

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 122  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13 (S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1970  
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(b) GruO 5750.1  
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 April 1970 - 30 April 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 April 1970: Chu Lai, RVN
3. (C) Commanding Officer and Executive Staff Officers.

<u>ELLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	Robert E. HOWARD Jr.	1-30 April 1970
Executive Officer	Major	Ross C. CHAIMSON	1-30 April 1970
Administrative Officer	Capt	John J. MILES	1-30 April 1970
Intelligence Officer	1stLt	Arlin B. TURNER	1-30 April 1970
Operations Officer	Major	Bernard R. HALPRIN	1-30 April 1970
Material Officer	Capt	George P. SWEENEY	1-30 April 1970
Maintenance Officer	Major	Myrl W. ALLINDER Jr.	1-30 April 1970
Safety Officer	Capt	Larry A. BACKUS	1-30 April 1970
Sgt Maj	SgtMaj	Lealand O. BRIANS	1-30 April 1970

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	Officers	Enlisted
46	256	1	0

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (C) During the month of April, VMFA-122 flew 623 sorties for a total of 606.3 hours. This rate was accomplished with 15 of 20 assigned aircraft on hand, 50.0% full systems radar and 88.0% full systems ECM availability. The type sorties flown included close air support, direct air support, TPQ Radar Bombing, combat air patrol, RESCAP, Escort, Test and Ferry flights.
2. (C) On 5 April, Capt BACKUS led LOVEBUG 401, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission in support of the 1st Recon. Btn. Lt FYKE was his RIO. Lt FRANGER and Capt ELLIS were in the second aircraft. The final controller was HOSTAGE GRINGO. The ordnance carried was 6 D9 and 12 D2A. The BDA was 3 KBMA, 1 bunker destroyed and 2 secondary explosions.
3. (U) On 10 April, Col T. E. MURPHREE, the MAG-13 C.O., led LOVEBUG 534, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission in support of 101st Airborne. His RIO was Capt MILES. LtCol R. E. HOWARD piloted the second aircraft and the Assistant Commander 1st MAW, EGen R. H. SPANJER, flew as RIO.
4. (C) On 11 April, Capt BACKUS led LOVEBUG 214, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission controlled by BLACK ACE. His RIO was Lt FYKE. Lt BURPEE and Lt SZABOLCS were in the second aircraft. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A and 7 D9. The BDA was 4 KBMA, 5 structures destroyed and 4 bunkers destroyed.
5. (C) On 13 April, LtCol HOWARD led LOVEBUG 539, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a TPQ calibration in support of Quang Tri ASRT. His RIO was Capt MILES with Lt FRANGER and Lt HALL in the second aircraft. The ordnance carried was 10 D3WY. The BDA was 35 KBMA.
6. (C) On 27 April, Capt BACKUS led LOVEBUG 207, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission supporting the 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt FYKE. Capt HORSFALL and Lt CAUSER were in the second aircraft. The final controller was BILK 11. The ordnance carried was 12 D2A and 7 D9. The BDA was 13 KBMA.
7. (C) On 27 April, Major HALPRIN led LOVEBUG 013, a flight of two F-4Bs, on a CAS mission also supporting the 101st Airborne. His RIO was Lt TAYLOR. Capt COSTELLO and Lt MABEY were in the second aircraft. The final controller was BILK 11. The ordnance carried was 24 D2W. The BDA was 12 KBMA.

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## PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. (U) Personnel

Officers Joined:	1	Enlisted Joined:	11
Officers Transferred:	2	Enlisted Transferred:	17

## 2. (U) Administration

a. Squadron Orders and Bulletins published: 2

b. Average Savings Bond participation: 63%

## c. Awards

## (1) Award recommendations submitted:

- (a) CASCIO, J. T., 1stLt, DFC
- (b) ELLIS, B. R., Capt, DFC
- (c) FRANGER, E. M., 1stLt DFC
- (d) HALPRIN, B. R., Major, DFC
- (e) McLELLAN, D. K., 1stLt, DFC
- (f) PEPER, W. T., 1stLt, DFC
- (g) SWEENEY, G. P., Capt, DFC
- (h) TUTHILL, J. G., Capt, DFC
- (i) MERTZ, C. D., SSgt, BS
- (j) SEATON, W. M., 1stLt, AM 2-8th Award
- (k) MAVRETIC, J. L., Major, AM 7-22nd Award
- (l) HALPRIN, B. R., Major, AM 2-13th Award
- (m) JORDAN, J. F., Sgt, NCM
- (n) HERNANDEZ, M. A., GySgt, NCM
- (o) ROSS, J. B., Cpl, NCM

