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Encl: (1) VMFA-122 Command Chronology

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

1 July 1970 - 31 July 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (C) Task Organization Commanding Officer  
VMFA-122 Major Ross C. CHAIMSON 13 Jul 70
2. (U) 1-31 July 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.	1-12 Jul 70
	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	13-31 Jul 70
Executive Officer	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	1-12 Jul 70
	Major	Chauncey R. FAIRCHILD	13-31 Jul 70
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1- 5 Jul 70
	1stLt	Orin J. RIDDELL	6-31 Jul 70
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	David L. DUNN	1-31 Jul 70
Operations Officer	Capt	Thomas M. CONLEY	1-31 Jul 70
Material Officer	Capt	Walter J. COSTELLO	1-31 Jul 70
Maintenance Officer	Major	Frank J. HORAK Jr.	1-31 Jul 70
Safety Officer	Capt	Stanley P. JOHNSON	1-30 Jul 70
	Capt	Charles S. TUTT	31 Jul 70
Sgt Maj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-31 Jul 70

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
44	214	01	00

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of July, VMFA-122 flew 492 sorties for a total of 487.1 hours. This rate was accomplished with 12 of 18 assigned aircraft on hand. The type sorties flown included close air support, direct air support, TPQ radar bombing, combat air patrol, test and ferry flights.
2. (C) On 12 July Command of 122 passed from LtCol R. E. Howard Jr., to Major R. C. Chaimson. Major General A. L. Armstrong, CG 1st MAW was the reviewing officer and presented DFC's to Lieutenants Mitchell and Hines and SMAM's to Lieutenants McCallister, Fyke and Mitchell.
3. LoveBug 012, led by Captain Costello on 1 July was credited with 2 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker damaged, 1 secondary explosion and 1 secondary fire. His RIO was Lt Hines and the wingman was Major Heinzerling and his RIO was Captain Johnson. The ordnance used was 24 D2W and the controller was BILK 34. The flight was supporting the 101st Airborne Division.
4. On 6 July LoveBug 005 was given a BDA of 4 Bunkers destroyed, 1 secondary explosion, and 6 structures destroyed. The Crews were Capt De La Garza and Lt Bond leading, and Lt Riddell and Lt McCallister on the wing. The controller was Helix 32 and they were supporting the Americal Division.
5. Lt Rooth, Lt Haynes, Lt Sheedy and Capt Ellis were the crews of LB 021 on 8 July. Their BDA was 11 bunkers destroyed. They were supporting the 101st and were controlled by BILK 3.
6. On 10 July Hostage Bulldog was the controller for LB 219 when the flight destroyed 6 structures and 2 bunkers. Leading the flight was Lt Graham and his RIO Lt Haynes. The wingman was Lt Franger and Lt Fortinberry. Their ordnance was 12 D2A and 6D9 and they were supporting the 1st MarDiv.
7. LB 206, on 11 July, was given a BDA of 2 KBA and 1 secondary fire by BILK 15 while supporting the 101st. The crews were Lt Milne and Lt Fortinberry and Lt Franger and Capt Ellis.
8. On 12 July Lt Dolan and Capt Ellis led LB 401 and the flight destroyed 3 structures and 1 bunker, and damaged 3 structures and 2 bunkers. Dash 2 was Lt Graham and his RIO was Lt Haynes. The Controller was Jake 17 and they were supporting the 1st ARVN Div. The ordnance was 24 D2X.
9. BILK 37 controlled LB 526 on 13 July as the flight destroyed 6 bunkers and had 1 secondary explosion and 2 secondary fires. The Crews were Capt De La Garza and Lt Bond and Lt Logan and Lt Braithwaite. They were supporting the 101st.

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10. 10 Bunkers were destroyed by LB 203 on 22 July. The flight leader was Capt Conley and his RIO was Lt Peper. Dash two was Capt Backus and Lt Fyke. The flight was supporting the Americal Division and controlled by Helix 16.

11. Lt Burpee and Lt Haynes led LB 224 on 23 July to a BDA of 1 secondary fire and 10 structures destroyed. The wingman was Lt Wells and his RIO was Capt Ellis. The flight was controlled by Hostage Stud and supported the 1st MarDiv.

12. On 31 July, LB 414 destroyed a 51 cal Machine Gun position while supporting the 5th Mechanized Div. The controller was BARKY 17 and the crews were Capt Conley and Lt Mabey, and Lt Wise and Lt Stewart.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	12	Enlisted Joined:	14
Officer Transferred:	15	Enlisted Transferred:	24

## 2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 8

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 70%

## c. Awards

## (1) Award recommendations submitted:

- (a) HOWARD, R. E. LtCol, DFC
- (b) HALL, F. R. 1stLt, DFC
- (c) MILES, J. J. Capt, DFC
- (d) MILNE, J. K. 1stLt, DFC
- (e) PEPER, W. T. 1stLt, CAR
- (f) MULKOVICH, E. 1stLt, NCM
- (g) DE LA GARZA, L. A. Capt, DFC
- (h) KLUG, T. J. Capt, DFC
- (i) CAUSER, T. D. 1stLt, DFC
- (j) SZABOLCS, S. 1stLt, DFC
- (k) ROETHSBERGER, R. K. Cpl, NAM
- (l) HEREK, R. A. Sgt, NAM
- (m) McMULLEN, A. W. SSgt, NCM
- (n) DREHER, S. M. GySgt, NAM
- (o) MITCHELL, G. S. 1stLt, NCM
- (p) BURPEE, D. B. 1stLt, NCM

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## 3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. On 12 July the officers and enlisted men enjoyed a squadron party and floor show at the squadron hanger following the change of command ceremony.

