

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 122  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13 (S-3)

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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 June 1970 - 30 June 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) 1-30 June 1970: Chu Lai, RVN
3. (C) Commanding Officer and Executive Staff Officers.

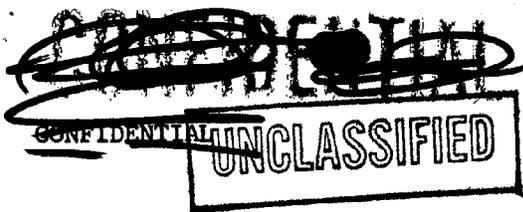
<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	Robert E. HOWARD Jr.	1-30 June 1970
Executive Officer	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	1-30 June 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-30 June 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-16 June 1970
	1stLt	David L. DUNN	17-30 June 1970
Operations Officer	Capt	Thomas M. CONLEY	1-30 June 1970
Material Officer	Capt	Walter J. COSTELLO	1-30 June 1970
Maintenance Officer	Major	Frank J. HORAK Jr.	1-30 June 1970
Safety Officer	Capt	Stanley P. JOHNSON	1-30 June 1970
Sgt Maj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-30 June 1970

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
44	214	1	0

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of June, VMFA-122 flew 537 sorties for a total of 514.4 hours. This rate was accomplished with 13 of 18 assigned aircraft on hand, 65.0% full systems radar and 80.0% 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 6 June, Capt HORSFALL led Lovebug 153, a flight of 2 F4Bs on a CAS mission in support of the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division. His RIO was Lt HASKELL and his wingman was Capt CONLEY flying with Lt MABEY. The controller, BARKEY 13, gave the flight a BDA of 1 KBMA, 1 secondary explosion and 6 bunkers destroyed. The ordnance was 24D2W.
3. (C) Lt WILBRECHT, while leading Lovebug 208 on 7 June, was shot down by enemy fire and is MIA. His RIO, Lt PEPER, ejected successfully from the aircraft and was rescued almost immediately. The aircraft, DC 04, was lost on the 240° radial for 22 miles off Danang Tacan.
4. (C) On 8 June, Lovebug 217, working with a Helix FAC, accounted for 8 KBMA, 1 - 51 cal. site destroyed, 2 communication networks destroyed, 1 NVA Battalion Command Post destroyed, and 10 bunkers destroyed. The crews were Lt DOLAN and Lt HASKELL as lead, and Lt MITCHELL and Lt FORTINBERRY on the wing.
5. (C) Major HOGUE led Lovebug 009 on 14 June and destroyed 1 storage area and 1 bridge. His RIO was Lt HASKELL and DASH 2 was Lt MILNE and Lt MULKOVICH. Their controller was HOSTAGE ABLE. They were supporting the 1st Marine Div.
6. (C) While supporting the Americal Division on 19 June, Lovebug 018 destroyed 2 structures and accounted for 2 KBMA. Controlling the strike was Helix 15. The crews were Capt CONLEY and Lt PEPER, and Lt DOLAN and Lt HINES. The ordnance was 24D2W.
7. (C) LtCol HOWARD and Major GAGEN were the pilots in Lovebug 000 on 21 June. Their RIOs were Capt MILES and Lt HINES. The BDA, given by BARKEY 17, was 1 KBMA, 2 WBMA, 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 storage areas destroyed and 2 secondary fires. The flight was supporting the 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division.
8. (C) While supporting the 1st Marine Division, Lovebug 008 got 1 KBMA and 1 secondary explosion. The flight expended 24D2X. The controller was HOSTAGE STUD and the crews were Capt CONLEY and Lt PEPER in lead, and Lt LOGAN and Lt DUNN as DASH 2.