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(p) ELLIS, B. R., Capt, NCM  
(q) GIBSON, G. A., LCpl, NCM  
(r) FINNER, S. W., GySgt, NCM  
(s) LUGO, W., GySgt, NCM  
(t) ARTMAN, R. L., SSgt, NCM  
(u) MEADE, J. D., GySgt, NCM  
(v) ATWOOD, S. L., Sgt, NAM  
(w) SNODDY, T. M., Sgt, NAM  
(x) SMALLWOOD, T. H., Sgt, NAM  
(y) WOEGER, W. L., Sgt, NAM  
(z) KALASH, D. J., Sgt, NAM  
(aa) MILLAR, S. D., Cpl, NAM  
(bb) PETTY, S. F., Cpl, NAM  
(cc) TURBYFILL, C. L., Cpl, NAM  
(dd) LEY, R. M., Sgt, NAM  
(ee) BRALY, V. E., Sgt, NAM  
(ff) LAMBERT, L. B., Cpl, NAM  
(gg) DOPITA, D. B., Sgt, NAM  
(hh) BYRD, C. C., Cpl, NAM  
(ii) DIMIT, R. W., 1stLt, CAR  
(jj) LACKEY, W. E., Sgt, CAR  
(kk) McLELLAN, D. K., 1stLt, CAR  
(ll) FRANGER, E. M., 1stLt, CAR  
(mm) KLUG, T. J., Capt, CAR

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- (nn) GUICE, P. N., Cpl, C of C
- (oo) PLOTNIK, J. J., Cpl, C of C
- (pp) GROOMS, R. L., Sgt, C of C
- (qq) NORTON, R. L., GySgt, C of C

(2) Awards Presented:

- (a) HALL, F. R., 1stLt, AM 1st Award
- (b) ANDERSON, R. B., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (c) BUSBIN, J. Y. Jr, Cpl, Good Conduct
- (d) GLENN, J. M., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (e) HICKMAN, C. H., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (f) HODGES, M. B., Sgt, Good Conduct
- (g) JORDAN, D. O., Sgt, Good Conduct
- (h) MAGYAR, J., Sgt, Good Conduct
- (i) OCASIO, A. S., Cpl, Good Conduct
- (j) PERRY, W. J., LCpl, Good Conduct
- (k) TANGUAY, R. J. P., Cpl, Good Conduct

3. (U) Morale/Welfare Programs

- a. On 17 April the officers and enlisted men enjoyed a squadron party.

4. (U) Career Advisory/Education/Information

- a. During the reporting period, 5 interviews were held. There were no reenlistments and no extensions.
- b. There were 5 new enrollments in correspondence courses and a total of 109 enrolled in off duty education.
- c. There were 20 hometown news releases during April.
- d. There were 453 man-hours of Technical Training during the reporting period.

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## 5. (U) Civic Action

a. On 14 April 4 Officers and 14 Enlisted men visited the orphanage at Tam Ky. Various amounts of food and clothing were presented to the orphans.

## 6. (C) Air Operations

a. Sorties		Hours
Sorties Scheduled	368	606.3
Combat Sorties Flown	604	
Combat Sorties Canx	38	
Ground Aborts	17	
Air Aborts	4	
Non-combat sorties Flown	17	17.5
Total Sorties Flown	623	

## b. Types of Sorties Flown

CAS	355
DAS (ST)	1
TPQ	164
BARCAP	6
Scramble	108
Test	8
Ferry	9
MIGCAP	3
ESC	58
RESCAP	13

## c. Sorties Flown in Support of

III MAF	208
Army	260
7th AF	52
ARVN	21
ROK	4
Navy	7

## d. Operations Supported:

(1) Texas Star	(4) Golden Dragon	(7) Steel Tiger
(2) Randolph Glenn	(5) Iron Mountain	
(3) Geneva Park	(6) Frederick Hill	

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## e. Ordnance

(1) Total tons of ordnance expended was 1366.2650. The percentage of ordnance loaded and actually expended was 99.21.

