MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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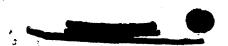
Subj: Command Chronology

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

Encl: $\sqrt{(1)}$ Command Chronology for 1 - 30 April 1969

- 1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the period 1-30 April 1959 is submitted as Enclosure (1).
- 2. This cover letter is UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of Enclosure (1).

J. R. SCAFE
By direction



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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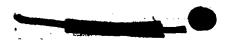
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CHU LAI AIR DASE, VIETNAM

1 - 30 APRIL 1969

ENCLOSURE (1)





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1. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Billet	Rank	Name	<u>ן</u>	Inclusive Dates
Commanding Officer	LtCol	S. E. D' AN	HELO III 1	1 - 30 April 1969
Executive Officer	Major	H. J. DOND	1	1 - 15 April 1969
Executive Officer	Major	A. G. POTE	[ZA -	16 - 30 April 1969
S-1 Officer	Captain	D. R. DAIR) -	1 - 21 April 1969
S-1 Officer	Captain	S. J. TRACE	ITA :	22 - 30 April 1969
S-2 Officer	lstLt	J. W. LEIS	ŗ -	1 - 30 April 1969
S-3 Officer	Major	J. R. SCAF	3 -	1 - 30 April 1969
S-4 Officer	Major	J. E. MAY	•	1 - 13 April 1969
S-4 Officer	Major	M. H. BRAN	M ·	14 - 30 April 1969
Maintenance Officer	Majer	C. D. JOHN	SNON -	1 30 April 1969
Safety Officer	Major	A. G. POTE	IZA -	1 - 15 April 1969
Safety Officer	Major	J. D. WALD) -	16 - 30 April 1969

2. Average Monthly Strength.

Marine Officers - 44 Navy Officers - 1
Marine Enlisted - 245 Navy Enlisted - 0

3. Task Organization and Location.

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Chu Lai Mir Base, Republic of Vietnam, 1 - 30 April 1969.

4. Important Visitors.

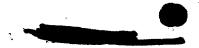
No important visitors visited the Squadron during the month of April.

Part II Narrative of Significant Highlights.

Continued good weather during April 1969, enabled the Falcons of WIFA-334 to log an impressive 621 sorties and 708.4 hours supporting III MAF, 7th AF, CIF 77, ROK and ARWN forces in operations Steel Tiger, Maine Crag, Massachusetts Striker, Purple Martin, 6klahoma Hills and Victory Dragon.

On 20 April in a classic close air support situation Major A. G. POTENZA (pilot) and Captain K. E. STRAYHOIN (RIO) led a section of F4J's supporting Americal Division forces under the control of Helix 33. The devestating accuracy of the strike resulted in six KDA, four structures destroyed, two structures damaged, two secondary fires and a secondary explosion.

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On 29 April Major M. H. DRANUM (pilot) and Captain H. W. GIDDS (RIO) attacked a storage area in the 101st Mrborne TAR under the control of Dilk 35. Their section of Phantoms were credited with fifteen fortifications destroyed and ten damaged, one military structure destroyed, a tunnel complex opened and a large secondary explosion.

On 3 April 1969 Colonel R. S. RASH (pilot) and 1stLt J. W. LEIST (RIO) took a .50 cal hit through the starboard ramp while striking a target in the DMZ. The rear canopy was jettisoned because of smoke in the cockpit. The aircraft experienced a utility hydraulic failure, lost both generators and had an arresting hook melfunction which prevented making an arrested landing. Due to the superior airmanship of this crew the aircraft was landed normally at DaNang. WFA-334 had three other aircraft hit incidents during April all attributed to Direct Enemy Action involving limited damage and no injuries.

Despite the burdens of combat air operations VIFA-334 participated in the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing FIREX - 69 at NAS Cubi Point. Four aircraft and eight aircrews fired 3 Sparrows and 4 Sidewinders during this phase of the FIREX. LtCol S. E. D' MCELO III and Captain K. E. STRAYHORN (RIO) were credited with a direct hit against the ROI 34A with their AIM 7E Missile.

Part III Significant Events.

1. Personnel.

a. Officers Joined - 2
Officers Dropped - 2

Enlisted John of - 7
Etli bar Dropped - 6

Administrative.

- a. Captain R. F. TILLIE, Master Sergeant BAKER, Gunnery Sergeant GAY, and Staff Sergeant KOKOS were all promoted to their present rank during the month of April. WHFA-334 also had nine promotions to Sergeant, two to Corporal and one to Lance Corporal.
 - b. Staff Sergeant MARCEAU reenlisted for four years.
 - c. There were no extensions during April.

3. Amards.

- a. Flight/Strike Air Medals 78
- b. Distinguished Flying Cross 4 recommedations submitted.
- c. Purple Heart Medal one

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4. Air Operations.

- a. Sorties
 - (1) Day Sorties Hown 492
 - (2) Night Sorties Flown 129
 - (3) Total Sorties Flown 621
- b. Type of Sorties Flown.
 - (1) TPO 117
 - (2) CAS = 364
 - (3) DAS 82
 - (4) DARCAP 14
 - (5) Escort 8
 - (6) Test 2
 - (7) Other -34
- c. Hours Flown.
 - (1) Combat Hours 679.4
 - (2) Operational Hours 29.0
 - (3) Total Hours 708.4
- d. Ordnance.
 - (1) Total Tons of Ordnance Expended 1289
 - (2) The following type and amounts of ordurance were expended:
 - (a) D-1 Mark 81 (250#) 148
 - (b) D-2 Mark 82 (500#) 3208
 - (c) D-3 Mark 83 (1000#) 109
 - (d) D-5 2.75" Rockets (19) 515
 - (e) D-7 LAU-10A (ZUNI) 197
 - (f) D-8 ROCKEYE 30
 - (g) D-9 MK-77 (500# Napalm) 615
 - (h) $D_{-}14 \text{ CBU}_{-}24 43$
- e. Pomb Damage Assesment.
 - (1) Dunkers Destroyed 118
 - (2) Secondary Fires 102
 - (3) Structures Destroyed 183
 - (4) Meters of Trench Line Destroyed 430
 - (5) Tunnels Destroyed 10
 - (6) Trail Cuts 15
 - (7) Dunkers Damaged 33

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- (8) Secondary Explosions 40
- (9) Structures Demaged 50 (10) KBA (0) 21 (11) Trucks Destroyed 2

- (12) Dridges Destroyed 1
- (13) Active AA posit. Destroyed 2
- (14) AW Positons Destroyed 6

f. Operations Supported.

- Bristol Boots 16
- (2)Gala Hills - 4
- Kentucky Jumper 32 (3)
- (4)Maine Crag - 12
- (5) Massachusetts Striker - 18
- Oklahoma Hills 30
- (7)Purple Martin - 24
- Steel Timer 82 (8)
- (9) Victory Pragon - 16

g. Units Supported.

- III MAF 294
- (2)7th $\Delta F = 90$
- (3) CTF 77 - 14
- U. S. Army 195
- ROK 16
- $\Lambda RWN -12$

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