MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334

Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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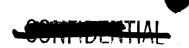
Fhcl: (1) Command Chronology for 1 - 31 May 1969

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 Unclassifed upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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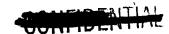
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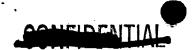
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1 - 31 MAY 1969

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ENCLOSSURE (1)





Part I - Organizational Data

1. Commander and Staff

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Commanding Officer	S.	E.	D'ANGELO III	LtCol	» T	- 31	May	1969
Executive Officer	A.	G.	PO TEN ZA	Major	_1	- 31	May	1969
S-1 Officer	5.	J.	TRACHTA	Captain	1	- 31	May	1969
S-2 Officer	J.	W_{ullet}	leist	lstLt	1	31	May	1969
S-3 Officer	J.	\mathbf{R}_{ullet}	SCAFE	Major	1	- 31	Мау	1969
S-4 Officer	К.	\mathbf{E}_{ullet}	STRAYHO HN	Captain	1	- 31	May	1969
Maintenance Officer	C.	В.	JOHN STON	Major	1	- 31	May	1969
Safety Officer	J.	D_{\bullet}	WAT DO	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
Licutement Colonel S. E. D'ANGELO III

Date of Office 15 February 1969 to present

3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. Marine Officers
 - (1) Naval Aviators 24
 - (2) Naval Flight Officers 18
 - (3) Aviation Ground Officers 4
- b. Naval Officers 1
- c. Marine Phlisted 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 WFA-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, Hekirmer 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. HICHARDSON (Pilot) and lstLt E. L. MCMEN MY (RIO) and lstLt E. A. AHRENS (Pilot) and lstLt 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, VMF1-334 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

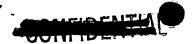
AA POSITION DESTROYED - 4

TRUCKS DESTROYED - 5

SAMPAN DESTROYED - 6

ROADS CUT - 9

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DAMS DESTROYED - 4

AMMO DUMPS DESTROYED - 1

APMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER DESTROYED - 1

MORTAR POSITION DESTROYED - 1

Part III - Significant Events

1. <u>Personnel</u>: 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. Mir Operations:

a. Total Combat Sortios - 694
Total Flights - 734
Total Combat Hours - 744.3
Total Flight Hours - 790.3
Avg Pilot Strength - 22
Avg Pilot Hours - 32.3
Avg Pilot Sorties - 29.9

Group/Other Pilots - 11

Avg Group/Other Hours - 6.8

Avg Group/Other Sorties - 6.8

Avg NFO Strength - 18

Avg NFO Sorties - 33.4

Avg NFO Hours - 42.2

High Day (Sorties) - 34/10May

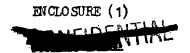
High Day (Hours) - 35.4/2 May

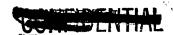
b. Type of Sorties Flown

- (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) $CTF 77 \sim 8$
- (4) U. S. Army 154
- (5) ROK -12
- (6) ARVN 16
- 4. Maintonanca: May monthly averages:
 Aircraft Assigned 15
 Aircraft on Board 14
 Aircraft Available 9
 Average Hours for Aircraft on Board 55.5





Mircraft transferred/Received: none

Mircraft Sustaining Battle Damage: 5 (1 strike and 4 minor)

5. Ordnance. May expenditures by type and number as follows:

TYPE	NUMBER	TONN AGE
MK-81 Snakeye	48	7.25
MK-82 Snakeye	29 30	805.75
MK-82 Conical	15 29	389.9
MK-77	87 4	228.99
CBU-24	40	16.6
MK-83	106	53.4
Rockeye	62	15.2
ZUNI Rocket	395	21.1
2.75" Rocket Pols	4	1.1

Total Monthly Tonnage: 1539.38

