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Marine Aircraft Group 13  
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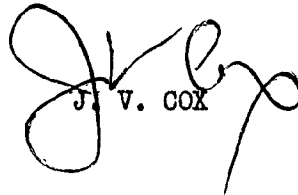
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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the month of May

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
J. V. COX

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 MAY 1970 - 31 MAY 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115

Lieutenant Colonel J. V. COX

1 - 31 May 1970

2. Location

1-31 May 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of VietNam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer  
 Operations Officer  
 S-1 Officer  
 S-2 Officer  
 Logistics Officer  
 Avn Safety Officer  
 Maintenance Officer  
 Flight Surgeon  
 Sergeant Major

Major R. E. HEALD  
 Major C. R. FAIRCHILD  
 Captain L. A. STULTS  
 1stLt L. E. AMICK  
 Captain F. J. MEIER  
 Captain C. MADSEN  
 Major R. L. HANLE  
 Lt. (USN) G. H. HUGHES  
 SgtMaj W. F. SEARS

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED
47	245	1	0	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May the "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 flew 689 combat sorties in support of operations throughout the I Corps, II Corps The DMZ, Barrier Combat Air Patrols over the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the 7th Fleet and Bomber Escort Missions, generally over Laos in support of the 7th Air Force. The squadron also established an new record of 723 total sorties for one month.

Operations supported by the officers and men of VMFA-115 included Texas Star, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Fredrick Hill, Golden Dragon, and Randolph Glen. Units receiving scheduled or on call Close Air Support included, the First Marine Division, 5th, 7th and 17th Infantry Army, 24th Corps U. S. Army, Special Forces, 1st Battalion 5th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 1st Recon Battalion, Americal Division, 7th Fleet, 101st Airborne Division, 7th Air Force, ROK Marines and ARVN Forces. The multi-mission capability of the F-4B was demonstrated by the diversity of missions flown by the "Silver Eagles" crews. These included Close Air Support, Barrier Cap, Mig Cap, Direct Air Support, Escort, and Air to Air hot pad launches.

On 7 May, 2 F4B's of the "Silver Eagles" flew a close air support mission in support of the 1st ARVN. The crews consisting of Major R. L. HANLE - (Pilot), 1stLt J. K. RAITHIEL - (RIO), Captain C. MADSEN - (Pilot), and 1stLt A. C. BARTEL - (RIO), carrying D2A and D9 bombs. The mission consisted of a recon extraction with troops in contact. With superior flying and accurate bombing a total of 32 enemy troops were killed by Marine Air (confirmed).

On the morning Of 21 May the "Silver Eagles" flew their 30,000th combat hour in the Republic of Vietnam. A remarkable feat that continues to prove that VMFA-115 is the best fighter attack squadron in the world.

Bomb Damage Assessment for the month of May include 46 enemy killed, 21 structures destroyed and 5 damaged, 177 bunkers destroyed and 24 damaged, 116 secondary explosions or fires, 2 military vehicles destroyed, and 1 damaged, 2 .50 caliber sites destroyed, 3 .30 caliber sites destroyed, 2 anti-aircraft sites destroyed, 14 road cuts and 42 booby traps destroyed.

During the month of May, VMFA-115 dropped 1371.69 tons of ordnance on the insurgent enemy forces for average daily tonnage of just over 44.24 tons. Expended ordnance was 12 MK-81 250 pound bombs, 744 MK-77 500 pound fire bombs, 3,803 MK-82 500 pound bombs and 425 MK-83 1000 pound bombs were delivered. In addition 209 5 inch Zuni rockets were fired and 90 CBU 20, 49 and 24 were delivered.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. The below is a sequential listing of significant events of VMFA-115, occurring during the reporting period of 1-31 May 1970.

a. Combat missions assigned;

(1) 431 Combat Missions were assigned to the "Silver Eagles".

b. Combat missions flown;

(1) 689 Combat Missions were completed by VMFA-115.

c. Air Operations;

(1) Total Hours	699.5
(2) Total Sorties	723
(3) Combat Hours	671.5
(4) Combat Sorties	689
(5) High Day Hours	38.0
(6) High Day Sorties	40
(7) Average Pilot Hours	28.0
(8) Average Pilot Sorties	29
(9) Average RIO Hours	33.2
(10) Average RIO Sorties	34
(11) Non-Squadron Hours	56.5
(12) Non-Squadron Sorties	51

d. Significant Operation supported;

(1) Texas Star  
(2) Geneva Park  
(3) Iron Mountain  
(4) Fredrick Hill  
(5) Golden Dragon  
(6) Randolph Glen

e. Bomb Damage Assessment;

(1) Bunkers Destroyed - 177  
(2) Bunkers Damaged - 24  
(3) Structures Destroyed - 21  
(4) Structures Damaged - 5  
(5) Hooches Destroyed - 2  
(6) Secondary Explosions - 45  
(7) Secondary Fires - 71  
(8) Military Vehicles Destroyed - 2

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- (9) Killed By Marine Air (KBMA) - 46
  - (10) Fighting Positions Destroyed - 10
  - (11) Fighting Positions Damaged - 9
  - (12) Tree Line Destroyed - 3700 Meters
  - (13) Road Cuts - 14
  - (14) Boats Destroyed - 1
  - (15) Bridges Destroyed - 1
  - (16) Anti-Aircraft Sites Destroyed - 2
  - (17) Mortar Positions Destroyed 3
  - (18) Automatic Weapons Destroyed - 17
  - (19) Booby Traps Destroyed - 42
  - (20) Caves Destroyed - 1

f. Civic Action.

(1) There were no personnel response tours during the month of May, due to the threat of high enemy activity.

g. Training.

(1) During the month of May, Captain MADSEN and Lt LINK attended PJSS at Clark AFB. Lt's FOGG, SCHEULLER AND MONESMITH attended ABCCC Orientation at Udorn Thailand. Lt DEMPSEY attended JEST at Cubi Pt.

h. Administration.

(1) Awards.

(a) 18 Good Conduct Medals were awarded during the month of May.

(2) Promotions.

(a) E-3 to E-4	9
(b) E-5 to E-6	1
(c) E-7 to E-8	1

(3) Morale

(a) 3 Officers and 9 enlisted personnel enjoyed R&R during the month of May.

i. Personnel.

(1) Lt ZAHN and Lt McGLAUGHLIN joined from El Toro and Lt CALLAHAN started his FAC tour.

j. Air Support.

(a) During the month of May, Major HEALD flew his 900th mission

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Captain STULTS flew his 400th mission. Lt's BREWER and AMICK flew their 300th mission. LtCol COX flew his 200th mission and Lt's SILVER, SANDBERG, MCGILL, PANCHISON, SCHEULLER, TIBBS and Major FAIRCHILD flew their 200th mission. Lt's BROOKS, VREELAND, RISSEL, FOGG and LINK flew their 100th mission.

(2) Air Defense

(a) The "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 flew 20 Barrier Combat Air Patrol missions over the Gulf Of Tonkin and 15 Bomber Escort Missions were flown generally over Laos. No MIG contacts were made.

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