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9. (C) Lt BURPEE and Lt SZABOLCS led Lovebug 208 in support of 1st Marine Division, controlled by HOSTAGE STUD. Expending 15D2A and 3D9, the flight was credited with 3 KBMA and 1 secondary explosion. Lt RIDDELL and Lt HALL were the other crew.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	2	Enlisted Joined:	11
Officers Transferred:	5	Enlisted Transferred:	57

## 2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 15

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 68%

## c. Awards

## (1) Award recommendations submitted:

- (a) ALLINDER, M. W., Major, BS
- (b) WILBRECHT, K. M., 1stLt, BS
- (c) TAYLOR, G. F., 1stLt, BS
- (d) PEPER, W. T., 1stLt, Purple Heart
- (e) HORSFALL, W. S., Capt, AM
- (f) SWEENEY, G. P., Capt, AM
- (g) TUTHILL, J. G., Capt, AM
- (h) FORTINBERRY, H. A., 1stLt, AM
- (i) HASKELL, J. C., 1stLt, AM
- (j) RIDDELL, O. J., 1stLt, AM
- (k) SZABOLCS, S. I., 1stLt, AM
- (l) WILBRECHT, K. M., 1stLt, AM
- (m) DOLAN, D. J., 1stLt, NCM
- (n) WASON, J. S., Cpl, NAM

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(o) McMULLAN, A. W., SSgt, CAR

(2) Awards Presented:

(a) HINES, F. M., 1stLt, DFC

(b) MITCHELL, G. A., 1stLt, DFC

(c) MacALLISTER, J. T., 1stLt, SMAM

(d) MITCHELL, G. A., 1stLt, SMAM

(e) CAUSER, T. D., 1stLt, SMAM

(f) LOGAN, H. L., 1stLt, 1st AM

(g) BRIGADIER, T., 1stLt, 1st AM

(h) WEBB, R. E., GySgt, GCM

(i) HOFBAUER, H. D., Sgt, GCM

(j) RUSSELL, B. A., Sgt, GCM

(k) GREENE, L. D., Cpl, GCM

(l) SUITS, M. C., Cpl, GCM

(m) UTTZ, P. M., Cpl, GCM

(n) STITH, R. M., Cpl, GCM

(o) WOLTMAN, J. R., Cpl, GCM

(p) TANNER, B. H., Cpl, GCM

(q) STIDHAM, J. A., Cpl, GCM

(r) STEWART, R. W., Cpl, GCM

(s) SIMPSON, G. D., Cpl, GCM

(t) ROSS, G. R., Cpl, GCM

(u) RICHARD, J. S., Cpl, GCM

(v) NALOR, C. R., Cpl, GCM

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(w) MURPHY, O. R., Cpl, GCM

(x) HARMON, M. J., Cpl, GCM

## 3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. On 3 June the officers and enlisted men enjoyed a squadron beach party.

## 4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

a. During the reporting period, 15 interviews were held. There were no reenlistments and no extensions.

b. There were no new enrollments in correspondence courses and a total of 90 enrolled in off duty education.

c. There were 81 hometown news releases during June.

d. There were 50 man-hours of Technical Training during the reporting period.

## 5. (C) Air Operations

## a. Sorties

Sorties Scheduled	388
Combat Sorties Flown	521
Combat Sorties Cancelled	35
Ground Aborts	7
Air Aborts	2
Non-combat sorties Flown	14
Total Sorties Flown	535

## b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	437
DAS (ST)	7
TPQ	30
BARCAP	7
Scramble	132
Test	11
Ferry	6
MIGCAP	5
ESC	25
VR	1

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## c. Sorties Flown in Support of

III MAF	34
Army	68
7th AF	0
ARVN	42
ROK	0

## d. Operations Supported:

(1) Frederick Hill	(4) Geneva Park
(2) Texas Star	(5) Iron Mountain
(3) Green River	

## e. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 1229. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 98.1.

