

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFAC
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) HGO 5750.1C
 (b) GRAD 5750.1D

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1 - 31 January 1969

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the period 1 - 31 January 1969, is submitted as enclosure (1).

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COMBAT CHRONOLOGY

MAINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13
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APO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96602

DANANG AIR BASE, VIETNAM

1 - 24 JANUARY 1969

CHU LAI AIR BASE, VIETNAM

24 - 31 JANUARY 1969

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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6 February 19691. Commanding Officer and Executive Staff.

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	J. R. SHERMAN	1 - 31 January 1969
Executive Officer	Major	G. MAZOLIAN	1 - 31 January 1969
S-1 Officer	Captain	G. S. LIDLEY	1 - 31 January 1969
S-3 Officer	Major	H. J. BOND	1 - 31 January 1969
S-4 Officer	Major	J. E. MAY	1 - 31 January 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major	C. B. JOHNSTON	1 - 31 January 1969
Safety Officer	Major	M. H. BRANUM	1 - 31 January 1969

2. Unit Organization and Location.

1 - 24 January 1969, WFA-334, DaNang Air Base, Republic of South Viet-Nam.
 14 - 31 January 1969, WFA-334, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of South Viet-Nam.

3. Average Monthly Strength.

Marine Corps Officer:	42
Marine Corps Enlisted:	250
Navy Officer:	1

4. Important Visitors.

None.

Part II. Narrative of Significant Highlights.

On 1 January 1969 Major G. MAZOLIAN and 1stLt E. L. MCMEILAN (RTO) and their wingman Captain S. J. TRACHTA and 1stLt J. N. MAILLIARD (RTO) successfully attacked an enemy storage area supporting Operation Commando Hunt. Despite 37MM fire, the flight delivered its ordnance on target (10D26Y, 697) and destroyed an ammo dump resulting in a large sustained fire and thirty-one secondary explosions.

On 3 January 1969 Major J. E. MAY and Captain D. S. LADENBY (RTO) and their wingman Captain J. F. HAMMAM and 1stLt L. L. STAGOFF (RTO) supporting operation Steel Tiger successfully destroyed an enemy storage area with their six D7's and sixteen D2V's producing eleven secondary fires and a large secondary explosion.

WFA-334 was occupied during the entire month of January with the task of moving its base of operations from DaNang to Chu Lai. Despite the burdens of embarkation WFA-334 continued to fly combat sorties every day during the month. Operating with a divided operations and maintenance base, 334 flew frugged sorties daily from the Chu Lai Air Base and nightly from the DaNang Air Base during the period 20 - 24 January. On 24 January LtCol J. R. SHERMAN

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led the final section of F4D's from DaNang to Chu Lai, completing the transfer from MAC-11 to MAC-13. A superior effort by the officers and men of WFA-334 resulted in 616 sorties and over 730 hours of combat flight operations supporting III MAF in I Corps.

Part III. Significant Events.

1. Personnel.

- a. WFA-334 joined three officers and 66 enlisted.
- b. WFA-334 transferred one officer and 79 enlisted.

2. Administration.

- a. Captains W. H. HANSEN and H. H. GIBBS were promoted to their present rank during January. WFA-334 also had one promotion to Corporal.
- b. WFA-334 had no reenlistments or extensions during January.

3. Awards.

a. Air Medals.

- (1) Flight/Strike - 60.
- (2) Single Mission - None.

b. Distinguished Flying Cross - 9.

c. Purple Heart - 2.

4. Air Operations.

a. Sorties.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Day Scheduled - 370 | (5) Write In - 41 |
| (2) Night Scheduled - 270 | (6) Day Flown - 341 |
| (3) Total Sorties Scheduled - 640 | (7) Night Flown - 275 |
| (4) Cancelled - 109 | |

Total Sorties Flown - 616

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b. Type of Service flown.

- (1) Scramble (ASA, ADA) - 44
- (2) Escort - 23
- (3) F-4 - 174
- (4) Barcap - 16
- (5) G-4 - 225
- (6) G-4S - 148
- (7) Post - 3
- (8) Other - 12

c. Target flown.

- (1) Combat Hours - 700.8
- (2) Operational Hours - 2.0
- Total Hours - 702.8

d. Ordinance.

- (1) Total tons of ordinance expended - 1070.3
- (2) The following type and amounts of ordinance were expended:
 - B-1 Mark 81 (2500) - 216
 - B-2 Mark 82 (5000) - 3208
 - B-5 2.75" Rockets (19) - 5138
 - B-7 LAU-10A (SENA) - 1232
 - B-9 M-77 (5000) RAP - 269
 - B-14 GBU-24 - 50
 - B-15 GBU-49 - 39
 - B-23 20 MI - 8169 rounds

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D-26 M117 (750% GP) - 120

D-32 - 27

o. Bomb Damage Assessment.

- (1) bunkers Destroyed - 45
- (2) Secondary Fires - 41
- (3) Structures Destroyed - 59
- (4) Motors of Trenchline - 140
- (5) Road Cuts - 2
- (6) Trail Cuts - 5
- (7) Motors of Traps Destroyed - 370
- (8) Secondary Explosions - 45
- (9) Ammunition Dump Destroyed - 1
- (10) Bunkers Damaged - 6
- (11) Structures Damaged - 17
- (12) KBA (C) - 13
- (13) Trucks Destroyed - 1
- (14) Sumpers Destroyed - 4
- (15) 37 MI Destroyed - 2
- (16) 50 Gal. Destroyed - 2
- (17) 37 MI Silenced - 2
- (18) 23 MI Silenced - 2

f. Operations Supported.

- (1) Cold Mariner - 4

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- (2) Commando Hunt - 92
- (3) Dawson River - 4
- (4) Doney Canyon - 6
- (5) Dragon Victory - 6
- (6) Kentucky - 4
- (7) Marshall Mountain - 6
- (8) Nevada Eagle - 54
- (9) Russell Beach - 8
- (10) Steel Tiger - 22
- (11) Taylor Common - 26
- (12) Vernon Lake - 4

c. Units Supported.

- (1) III MAF - 276
- (2) 7th AF - 147
- (3) U. S. Army - 153
- (4) CTF-77 - 16
- (5) MACV - 14
- (6) ARVN - 10

d. Aircraft Disposal.

Memo.

5. Aviation Safety.

a. Ground Accidents. Memo.

b. Incidents, No injuries, Limited Damage. Memo.

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c. Direct Enemy Action Hit Incidents, Limited Damage, No Injuries.

On 7 January EAJ 155770 received one small caliber round in the starboard wing tank pylons. Limited damage and no injuries.

On 8 January EAJ 155762 received one small caliber round in the starboard wing drop tank. Limited damage and no injuries.

On 8 January EAJ 155770 received one small arms round in the top of aircraft panel 24 (Turtle Back). Limited damage and no injuries.

On 23 January EAJ 155541 received one 30 caliber round in the port outer wing panel. Limited damage and no injuries.

6. Logistics.

a. Requisitions submitted in December, completed in January and those still pending:

	EP-50		EP-01		EP-11	
	COMP.	PENDING	COMP.	PENDING	COMP.	PENDING
WORS-	30	14	0	0	0	0
AKI-	47	59	0	0	0	0
PRG-05	27	112	16	17	6	23

b. Requisitions submitted, completed and outstanding for the month of January.

	EP-50		EP-01		EP-11					
	SUB.	COMP.	OUT	SUB.	COMP.	OUT	SUB.	COMP.	OUT	
WORS-	51	38	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AKI-	97	27	33	5	1	4	0	0	0	
PRG-05	68	10	78	6	3	3	16	3	13	

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