

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4
(b) GruO 5750.1D

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

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for the period 1 - 31 May 1969 is submitted as Enclosure (1).
2. This cover letter is Unclassified upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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CHU LAI AIR BASE, VIETNAM

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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5 June 1969Part I - Organizational Data1. Commander and Staff

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Commanding Officer	S. E. D'ANGELO III	LtCol	1 - 31 May 1969
Executive Officer	A. G. POTENZA	Major	1 - 31 May 1969
S-1 Officer	S. J. TRACHTA	Captain	1 - 31 May 1969
S-2 Officer	J. W. LEIST	1stLt	1 - 31 May 1969
S-3 Officer	J. R. SCAFE	Major	1 - 31 May 1969
S-4 Officer	K. E. STRAYHORN	Captain	1 - 31 May 1969
Maintenance Officer	C. B. JOHNSTON	Major	1 - 31 May 1969
Safety Officer	J. D. WALDO	Major	1 - 31 May 1969

2. Task Organization and Data
Organization

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 334

Marine Aircraft Group 13

First Marine Aircraft Wing,

Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Location

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel S. E. D'ANGELO III

Date of Office

15 February 1969 to present

3. Average Monthly Strengtha. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators - 24

(2) Naval Flight Officers - 18

(3) Aviation Ground Officers - 4

b. Naval Officers - 1

c. Marine Enlisted - 235

d. Naval Enlisted - 0

4. Important Visitors to this Unit. There were no visits to this Squadron by any important visitors during the month of May.Part II - Narrative Summary

The month of May was one of WMA-334's best months since its arrival in Vietnam last September. This squadron reached its 5000th mission mark during the month and had dropped nearly 10,000 tons since its arrival in Vietnam.

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During the Squadrons one hot pad period the existing record for tonnage dropped was broken three times. On May 9; 73.7 tons; on May 10; 78.7 tons, and on May 12; 84.9 tons were dropped.

During the month of May, WFA-334 flew 694 combat sorties and supported the following operations in a Close Air Support role: Apache Snow, Pipestone Canyon, Geneva Park, Camarron Falls, Oklahoma Hills, Iron Mountain, Hekimer Mountain, Virginia Ridge, Kentucky Jumper, Frederick Hill, Russell Beach, Victory Dragon, and Purple Mountain.

Some of the May mission highlights were:

On 12 May, Captain S. J. TRACHTA (Pilot) and 1stLt L. L. SKATOFF (RIO) and Major A. G. POTENZA (Pilot) and Captain T. STONE (RIO) provided close air support for the Americal Division under the control of JAKE 41 in Quang Ngai Province. The effective attack on a suspected enemy location produced 11 structures destroyed, 6 sampans destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.

On 15 May Captain B. L. RICHARDSON (Pilot) and 1stLt E. L. MCENAMY (RIO) and 1stLt E. A. AHRENS (Pilot) and 1stLt A. A. PETERS (RIO) supported the Americal Division in Quang Ngai Province under the control of JAKE 45. The devastating attack resulted in 13 structures destroyed and one secondary fire.

On 23 May, Major A. G. POTENZA (Pilot) and 1stLt T. FOLTZ (RIO) and Major R. MCGAN (Pilot) and Captain T. STONE (RIO) supported the 7th Air Force under the control of NAIL 11. The accurate attack on a truck park resulted in 12 secondary explosions and 12 sustained fires.

Despite the months demand on aircrews and aircraft, WFA-334 was still able to send on an average two crews and aircraft per week to the Cubi Point FIREX.

During the month of May the combined Squadron Battle Damage Assessment received from controlling agencies was as follows:

ENEMY KILLED BY MARINE AIR - 30
BUNKERS - DESTROYED - 161
DAMAGED - 10
SECONDARY FIRES - 67
MILITARY STRUCTURES - DESTROYED - 216
DAMAGED - 16
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS - 50
TRENCH LINE - 435 Meters
TUNNELS DESTROYED - 10
TRAILS CUT - 7
AA POSITION DESTROYED - 4
TRUCKS DESTROYED - 5
SAMPAN DESTROYED - 6
ROADS CUT - 9

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DMS DESTROYED - 4
 AMMO DUMPS DESTROYED - 1
 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER DESTROYED - 1
 MORTAR POSITION DESTROYED - 1

Part III - Significant Events

1. Personnel: Joined: Officer - 7 Enlisted - 67
 Dropped: Officer - 3 Enlisted - 75
 Promotions: Officer - 0 Enlisted - 6

2. Awards: Air Medals - 87
 No other incoming awards
 Meritorious Mast - 0

3. Air Operations:
 - a. Total Combat Sorties - 694 Group/Other Pilots - 11
 Total Flights - 734 Avg Group/Other Hours - 6.8
 Total Combat Hours - 744.3 Avg Group/Other Sorties - 6.8
 Total Flight Hours - 790.3 Avg NFO Strength - 18
 Avg Pilot Strength - 22 Avg NFO Sorties - 33.4
 Avg Pilot Hours - 32.3 Avg NFO Hours - 42.2
 Avg Pilot Sorties - 29.9 High Day (Sorties) - 34/10 May
 High Day (Hours) - 35.4/2 May

 - b. Type of Sorties Flown
 - (1) TPQ - 62
 - (2) CAS - 273
 - (3) DAS - 66
 - (4) MigCAP - 1
 - (5) BARCAP - 8
 - (6) Test - 8
 - (7) Other - 18

 - c. Units Supported
 - (1) III MAF - 174
 - (2) 7th AF - 66
 - (3) CTF 77 - 8
 - (4) U. S. Army - 154
 - (5) FOK - 12
 - (6) ARVN - 16

4. Maintenance: May monthly averages:
 Aircraft Assigned - 15
 Aircraft on Board - 14
 Aircraft Available - 9
 Average Hours for Aircraft on Board - 55.5

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5 June 1969Aircraft transferred/Received: noneAircraft Sustaining Battle Damage: 5 (1 strike and 4 minor)5. Ordnance. May expenditures by type and number as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
MK-81 Snakeye	48	7.25
MK-82 Snakeye	2930	805.75
MK-82 Conical	1529	389.9
MK-77	874	228.99
CBU-24	40	16.6
MK-83	106	53.4
Rockeye	62	15.2
ZUNI Rocket	395	21.1
2.75" Rocket Pods	4	1.1

Total Monthly Tonnage: 1539.38

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