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Marine Aircraft Group 15
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Encl: (1) VMFA-232 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (d), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. (U) DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 232

LtCol. E. R. MAAG
1 July - 31 July 1972

2. (U) LOCATION

1 July - 31 July - Royal Thai Air Base, Nam Phong Thailand

3. (U) STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj J. K. ALBRIGHT JR	1 - 31 July 72
Operations Officer	Maj A. E. PEET	1 - 31 July 72
Administrative Officer	Capt R. DINKEL	1 - 31 July 72
Logistics Officer	Capt B. E. JANKIEWICZ	1 - 31 July 72
Maintenance Officer	Capt C. L. CULLER	1 - 31 July 72
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt R. K. WARD	1 - 31 July 72
Intelligence Officer	1/LT E. SALANIUK	1 - 31 July 72

4. (C) AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. Marine Officers	<u>July</u>
(1) Naval Aviators	19
(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	1
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	0
(5) Air Force Exchange Aviator	0
b. Marine Enlisted	214

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Enclosure (1)

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(U) July 1972 was a very successful month for the Red Devils of VMFA-232. The squadron continued to support the RVN in the air-to-ground role, plus it was given the added responsibility of supporting the U. S. Air Force Linebacker Series by flying BARCAP missions over North Vietnam. Flying these two separate missions, the squadron produced 370 sorties for 656.5 flight hours. It should be noted that the Linebacker Series was cancelled 50% of the days scheduled due to weather, which seriously affected the squadron output of sorties and hours.

Despite the fact that the squadron had to support two separate missions, the maintenance effort was outstanding. The Air-to-Air aircraft had their radar and missile systems checked-out and tested so that all aircraft were able to perform their mission successfully. Although VMFA-232 dedicated the majority of its aircraft to air-to-air, it still sent out 164 bombing sorties which produced the following BDA.

61 Secondary Explosions	3 Structures Damaged
35 Sustained Fires	10 Bunkers Destroyed
2 Tanks Destroyed	1 Tracked Vehicle Destroyed
7 Trucks Destroyed	1 Tracked Vehicle Damaged
2 Trucks Damaged	1 130mm Gun Destroyed
6 Structures Destroyed	1 130mm Gun Damaged

The ability of VMFA-232 to successfully perform two separate combat missions reflects the professional attitude maintained by each member of the squadron, which lends to the continued success of VMFA-232.

PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) Personnel

	<u>Officer</u> July	<u>Enlisted</u> July
Joined	1	29
Transferred	1	2
Promoted	3	5

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2. (U) Awards 6

3. (C) Air Operations

July

Total Sorties	370
Total Flight Hours	656.5
High Day Sorties	20
High Day Hours	38.1
Average Pilot Strength	19
Average Pilot Hours	34
Average Pilot Sorties	19
Average RIO Strength	18
Average RIO Hours	36
Average RIO Sorties	20

4. (C) Maintenance

July

Aircraft Assigned	19
A/C Operational Readiness	80%
Average A/C available	11
Calendar Inspection	3

5. (U) Aviation Safety

July	<u>Accident</u>	<u>Ground Accident</u>	<u>Incident</u>
	1 (DEA)	1	0

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