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
MK 81 CON	11	1.52
MK 82 S/E	905	248.42
MK 82 CON	2709	689.44
MK 83 CON	266	134.15
MK 77 NAP	552	144.62
MK 24 CBU	15	6.23
MK 20 CBU	12	2.94
5.00" RKT	38	2.56

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	6	Secondary Explosions	38
Bunkers Destroyed	96	Rocket Sites Destroyed	2
Secondary Fires	32	Ordnance Jettisoned	3
Structures Damaged	11	Storage Areas Destroyed	3
Structures Destroyed	34	Wounded by A/C	2
Roads Cut	5	51 Cal. Machine Gun Dest.	1
Killed by A/C (Conf.)	16	Communications Networks Dest.	2
Bridges Destroyed	1	NVA Bt. CP Destroyed	1

## 6. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None

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## b. Direct Enemy Action Mishaps:

(1) 05-70A, F4B, 151478, Alpha damage/Uniform/Golf injury, 240/22 Danang Tacan. Aircraft and pilot hit by ground fire during 10<sup>o</sup> snake-eye run. RIO, who successfully ejected, recalled two audible thumps prior to bomb release point during run. Aircraft impacted trees, slightly nose up, commenced to break up as RIO ejected. Weather not a factor, day, 7 June 1970.

(2) 41-70I, F4B, 150419, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 120/14 Phu Bai Tacan. Post flight inspection revealed small caliber hole in left wing tank. Suspect enemy small arms fire. Hit during 10<sup>o</sup> snake-eye run. Weather not a factor, day, 10 June 1970.

## c. Operational Mishaps:

(1) 06-70A, F4B, 150653, Alpha damage/Golf injury, Chu Lai AB, RVN. Aircraft crashed during an attempted asymmetrically configured landing. Pilot was unable to jettison nine MK-82 LDGP bombs from wing stations eight and nine. As aircraft was flared for landing an uncontrollable roll to the right developed, crew ejected safely. The wind direction, 070 at nine knots considered a factor, day, 19 June 1970.

(2) 42-70I, F4B, 151491, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 280/40 Danang Tacan. Aircraft had complete utility failure, caused by a fatigue failure of a hydraulic line to the left outboard leading edge flap. Weather no factor, day, 20 June 1970.

(3) 43-70I, F4B, 149433, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 260/15 Danang Tacan. Premature detonation of napalm immediately after release. Possible napalm fuse strike on fin of MK-82 snake-eye mounted on right inboard TER at release during 20<sup>o</sup> napalm delivery. Weather not a factor, day, 21 June 1970.

(4) 44-70I, F4B, 149447, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, Chu Lai AB, RVN Hung MK-82 bomb separated from aircraft on landing. Cause of failure due to loss of gas pressure around piston ring in TER ejector gun. Bomb hooks had been partially opened and land shock caused separation of bomb from TER. Weather not a factor, day, 27 June 1970.

## 7. (U) Material

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

	BP01	BP09	BP11	BF50
Requisitions submitted:	98	3	2	421
Requisitions completed:	154	0	1	173

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## 8. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

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

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>% READY</u>
18 Aircraft (13 operational)	57.1
2 NC-10	100.0
1 NCPP-105	50.0
1 Tractor	100.0
1 High Pressure Air Compressor	50.0
1 Low Pressure Air Compressor	100.0
1 Hyd Test Stand	100.0
0 Flood Light Units	0.0

## b. Aircraft Status

(1) The squadron had 13 aircraft on hand and a 24.1% NORM rate.

(2) NORS was 18.8%

(3) Utilization - 121.1%

## c. Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>P/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days out</u>
VSI	RCS601L0	RM6610-065-7276	19
Valve	671T100-6	RM1650-922-3214	32
Manifold	AE4493-126D	8I-1560-806-4290	19
Gasket	32-83217-4	RM-1560-880-0319	23
Gasket	32-83217-3	RM-5340-948-4361	23
TCRP	32-87074-307	RH-1560-877-3402	18
TCRP	32-87074-307	RH-1560-877-3402	13
Seal Strip	32-32191-45	9I-1560-823-6387	15
Gasket	50887-4505	9Z-5330-896-7122	12
Rod Assy	32S B2915-1	RM-1560-864-4827	11

d. Significant Problem Areas

(1) The Maintenance department manning level is 245 with the present on hand strength at 181. Out of the 181 on hand, 35 are presently on details out of maintenance. There will be 38 people checking out for CONUS in the next three months, with 8 leaving in July, 12 in August, and 28 in September.

(2) F4B Buno 150441 left for special rework on the 29th of June. It had previously been down for more than 120 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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