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

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
MK 81 S/E	210	57.3450
MK 81 CON	802	111.0770
MK 82 S/E	476	130.6620
MK 82 CON	2236	569.0620
MK 83 CON	665	335.4260
MK 77 NAP	354	92.7480
MK 24 CBU	91	37.7650
MK 49 CBU	74	30.7100
MK 20 CBU	6	1.4760

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	1	Vehicles Damaged	1
Bunkers Destroyed	20	Enemy Positions Dest.	25
Secondary Fires	15	Secondary Explosions	14
Structures Damaged	16	Treeline (Meters)	1400
Structures Destroyed	3	Ordnance Jettisoned	8
Meters of Road Cut	100	Caves Uncovered	13
Trench Line (Meters)	50	Tunnels Dest (Meters)	350
Killed by A/C (Conf.)	67	Meters of Trail Cut	250

## 7. (U) Aviation Safety

a. Ground Accidents: None

b. Direct Enemy Action Mishaps:

(1) 25-70I, F-4B, 150419, Echo damage/Golf injury, 275/28 PHU BAI Tacan. Post flight inspection revealed a large hole through lower and upper port intake duct which caused utility hydraulic and pneumatic system failure just prior to landing. Hit on attack run, 4500' broken, 7 miles visibility, day 9 April 1970.

(2) 27-70I, F-4B, 149465, Echo damage/Golf injury, 230/16 Quang Tri

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Tacan. Post flight inspection revealed small arms hole in port main landing gear door. Round passed through door, severed hydraulic lines causing PC-1 and utility hydraulic failure and blew port main tire. Hit on attack run, 5000' scattered 5 miles visibility, day, 22 April 1970.

(3) 28-70I, F-4B, 150426, Echo damage/Golf injury, 350/13 Quang Tri Tacan. Post flight revealed small arms hole through fuselage 3 inches above arresting hook. Hit on attack run, 800' broken 6 miles visibility, day, 24 April 1970.

(4) 29-70I, F-4B, 149447, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 241/28 Danang Tacan. Post flight revealed small arms hole and considerable damage to port TER. No damage to aircraft. Hit coming off attack run, 3000' scattered 7 miles visibility, day, 25 April 1970.

(5) 30-70I, F-4B, 151502, Foxtrot damage/Golf injury, 190/22 Danang Tacan. Lead aircraft discovered heavily damaged nose cone of starboard external fuel tank of wingman. No damage to aircraft. Hit on attack run, 3000' broken 7 miles visibility, day, 26 April 1970.

c. Operational Mishaps:

(1) 26-70I, F-4B, 151465, Echo damage/Golf injury, Chu Lai AB, RVN. Both stabilator tips damaged by cable slap, port nose wheel broken, port nose wheel tire blown and nose gear strut replaced as precautionary measure resulting from in flight engagement of arresting gear when aircraft became airborne in an attempted short field arrestment for utility hydraulic failure. Weather no factor, day, 12 April 1970.

8. (U) Material

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

	BP01	BP09	BP11	BP50
Requisitions submitted:	214	11	9	594
Requisitions completed:	161	5	15	450

9. (U) Aircraft Maintenance

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

<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>% READY</u>
20 Aircraft (15 operational)	54.8
5 NC-10	40.0
3 NCPP-105	66.0
2 Tractors	50.0
2 High air compressors	50.0
2 Low air compressors	50.0

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<u>ASSIGNED (cont.)</u>	<u>% READY</u>
3 Hyd Test Stands	33.0
5 Flood Light units	0.0

## b. Aircraft Status

- (1) The squadron had 15.0 aircraft on hand and a 30.8% NORM rate.
- (2) NORS was 14.4%
- (3) Utilization - 139.0%

## c. Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>F/N</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>Days Out</u>
NGS Unit	OMP 2202-91	1620-938-3574	13
Generator	2CM261C1	6615-814-7051	8
TCRP	32-87074-307	1560-877-3402	41
Oil Line	32-57007-68	4720-992-5177	23

## d. Significant Problem Areas

(1) The Ground Support Equipment (GSE) problem continues to be critical. Inadequate numbers of NC-10's, tractors and SATS leaders continues to slow the maintenance effort.

(2) The NORS rate continues high with an AOCF rate close to two AOCF's per aircraft per day.

(3) F-4B, BuNo 150441 has been down over 60 days due to the inadvertent firing of the rear cockpit H-7 Martin Baker ejection seat. Seventeen parts are yet to be received before repairs can commence.

(4) The Ordnance Section has a manning level of one Officer and 34 men. Present on hand strength is zero Officers and 23 men creating a severe manpower shortage in this section critical to combat operations.

## 10. (U) Important Visitors.

a. On 7 April Major General W. G. THRASH, CG 1st MAW, toured the squadron area.

b. On 10 April Brigadier General R. H. SPANJER, Assistant Commander 1st MAW, flew with the squadron.

c. On 30 April Brigadier General SPANJER and his relief, Brigadier General R. F. CONLEY, visited the squadron area.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

(U) There are no supporting documents submitted.