



MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-542
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(b) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 January 1967.

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).

2. Upon removal of the subject report, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA

- | <u>1. RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| LtCol | Donald L. MAY | Commanding Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
| Major | Walter O. POITEVENT | Executive Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
| Major | Edward R. MAAG | Operations Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
| Major | Michael P. CADY | Maintenance Officer | 1-15 January 1967 |
| Major | Harvey D. BRADSHAW | Maintenance Officer | 16-31 January 1967 |
| Major | Stephen S. EISENHAUER | Logistics Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
| Capt. | James J. MORIN | Personnel Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
| Capt. | Vincent M. LEVITSKY | Intelligence Officer | 1-31 January 1967 |
2. TASK ORGANIZATION - VMFA 542, Chu Lai RVN 1-31 January 1967.
3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Naval Aviators | 24 |
| Naval Flight Officers | 21 |
| Aviation Ground Officers | 7 |
| Navy Officers | 1 |
| Marine Enlisted Men | 274 |
| Navy Enlisted Men | 1 |
| Total Strength | 326 |
4. IMPORTANT VISITORS
- a. On 1 January, Lt.Gen. Victor H. KRULAK, Commanding Officer, Fleet Marine Force Pacific, visited this squadron and observed flight operations.
 - b. On 8 January General Wallace M. GREENE, Commandant of the Marine Corps toured the squadron flight line and presented awards.

ENCLOSURE (4)

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 January 1967 VMFA-542 conducted normal air operations in support of ground units in the Republic of Viet Nam.

VMFA-542 completed its 5969th combat sortie without the loss of any crews on 31 January 1967.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL - 25 personnel were joined and 15 were transferred.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE
 - 1 2ndLt. was promoted to 1stLt.
 - 1 SSGT was promoted to 2ndLt.
 - 5 LCPL were promoted to CPL.
 - 5 PFC were promoted to LCPL.
3. AWARDS
 - a. Captain F. E. LEWIS received a certificate for achievement as a Naval Aviator for successfully landing his aircraft when he was unable to lower its left main landing gear. Captain LEWIS made an arrested landing and recovered the aircraft with no damage. The certificate was received from Major General ROBERTSHAW, Commanding General, First Marine Air Wing, on 13 January 1967.
 - b. Captain C. L. BACON was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by General Wallace M. GREENE, Commandant of the Marine Corps.
 - c. 38 air medals were awarded.
 - d. 9 Good Conduct Medals were awarded.
4. CASUALTIES - None
5. AIR OPERATIONS
 - a. During the period 1-31 January 1967 VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below.

Sorties:	372
Hours:	480.4
Combat Sorties:	351
Combat Hours:	457.3

b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

MK 77	80
MK 81	966
MK 82	1609
MK 83	22
20 MM	2650 Rounds
FFAR	1258
ZUNI	49

c. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:

Structures Destroyed	47
Structures Damaged	16
Enemy KBMA	25
Roads Cut	4
Bunkers Destroyed	3
Bunkers Damaged	2

NOTE: Most of the sorties were TPQ-10 radar bombing in bad weather and poor visibility which limited confirmed battle damage assessment.