

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
 FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96602

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Command Chronology (Unclassified upon removal of Enclosure (1))

From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C
 (b) GruO 5750.1D

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for 1 - 28 February 1969

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the period 1 - 28 February 1969, is submitted as enclosure (1).



S. E. D'ANGELO III

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ENCLOSURE (7)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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CHU LAI AIR BASE, VIET NAM

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates</u>
Commanding Officer	LtCol	J. R. SHERMAN	1 - 12 February 1969
Commanding Officer	LtCol	S. E. D'ANGELO III	13 - 28 February 1969
Executive Officer	Major	G. MATOIAN	1 - 8 February 1969
Executive Officer	Major	H. J. BOND	9 - 28 February 1969
S-1 Officer	Captain	G. S. LIBEY	1 - 12 February 1969
S-1 Officer	Captain	B. R. BAIRD	13 - 28 February 1969
S-3 Officer	Major	H. J. BOND	1 - 8 February 1969
S-3 Officer	Major	F. L. PIERI	9 - 28 February 1969
S-4 Officer	Major	J. E. MAY	1 - 28 February 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major	C. B. JOHNSTON	1 - 28 February 1969
Safety Officer	Major	M. H. BRANUM	1 - 28 February 1969

2. Average Monthly Strength.

Marine Corps Officer: 40
 Marine Corps Enlisted: 248
 Navy Officer: 1

3. Task Organization and Location.

1 - 28 February 1969, VMFA-334, Chu Lai, Air Base, Republic of South Viet Nam.

4. Important Visitors.

None.

Part II. Narrative of Significant Highlights.

During the month of February VMFA-334 continued combat operations from Fightertown, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of South Viet Nam. The Falcons of 334 flew 438 sorties and 540 hours supporting III MAF, 7th AF, U. S. Army, ROK, ARVN and CTF-77, in operations Dewey Canyon, Commando Hunt, Steel Tiger, Nevada Eagle and Taylor Common.

Despite a critical shortage of F4J brake assemblies which forced cancellation of flight operations from 14 - 17 February, 334 still expended 1011 tons of ordnance while destroying 58 bunkers, 88 structures, 5 trucks, 4 automatic weapons positions, 3 rocket sites and damaging 19 bunkers, 44 structures and 2 trucks. The Falcons also were credited with 60 KBMA (C), 7 WBMA (C), 15 secondary explosions and 33 secondary fires.

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On 7 February, Captain R. A. DELEIDI and 1stLt J. W. MAXWELL (RIO) were hit by small arms fire while striking a target south of DaNang. The aircraft burst into flames and the flight leader ordered the crew to eject. Captain DELEIDI maintained control of the flaming aircraft allowing 1stLt MAXWELL to perform a successful ejection. Captain DELEIDI's heroic actions cost him his life, he was not observed to eject and was declared MIA. Upon termination of SAR efforts, he was declared dead. 1stLt MAXWELL was picked up by a helicopter and later medevaced to USNH Guam with a broken elbow. Captain DELEIDI was recommended for a Silver Star.

On 24 February, Major C. B. JOHNSTON and 1stLt E. L. MCMENAMY (RIO) led a section of F4J's in support of the Americal Division west of Quang Ngai and delivered their ordnance (D24, 7D9, 6D1A) against an enemy storage area. Besides destroying 2 structures, the flight was later credited with 40 KBMA.

Part III. Significant Events.

1. Personnel.

- a. VMFA-334 joined five officers and three enlisted.
- b. VMFA-334 transferred four officers and three enlisted.

2. Administrative.

- a. Captain A. J. BOROWY was promoted to his present rank in February. VMFA-334 also had one promotion to Master Sergeant, three to Staff Sergeant, one to Corporal, and one Lance Corporal.
- b. VMFA-334 had no reenlistments or extensions during February.

3. Awards.

a. Air Medals.

- (1) Flight/Strike System - 74
- (2) Single Mission - None

- b. Silver Star - one recommendation submitted.

- c. Distinguished Flying Cross - eight recommendations submitted.

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- (1) Day Sorties Flown - 331
- (2) Night Sorties Flown - 157
- (3) Total Sorties Flown - 488

b. Type of Sorties Flown

- (1) TPQ - 154
- (2) CAS - 220
- (3) DAS - 74
- (4) Test - 3
- (5) Other - 23

c. Hours Flown

- (1) Combat Hours - 540.3
- (2) Operational Hours - 1.7
- (3) Total Hours - 542.0

d. Ordnance

- (1) Total Tons of Ordnance Expended: 1011
- (2) The following type and amount of ordnance were expended:
 - D-1 Mark 81 (250#) - 311
 - D-2 Mark 82 (500#) - 1339 + 1049
 - D-3 Mark 83 (1000#) - 159

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D-5 2.75" Rockets (19) - 54

D-7 LAU-10A (ZUNI) - 607

D-9 MK-77 (500# NAP) - 417

D-14 CBU-24 - 119

D-15 CBU-49 - 4

D-26 M117 (750# GP) - 36

D- GS GAS Bomb - 27

e. Bomb Damage Assessment

- (1) Bunkers Destroyed - 58
- (2) Secondary Fires - 33
- (3) Structures Destroyed - 88
- (4) Meters of Trench Line - 245
- (5) Road Cuts - 2
- (6) Meters of Trees Destroyed - 80
- (7) Meters of Trails Destroyed - 80
- (8) Rocket Sites Destroyed - 3
- (9) 122MM Site Destroyed - 1
- (10) Bunkers Damaged - 19
- (11) Secondary Explosions - 15
- (12) Structures Damaged - 44
- (14) KEMA (C) - 60
- (15) WEMA (C) - 7
- (16) Trucks Destroyed - 5

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- (17) Trucks Damaged - 2
- (18) AW Positions Destroyed - 4
- (19) NVA POW (C) - 4

f. Operations Supported

- (1) Commando Hunt - 82
- (2) Dewey Canyon - 40
- (3) Kentucky - 6
- (4) Nevada Eagle - 38
- (5) Scotland - 12
- (6) Spokane Rapids - 6
- (7) Steel Tiger - 30
- (8) Taylor Common - 18

g. Units Supported

- (1) III MAF - 210
- (2) 7th AF - 112
- (3) Army - 140
- (4) CTF 77 - 2
- (5) ROK - 12
- (6) ARVN - 12