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Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY
1-5 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (U) Commanding Officer and Executive Staff Officers

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
C. O.	LTCOL	COCHRAN, J. K.	1-5 September 1969
X. O.	MAJOR	REVIE, R. D.	1-5 September 1969
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	None Assigned		
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1stLt	TURNER, A. B.	1-5 September 1969
OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJOR	DRAFFEN, B. H.	1-5 September 1969
LOGISTICS OFFICER	None Assigned		
AMO	MAJOR	HALPRIN, B. R.	1-5 September 1969
ASO	CAPT	FENNELL, J. P.	1-5 September 1969

2. (C) Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 122 flew 42 sorties for a total of 68.9 hours during the period 1-5 September 1969. The missions accomplished were Test flights and Ferry flights.
2. (S) On August 31 1969, VMFA-122 received an execute movement order for deployment to Chu Lai Air Base, RVN.
3. (U) For the period 1-5 September 1969 a total effort by all personnel was directed toward preparing the aircraft for deployment to Chu Lai and staging of equipment. Staging was commenced on 1 September 1969 and completed on 4 September 1969.
4. (U) On 3 September 1969, an extensive intelligence/operations brief of the Chu Lai Air Base and Viet Nam situation was given to all aircrews.
5. (S) On 3 September 1969 a detachment of 20 men was sent to Naha AB, Okinawa. Their mission was to recover and launch 14 F-4B's en route to Chu Lai RVN.
6. (S) On 4 September 1969 VMFA-122 launched 14 F-4B's for Chu Lai, RVN. The route included refueling stops at Naha AB, Okinawa and NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.
7. (U) On 5 September 1969, the first F-4 of VMFA-122 landed at Chu Lai AB to begin flight operations with First Marine Air Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 13.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined	0	Enlisted Joined	6
Officers Transferred	7	Enlisted Transferred	29

2. (U) Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins Published	0
Savings Bond Participation	67.5%
Awards Received	0

Administration section was closed for the period 1-5 September for the purpose of packing and staging records for deployment to RVN.

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs - N/A

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information - N/A

5. (S) Operations Department

a. The Squadron flew 42 sorties for a total of 68.9 hours during the period 1-4 September 1969.

b. The number of sorties was reduced to an absolute minimum to allow maintenance to prepare the aircraft for deployment, then stage the maintenance gear for shipment to RVN.

c. Flight operations were restricted to Test flights and Ferry flights.

6. (U) Intelligence Section - An Intelligence brief was presented to all aircrews.

7. (U) Ordnance Section - No ordnance was expended during the period 1-5 September 1969.

8. (U) Material Section - N/A

9. (U) Aircraft Maintenance - N/A

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13 (Attn: S-3)

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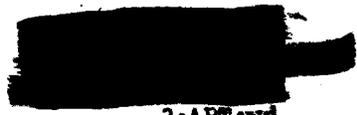
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. (S) Commanding Officer and Executive Staff Officers.

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
C.O.	LtCol	John K. COCHRAN	5-30 Sep 1969
A.O.	Major	Richard D. REVIE	5-30 Sep 1969
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Capt	John J. MILES	5-30 Sep 1969
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	5-30 Sep 1969
OPERATIONS OFFICER	Major	Billy K. DRAFFEN	5-30 Sep 1969
MATERIAL OFFICER	1stLt	George P. SWENNEY III	5-30 Sep 1969
AMO	Major	Bernie R. HALPRIN	5-6 Sep 1969
	Major	Josephus L. MAVRETIC	7-30 Sep 1969
ASO	Capt	James P. FENNELL	5-30 Sep 1969
SQTMJ	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	5-30 Sep 1969

2. (C) Task Organization. VMFA 122, LtCol John K. COCHRAN Commanding Officer. Chu Lai AB, RVN.

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC	
Officers		Enlisted
36		281

	USN	
Officers		Enlisted
1		0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) The complete movement of VMFA-122 aircraft, aircrew, cargo, and personnel was achieved on 6 September 1969. A post-movement inspection was conducted and VMFA-122 is at the present time prepared to deploy as necessary.
2. (S) On 7 September VMFA-122 began combat operations in Chu Lai, RVN. VMFA-122 flew 7 combat sorties for a total of 9.5 hours on the first day of operations.
3. (S) During the reporting period, the squadron flew 321 sorties for a total of 376.4 hours. The missions accomplished were Visual Reconnaissance, TPQ Radar bombing, Close Air Support, Combat Air Patrol, Instrument training and Flight Tests.
4. (C) During the first two days of operations in Chu Lai, all aircrews received intelligence/operations briefings presented by Maj BERGMAN, MAC-13 NATOPS Officer.
5. (S) On 19 September, an F4B, BuNo 152213, assigned to VMFA 122 received strike damage during night landing on wet runway at Chu Lai AB.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined	8	Enlisted Joined	39
Officers Transferred	12	Enlisted Transferred	100

2. (U) Administration

Squadron Orders and Bulletins Published	6
Savings Bond Participation	80.4%
Awards Received	15
Promotions Received	52

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

a. A program has been initiated to inform all squadron personnel of squadron operations while in RVN.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

Number of Personnel Interviewed	11
Number of Extensions	0
Number of Reenlistments	0
New Enrollments in Correspondence Courses	12
Correspondence Courses Completed	0
Number of Home Town News Releases	33

5. (S) Operations Department

a. VMFA-122 flew 321 sorties for a total of 376.4 hours for the period 5-30 September 1969.

b. The squadron flew the following type missions during the month: Visual Reconnaissance, TPQ Radar Bombing, Close Air Support, Combat Air Patrol, Instrument Training, and Flight Tests.

c. Emphasis was placed on safety of flight, instrument training, and completion of the assigned mission. In order to prepare aircrews for flight operations during inclement weather, every flight was briefed to terminate with an instrument approach.

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d. In order to insure maximum safety and mission completion, briefing times were extended for thirty minutes. This policy was administered during the first two weeks of combat operations in RVN.

e. In addition to combat flight operations, squadron aircrews were briefed on the following subjects: Proper preflight procedures for ordnance, Use of ECM and ECOM equipment installed in all MAQ-13 aircraft.

f. All enlisted personnel fam-fired the M-16 rifle.

6. (S) Intelligence Section

a. A detailed chart of I Corps was prepared for use in the squadron ready room. Information depicted includes suitable and emergency fields, significant landmarks, BARCAP tracks and SAR facilities.

7. (S) Ordnance Section

a. Total tons of ordnance expended: 688.96

b. The following type and amount of ordnance were expended:

D-1A Mark 81 (250#)	199
D-2A Retarded Mark 82 (500#)	129
D-2 Banded Mark 82 (500#)	1107
D-2 Conical Mark 82 (500#)	530
D-3 Conical Mark 83 (1000#)	294
D-7 5.00" FFAR	197
D-8 Mark 20-Z	20
D-9 Mark 77	196
D-27 Mark 36 Destructor	35

8. (U) Material Section

	BP01	BP09	BP11	BP50
Requisitions submitted	160	0	23	572
Requisitions completed	64	0	9	386
Total expenditure of BP01 for September	102,622.65			
Total flight hours for September	462.5			
Average cost per flight hour	221.73			

9. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

a. Information is not available due to circumstances beyond squadron control. Data Processing machine is inoperable.

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