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

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From: Commanding ~~Officer~~  
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 - 26 August 1969

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334  
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CHU LAI AIR BASE, VIETNAM

1 - 26 AUGUST 1969

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~Part I - Organizational Data1. Commander and Staff

| <u>BILLET</u>       | <u>NAME</u>      | <u>RANK</u> | <u>PERIOD</u>       |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Commanding Officer  | J. R. BRADDON    | LTCOL       | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| Executive Officer   | J. D. MOODY      | MAJOR       | 1 - 11 August 1969  |
| Executive Officer   | R. H. CAGLE      | MAJOR       | 12 - 26 August 1969 |
| S-1 Officer         | S. J. TRACHTA    | CAPT        | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| S-2 Officer         | J. W. LEIST      | 1stLt       | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| S-3 Officer         | F. L. PIERI, Jr. | MAJOR       | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| S-4 Officer         | F. R. SODERSTROM | MAJOR       | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| Maintenance Officer | J. R. SCAFE      | MAJOR       | 1 - 26 August 1969  |
| Safety Officer      | J. B. LEONARD    | MAJOR       | 1 - 20 August 1969  |
| Safety Officer      | J. L. WENRICH    | CAPT        | 21 - 26 August 1969 |

2. Task Organization and Location.

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 334

Marine Aircraft Group 13

First Marine Aircraft Wing

Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel John R. BRADDON

Date of Office

1 July 69 - 26 August 69

3. Average Monthly Strengtha. Marine Officers

- (1) Naval Aviators - 22
- (2) Naval Flight Officers - 19
- (3) Aviation Ground Officers - 5

b. Naval Officer - 1c. Marine Enlisted - 297d. Naval Enlisted - 04. Important Visitors to this Unit. None.Part II - Narrative Summary

Throughout the month of August, 1969, VMFA-334 prepared for its redeployment to MAG-15, MCAS Iwakuni Japan. Despite the burdens of embarkation, the Falcons of 334 completed 408 combat sorties, logged over 487 combat flight hours and dropped in excess of 888 tons of ordnance in support of Operations Durham Peak, Frederick Hill, Idaho Canyon, Steel Tiger, Victory Dragon, Geneva Park and Lamar Plain.

Having completed one year of combat air operations logging 6986 sorties and 8086 hours and delivering 13,475.3 tons of ordnance in the Republic of Vietnam, VMFA-334 was reassigned to MAG-15, 9th MAB. With the advance party already in

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place at MCAS Iwakuni, the maintenance movement team departed Chu Lai on 14 August by LST. On the 24th of August the Bingo Crew was prepositioned at Naha, Okinawa and on 26 August LtCol John R. BRADDON led the command echelon of twenty-six aircrews and thirteen F4J's from Chu Lai to Naha, stopping to refuel at NAS, Cubi Point. All thirteen Phantoms arrived at MCAS Iwakuni on 27 August. On 28 August the Squadron main body departed Chu Lai by C-130 completing VFA-334's relocation to MCAS Iwakuni.

ENEMY KILLED BY MARIN. AIR - 12 confirmed, 15 probable

BUNKERS DESTROYED - 160

DAMAGED - 53

SECONDARY FIRES - 44

MILITARY STRUCTURES - DESTROYED - 83

DAMAGED - 9

BRIDGES DESTROYED - 1

SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS - 31

TRENCH LINES - 380 meters

TRAILS CUT - 7

ROADS CUT - 2

ROCKET POSITIONS DESTROYED - 4

FORDS DESTROYED - 2

### Part III - Significant Events

1. Personnel: Joined: Officer - 6 Enlisted - 95  
Dropped: Officer - 4 Enlisted - 31  
Promotions: Officer - 3 Enlisted - 46

2. Awards: Air Medals - 43  
Distinguished Flying Cross: None  
Single Mission Air Medal: None

### 3. Air Operations:

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Total Combat Sorties - 408 | Avg NFO Strength - 19          |
| Total flights - 437           | Avg NFO sorties - 22           |
| Total Combat Hours - 487.0    | Avg NFO hours - 28.4           |
| Avg Pilot Strength - 22       | High Day (Sorties) - 27/1 Aug  |
| Avg Pilot hours - 24.8        | High Day (Hours) - 34.3/16 Aug |
| Avg Pilot Sorties - 19        | Total Flight Hours - 541.3     |

### b. Type of Sorties Flown

- (1) TPQ - 39
- (2) CAS - 308
- (3) DAS - 32
- (4) BARCAP - 22
- (5) Test - 6
- (6) Other - 30

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- (1) III MAF - 208
- (2) 7th AF - 48
- (3) CTF 77 - 22
- (4) US ARMY - 115
- (5) ROK - 10
- (6) ARVN - 6

4. Maintenance: August monthly averages:  
 Aircraft assigned - 16  
 Aircraft on board - 15  
 Aircraft Available - 12  
 Average hours for aircraft on board - 36.1  
 Aircraft transferred/Received: None  
 Aircraft sustaining Battle Damage: None

5. Ordinance. August expenditures by type and number as follows:

| <u>TYPE</u>                  | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>TONNAGE</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| MK-82 SMOKE                  | 965           | 265            |
| MK-82 CONICAL                | 1588          | 405            |
| MK-77                        | 510           | 134            |
| MK-83                        | 156           | 78.6           |
| ZUNI Rocket                  | 112           | 6              |
| TOTAL MONTHLY TONNAGE: 888.6 |               |                |

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