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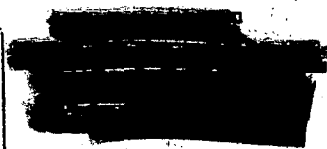
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- In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. COMMANDER AND STAFF

- a. Major Paul S. FRAPPOLLO, Commanding
- b. Major Joseph H. THOMPSON, Executive Officer

2. TASK ORGANIZATION AND UNIT LOCATION

- a. VMFA-542, DaNang RVN, 1-30 June 1966

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

a. Marine Officers	48
(1) Naval Aviators	24
(2) Naval Flight Officers	20
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Naval Enlisted	0
d. Marine Enlisted	248
e. Total Strength	297

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. On 1 June 1966, VMFA-542 commenced the fourth month of its second combat tour in the Republic of South Vietnam. On 23 June 1966, the squadron flew its 4000th combat sortie while operating in South Vietnam. During the month, VMFA-542 flew combat missions in support of the following operations:

Operation JAY
Operation TURNER
Operation KANSAS
Operation FLORIDA

VMFA-542 had one (1) aircraft hit by ground fire during the month of June. This aircraft was repairable at this command.

18. Maintenance
a. During a scramble in support of a Close Air Support Mission on 22 June 1966, Captain James M. KRUTHERS, 072586, pilot of WH-6, Bureau Number 151483, received two (2) small arms rounds. One round entered the port aft missile cavity and the other made a two inch hole in the starboard trailing edge inner wing flap. The aircraft was recovered without further incident.

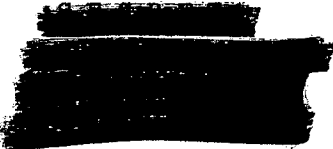
2. A recapitulation of sorties, hours and ordnance expended follows:

a. Total hours	747.6
b. Combat hours	665.8
c. Total sorties	582
d. Combat sorties	521
e. Total Ordnance expended	

Bombs: 776,895 lbs

Rockets: 5" Zuni 348

2.75 133



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3. Battle damage assessment for June was:

a. Structures Destroyed	273
b. Structures Damaged	92
c. Killed by air confirmed	67
d. Killed by air possible	57
e. Bridges Destroyed	2
f. Gun Positions Destroyed	13
g. Trucks Destroyed/Damaged	3
h. Fortifications Destroyed/Damaged	21
i. Roads Cut	10
j. Sampans Destroyed	3
k. POL sites Destroyed	2
l. Secondary Explosions	25

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL

a. One Warrant Officer, one First Sergeant, one Master Sergeant, one Gunnery Sergeant, three Staff Sergeants, and twelve Sergeants were promoted to their present ranks during June.

2. AWARDS

a. Seventy-three Air Medals were awarded to Officers of the squadron during June. There were fifteen Good Conduct Medals awarded to squadron personnel.

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