





# MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-542 Marine Aircraft Group-13 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-542

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13

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## Part I. Organizational Data

- 1. Commander and Staff.
  - a. It. Col. Donald L. MAY, Commanding
  - b. Maj. Walter O. POITEVENT, Executive Officer
  - c. Maj. Eddie R. MAAG, Operations Officer
  - d. Maj. Michael P. CADY, Maintenance Officer
  - e. Capt. James J. MORIN, Adminstration Officer
  - f. Maj. Stephen S. EISENHAUER, Logistics Officer
  - g. 1stLt. Vincent M. LEVITSKY, Intelligence Officer
- 2. Task Organization and Unit Location.
  - a. VMFA-542, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 1-31 December 1966
- 3. Average Strength.
  - a. Marine Officers, 47
    - (a) Naval Aviators, 24
    - (b) Naval Flight Officers, 19
    - (c) Aviation Ground Officers, 4

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- b. Naval Officers, 1
- c. Naval Enlisted, 1
- d. Marine Enlisted, 240
- e. Total Strength, 287
- 4. Important Visitors.

On 21 December, Brigadier General W. A. Stiles flew on one combat mission with this squadron.

#### Part II. Narrative Summary.

1. During the period of 1-31 December, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:

Sorties: 378

Hours: 480.9

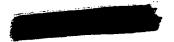
Combat Sorties: 364

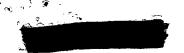
Combat Hours: 464.2

- 2. During the period of 1-31 December, VMFA-542 expended the following ordnance:
  - 113 MK 77, Med 2 Fire Bembs
  - 432 MK 81, Mod 1 Bombs with Snakeye Fins
  - 1522 MK 82 Bombs with Snakeye Fins
  - 262 MK 83 Bombs
  - 104 Launchers, LAU-34/A
  - 11 Launchers, LAU-10A
  - 5037 Rounds, 20mm, from MK 4 Med 0 Gun Ped

## Part III. Significant Events.

- 1. Personnel. The following promotions were made:
  - 5 PFCs to LCPL
  - 14 LCPLs to CPL
  - 15 CPLs to SGT
  - 1 GYSGT to MSGT





### 2. Awards:

- a. A total of 31 Air Medals were awarded to squadron crewmembers during this period.
- b. On 18 December, Capt. C. L. BACON was awarded the Purple Heart by Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW.
- 3. On 14 December Mr. A. Leonard ANDERSON, the president of AMVETS, visited VMFA-542 and spoke with the squadron aircrews while touring the squadron aircraft line area.
- 4. On 15 November, the total of all ordnance dropped by this squadron in the Republic of Vietnam reached ten million pounds.
- 5. On 25 December VMFA-542 participated in an air defense expercise in coordination with the 7th Air Force.

D. L. MAY