1" by 2" hole through engine bay housing discovered when engine pulled. Hit on attack run, 4000' broken, 7 miles visibility, day, 8 May 1970.

c. Operational Mishaps:

(1) 33-70I, F-4B, 150419, Echo damage/Golf injury, 287/41 Chu Lai Tacan. Nose section of starboard external wing tank caved in on inboard side. Minor damage to doors 92R and 94R from apparent contact with napalm cannister. Weather no factor, day, 8 May 1970.

(2) 34-70I, F-4B, 149433, Echo damage/Golf injury, 260/10 Danang Tacan. Inboard side of nose section starboard external caved in from an apparent contact with a napalm cannister, 6000' broken 6 miles visibility, day, 11 May 1970.

(3) 35-70I, F-4B, 149433, Echo damage/Golf injury, 080/10 Chu Lai Tacan. Aircraft made single engine landing after a failure of the starboard engine turbine rotor assembly. Weather no factor, day, 11 May 1970.

(4) 36-70I, F-4B, 149465, Echo damage/Golf injury, 190/27 Danang Tacan. Aircraft sustained damage to engine bay doors, port aileron skin and the port external wing tank was destroyed when it contacted trees on pull out from snake eye delivery. Run in heading into rising terrain a factor, weather not a factor, day, 13 May 1970.

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(5) 37-70I, F-4B, 151406, Echo damage/Golf injury, Chu Lai AB. Pilot's canopy separated from aircraft shortly after take off. Weather no factor, day, 13 May 1970.

(6) 38-70I, F-4B, 150638, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 230/15 Danang Tacan. Right external wing tank received a two inch hole from an apparent contact with a napalm cannister. Weather not a factor, day, 14 May 1970.

(7) 39-70I, F-4B, 150478, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, Chu Lai AB. Pilot made a precautionary single engine landing after the left engine over-heat light illuminated. Weather not a factor, day, 15 May 1970.

6. (U) Material

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

	BP01	BP09	BF11	BF50
Requisitions Submitted:	107	9	13	230
Requisitions Completed:	141	0	15	584

7. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

a. The following data is submitted for the month of May.

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>% READY</u>
21 Aircraft (16 operational)	58.9
7 NC-10	28.0
3 NCPP-105	66.0
2 Tractors	50.0
3 High air compressors	33.0
3 Low air compressors	33.0
3 Hyd test stands	33.0
5 Flood light units	0.0

b. Aircraft Status

(1) The squadron had 15.7 aircraft on hand and a 23.6% NORM rate.

(2) NORS was 17.5%

(3) Utilization - 159.7%

c. Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>P/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days out</u>
Recepticle	MBEU 76H5	1680-818-2726BF	33

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<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>P/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days out</u>
Regulator	108486-1	1660-793-5799BF	23
Cylinder Assy	32-69553-303	1650-084-8716MF	16
Radiator	UA527499-9	1650-688-8506	15
Line Assy	CYR5800N4-0305	4750-851-5877BF	10

d. Significant Problem Areas

(1) The Maintenance department manning level is 245 with the present on hand strength at 199. Out of the 199 on hand, 31 are presently on details out of maintenance. This leaves a remaining work force of approximately 168 men. Running two twelve hour shifts reduces the maximum work force to 84 men at any one time. This maximum figure does not include men on R&R, Emergency leave, DNCO, ADNCO, Defense Platoon, etc. During the month of June approximately 25 men will rotate to CONUS. Although a few new men are expected by the end of June it is not estimated that they will be of sufficient numbers to alleviate the problem.

(2) F4B, BuNo 151465 has been down for over 30 days due to lack of parts.

(3) F4B, BuNo 150441 has been down for over 90 days due to the inadvertent firing of the rear cockpit H-7 Martin Baker ejection seat.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. (U) There are no supporting documents submitted.

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