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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 September to 8 September 1970  
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Encl: (1) VMA(AW)-242 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 SEPTEMBER 1970 - 30 SEPTEMBER 1970

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Since the beginning of this month, the squadron has been intensely involved with making preparations for the TRANSPAC. On 1 September, three aircraft were launched to CONUS under the operational control of VFR-32; that same day we transferred two aircraft to VMA(AW)-533, 1st MAW(REAR). On 3 September, we transferred two more aircraft to VMA(AW)-533, and on 7 September the last aircraft scheduled for transfer was launched. Four aircraft will comprise our squadron assets for the TRANSPAC.

On 3 September, LtGen W. K. JONES, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, was briefed on the operations of the Vega Beacon by Maj P. J. MCCARTHY.

On 8 September, at about 0930, VMA(AW)-242 departed Danang, thus ending the longest combat tour that any A6A squadron has spent in Vietnam.

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

VMA(AW)-242

COMMANDER

MAJOR P. J. MCCARTHY  
(1-8 September 1970)

2. LOCATION

1-8 September 1970: DANANG AIR BASE, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major B. L. COLEMAN	1-8 September 1970
Administration Officer	1/Lt M. D. LANGSTON	1-8 September 1970
Operations Officer	Capt W. T. BRIDGHAM JR.	1-8 September 1970
Logistics Officer	1/Lt K. R. PTACK	1-8 September 1970
Maintenance Officer	Capt T. L. BROWN	1-8 September 1970
Safety Officer	Capt W. D. CARR	1-8 September 1970
Material Officer	1/Lt W. A. WHEELER	1-8 September 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

OFF	ENL
19	60

USN

OFF	ENL
0	0

OTHER

OFF	ENL
0	0

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## PART III

1. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 September LtGen W. K. JONES, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, was briefed on the operation of the Vega Beacon by Maj P. J. MCCARTHY, Commanding Officer, VMA(AW)-242.
- 8 September On or about 0930, VMA(AW)-242, departed Danang, thus ending the longest combat tour that any A6A squadron has spent in Vietnam.

2. SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS

a. Day Sorties Scheduled	<u>16</u>	Day Sorties Flown	<u>12</u>
Night Sorties Scheduled	<u>0</u>	Night Sorties Flown	<u>0</u>
Total Sorties Scheduled	<u>16</u>	Total Sorties Flown	<u>12</u>
Sorties Cancelled	<u>1</u>	Write-in Sorties	<u>1</u>

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## b. Units Supported

Marines \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
7th AF \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
Army \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
ARVN \_\_\_\_\_ 0

## c. Types of Sorties

CAS 0 TPQ 0 AR 0 BCN 0 TEST 1 TRAINING 6 AIR ABORT 0  
FERRY 5

## d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
\* Operational Hours \_\_\_\_\_ 7.7  
Total Hours \_\_\_\_\_ 7.7

\* Due to no message reply from ferry crews, the Operational Hours are 7.7 hours.

## e. Ordnance

TOTAL TONNAGE FOR THE PERIOD 1-8 SEPTEMBER 1970 \_\_\_\_\_ 0

## f. Bomb Damage Assessment

BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1-8 SEPTEMBER 1970 \_\_\_\_\_ 0

3. Personnel. Twelve (12) Enlisted personnel were transferred up to this date. Two (2) Enlisted personnel were joined up to this date. Seventeen (17) Marines were promoted to the rank of Sergeant up to this date.

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#### 4. Administration

- a. There were no Savings Bonds taken out up to this date.
- b. There were no Hometown News Releases processed up to this date.
- c. There was one (1) education interview held up to this date. There were no high school GED tests taken up to this date. There were no USAFI or MCI courses enrolled up to this date. There were no college comprehension tests taken up to this date. There were no applications for High School Certificates up to this date.

5. Aviation Safety. There were no aircraft incidents during the reporting period 1 through 8 September 1970.

#### 6. Maintenance

- a. There were five (5) aircraft transferred to VMA(AW)-233, 1st MAW (REAR).
- b. Based on extensive maintenance repair our operational readiness stands at 100%.

#### 7. Logistics

- a. Air conditioning repair continues to be a serious problem. At the present time a privately owned air conditioner, in a very poor state of repair, has been pressed into service in the storage van for survival radios and flight equipment.
- b. All requisitions have been cancelled up to this date.
- c. 1stLt VANCE and working party went to Okinawa to pick up all gear stored there by personnel going to El Toro with the squadron.
- d. On 7 September, the Enroute Support Team Advance party took off for Cubi Point.
- e. On 8 September, four (4) A6A's being transferred to El Toro were launched by the Enroute Support Team Follow-Up Party for Cubi Point.

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Four (4) people from VMA(AW)-242 were left behind to supervise working parties for clean up details and completion of embarkation. The working parties were made up of men formally assigned to VMA(AW)-242.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

SECTION I      Corrected Daily Flight Schedule for period 1-8 September 1970

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