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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMANDING OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE STAFF OFFICERS

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
C.O.	MAJOR	COCHRAN J. K.	1-31 May 1969
X.O.	MAJOR	WOJCIK D.	1-31 May 1969
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	CAPT	LEE R. E.	1-31 May 1969
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1/LT	ABRUZZO D. W.	1-31 May 1969
OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJOR	DRAFFEN B. H.	1-31 May 1969
LOGISTICS OFFICER	CAPT	VADNAIS K. W.	1-31 May 1969
AMO	CAPT	HUEY S. P.	1-31 May 1969
ASO	CAPT	KELLY T. P.	1-31 May 1969

2. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
43	257	1	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of May 1969, VMFA 122 flew 191 sorties for a total of 295.8 hours. The missions accomplished were area familiarization, instrument, air intercepts, advanced air-to-air tactics, and close air support demonstrations.

2. Squadron aircrews received a total of 64 man-hours of intelligence briefings during May.

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The subjects covered included several lectures on aircraft recognition concerning Soviet fighter and transport aircraft. In addition, periodic briefs were given during All Officer Meetings on current intelligence information of interest.

3. During the month of May, VMFA 122 concentrated on the air-to-air phase of training. The air-to-air syllabus was highlighted by airborne intercept missions. Included in the syllabus were air intercepts against electronic counter measures which provide the utmost in crew training. In addition to the air-to-air training, VMFA 122 provided close air support demonstrations during the week of 18-27 May in response to a request from the MCAS Iwakuni Training Officer. The demonstrations added realism to the infantry training and provided reliable training for the squadron and the training sections involved.

4. Brigadier General J. E. WILLIAMS, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, made two visits to Marine Aircraft Group 15 during May. On 6 May, General WILLIAMS attended the MAG 15 formal change of command. Colonel J. A. MITCHELL relieved Colonel C. T. CORCORAN as Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 15. VMFA 122 provided a four plane fly-over highlighting the ceremony. On 23 and 24 May, General WILLIAMS again visited MAG 15 and attended a formal awards ceremony. On 23 May, the General attended a demonstration conducted by VMFA 122 illustrating the squadron's ability to operate from a simulated short airfield for tactical support.

5. On 18 May 1969, VMFA 122 joined with other units from MCAS Iwakuni in organizing a program for Armed Forces Day. The squadron provided an F4B and four crewmembers as a static display during the all day exhibit.

6. On 29 May, VMFA 122 received an operations order directing the squadron to provide four aircraft and crews with support elements to meet an air-to-air hot pad commitment in northern Japan.

7. On 29 May, the squadron launched six aircraft to fulfill the commitment. The aircraft returned to MCAS Iwakuni on 31 May after maintaining an alert status for two days.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Personnel

Officers Joined	8	Enlisted Joined	44
Officers Transferred	5	Enlisted Transferred	30

2. Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins published	11
Savings Bond participation	76%
Officer members of Marine Corps Association	10
Awards received	5

3. Morale/Welfare Programs

- a. On 24 May, a squadron party was held at the Slipway picnic area. The menu consisted of charcoaled hot dogs and hamburgers with beer and soft drinks. Most of the scheduled events at the party were cancelled due to the ever-present Iwakuni rain.
- b. May ended the second month of our softball season. The Crusader's record now stands at seven wins against only one defeat.

4. Career Advisory/Education/Information

Number of personnel interviewed	5
Number of extensions	0
Number of reenlistments	1 (4 years)
New enrollments in correspondence courses	14
Correspondence courses completed	2
Number of Home Town news releases	40

5. Operations Department

- a. The squadron flew a total of 295.8 hours and 191 sorties for the period 1-31 May 1969.
- b. During the month of May 1969, the squadron was on an alert status and was required to maintain a C2 combat readiness. With twelve aircraft on hand, of which eleven aircraft were required to be operationally ready within seventy-two hours, the squadron was restricted to a limited amount of sorties. Operationally ready aircraft were flown one flight each day. On 18 May 1969, two additional aircraft were obtained from the First Marine Aircraft Wing allowing the squadron to return to its normal flight operations until the deployment of a six plane detachment later in the month.

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- c. The squadron flew the following type missions during the month:

Area Familiarization, Instrument, Air Intercepts, Advanced Air-to-Air Tactics and Close Air Support demonstrations.

- d. On 29 May 1969, VMFA 122 launched six aircraft to northern Japan to meet an air-to-air hot pad commitment. The remaining aircraft and aircrews carried on limited flight operation until the detachment returned on 31 May 1969.

- e. The squadron conducted 235 man hours of aircrew training covering the following subjects:

Course Rules, Replacement Crew Brief, ALQ 72/APA 157 Switchology, Manual Deployment of Parachute Procedures, GCA Brief, Hydraulic Contamination, BIT Checks, Radar Techniques, Emergency Egress, Recognition Review and NBC Orientation.

- f. There were 1,012 man hours of basic training conducted during the reporting period.

- g. The squadron officers attended an additional 65 man hours of training at the Group level consisting of 9 hours of intelligence and 56 hours of basic training.

6. Intelligence Section

- a. Squadron aircrews received a total of 64 man hours of intelligence briefings during the reporting period.

7. Ordnance Section

- a. No ordnance was expended during the reporting period.

8. Material Section

	<u>BP01</u>	<u>BF09</u>	<u>BF11</u>	<u>BF50</u>
a. Requisitions Submitted	194	0	12	348
b. Requisitions Completed	66	0	6	189
c. Total Expenditure of BP01 for May	<u>65,112.99</u>			
d. Total Flights Hours for May	<u>295.8</u>			
e. Average Cost per Flight Hour	<u>219.97</u>			

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9. Aircraft Maintenance

a. For the reporting period of May 1969, the following is submitted:

Aircraft Assigned	19
Operational Ready	45.5%
NORM	32.1%
NORS	22.3%

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