## 4. Career Advisory/Education/Information

a. During this reporting period, 25 interviews were held. There were no reenlistments or extensions.

b. There were two new enrollments in correspondence courses and one completion. Total enrollment in off duty education was 89. 2 members of this command received High School GED certificates.

c. There were 85 Hometown News Releases during July.

d. There were 55 man hours of technical Training.

## 5. Air Operations

## a. Sorties

Sorties Scheduled	349
Combat Sorties Flown	492
Combat Sorties Cancelled	8
Ground Aborts	5
Non Combat Sorties Flown	6
Total Sorties Flown	498

## b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	440
TPQ	35
BARCAP	23
SCRAMBLE	116
Test	5
Ferry	1
MIGCAP	4

## c. Operations Supported

(1) Green River	(4) Frederick Hill
(2) Texas Star	(5) Iron Mountain
(3) Geneva Park	(6) Golden Dragon

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## d. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 1163. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 98.4%.

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TONNANGE</u>
MK 82 S/E	838	230.03
MK 82 CON	2508	638.28
MK 83 CON	278	137.70
MK 77 NAP	525	137.55
MK 20 CBU	67	16.41
MK 24 CBU	8	3.32
5.00 RKT	4	.26

e. Bomb Damage Assesment: Due to the new security measures used in passing BDA during combat missions the BDA herein is incomplete.

## 6. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None

b. Direct Enemy Action Mishaps: None

c. Operational Incidents:

(1) 01-71I, F4B, 150426, Foxtrot damage, Golf injury. Chu Lai AB. Aborted takeoff due to loss of both fuel boost pumps. Day 03 July.

(2) 02-71I, F4B, 151465, Foxtrot damage, Golf injury, 360/30 Chu Lai TACAN, A/C suffered utility hydraulic failure returning from CAS mission. Cause material failure of hydraulic line. Day 03 July.

(3) 03-71I, F4B, 150446, Foxtrot damage, Golf injury, 282/30 Phu Bai TACAN, utility hydraulic failure returning from CAS mission. Cause, corrosion of hydraulic line. Day 04 July.

(4) 04-71I, F4B, 150419, Foxtrot damage, Golf injury, Chu Lai AB. On landing roll-out MK 82 hung on station one of centerline MER separated from aircraft but did not detonate. Cause, suspect faulty MER. Day 09 July.

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(5) 05-71I, F4B, 151491, Foxtrot damage, Golf injury, 240/20 Da Nang TACAN. Napalm slap on both external wing tanks. Cause, suspect release of MK 77 fire bombs in unbalanced flight. Day 18 July.

(6) 06-71I, F4B, 151502, Echo damage, Golf injury, 6 NM ESE Chu Lai AB. AIM 7E lost after takeoff. Missile struck port wing tip when separating from aircraft. Missile not recovered. Cause, faulty cannon plug. Day 18 July.

### 7. (U) Materiel

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

	BP 01	BP 09	BP 11	BF 50
Requisitions submitted:	65	4	7	707
Requisitions completed:	101	9	4	725

### 8. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

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

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>% READY</u>
18 Aircraft (12 operational)	65.5%
7 NC-10	28%
6 NCPP-105	16%
2 Tractors	50%
3 High Pressure air compressors	33%
4 Low Pressure air compressors	50%
3 Hyd test stands	33%
0 Flood light units	0%

### b. Aircraft Status

(1) The squadron had 12 aircraft on hand and a 15.8% NORM rate.

(2) NORS was 10.0%

(3) Utilization was 113.6%

### c. Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>P/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days out</u>
Manifold	AE4493-126P	8I-1650-806-4290BF	60
Rod Assy	32-SB2915-1	FH1560-864-4287MF	42
Indicator	3426-5GB1	RQ6610-829-5411FZ	32
Valve	10313-535-3	9N-5930-792-0235	31
Duct	32-18551-9	FH1560-115-2968MF	18

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<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>P/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>DAYS OFF</u>
CSD	703E44G7	1650-089-9921	7
Generator	2CM261C1	6615-814-7051	5

## d. Significant Problem Areas

(1) The Maintenance department manning level is 245 with the present on hand strength at 179. There are 28 persons on details and 8 people leaving for CONUS next month.

(2) Constant Speed Drives and Generators are a higher usage item and are in short supply, causing aircraft availability loss.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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