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Marine Aircraft Group-13
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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b) the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. Upon removal from the subject report, this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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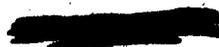
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PART I. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

| <u>1. RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>BILLET</u> | <u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Maj | FREDRICK L. FARRELL, JR. | Commanding Officer | 1-31 Mar 67 |
| Maj | RAY D. PENDEGRAFT | Executive Officer | 1-31 Mar 67 |
| Maj | EDDIE R. MAAG | Operations Officer | 1-19 Mar 67 |
| Maj | STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER | Operations Officer | 20-31 Mar 67 |
| Maj | HARVEY D. BRADSHAW | Maintenance Officer | 1-31 Mar 67 |
| Maj | STEPHEN S. EISENHAUER | Logistics Officer | 1-20 Mar 67 |
| Capt | DAVID G. SPEARMAN | Logistics Officer | 21-31 Mar 67 |
| Capt | JAMES J. MORIN | Personnel Officer | 1-31 Mar 67 |
| Capt | VINCENT M. LEVITSKY | Intelligence Officer | 1-31 Mar 67 |

2. TASK ORGANIZATION and UNIT LOCATION- VMFA-542, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 Mar 67.

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| a. Marine Officers - - - - - | 48 |
| (a) Naval Aviators- - - - - | 23 |
| (b) Naval Flight Officers - - - - - | 20 |
| (c) Aviation Ground Officers- - - - - | 5 |
| b. Naval Officers- - - - - | 1 |
| c. Naval Enlisted- - - - - | -None |
| d. Marine Enlisted - - - - - | 293 |
| e. Total Strength- - - - - | 342 |

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 March 1967, VMFA-542 conducted air operations from the Northern II Corps area to Southern North Vietnam in support of U. S. Marines, U. S. Army, ARVN, 7th Air Force units and operations New Castle, Search, Chinook II, Beacon Hill, Prairie III, DeSoto and Deckhouse VI. A total of 2,487,400 pounds of ordnance was delivered during March on such targets as AA gun positions, sampans, bunkers, trenchlines, supply dumps, roads, mortar positions and bridges. The Squadron completed its 7,000th Combat Sortie and 9,000th combat hour in Vietnam during March. 1243.75

The following crew members have two hundred or more missions: Captains, F. E. LEWIS, H. E. GREENFIELD, W. T. BRIDGHAM, D. J. MATYOLA. The following have one hundred or more: Majors, F. L. FARRELL JR., R. T. ROCHE, Captains W. J. SHARP, R. J. DROP, K. G. RICK, J. A. WELCH, B. D. LYNCH, W. A. DETKI, R. E. HOLLANDS, V. M. LEVITSKY, V. M. RUSSILLO and W.O. W. E. STRINGER.

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PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL - 24 Enlisted and 3 Officer personnel were joined and 11 Enlisted and 8 Officer personnel were transferred.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE - Promotions: The following 1stLts were promoted to Captain: L. A. WOOLDRIDGE, W. A. DETKI, P. A. FRATARCANGELO, P. E. HOLLANDS, V. M. RUSSILLO, E. G. WOODS, V. M. LEVITSKY, J. M. REGAN, K. G. RICK. The following Cpls were promoted to Sgt: H. O. HALAN, R. DAVENPORT, R. W. BAGEL, J. BELL, R. J. BROWN, P. J. DAWSON, A. H. KING, S. T. OLALDE, R. A. WILLOUGHBY, PVT T. J. DAVIS was promoted to PFC.

3. AWARDS

a. 74 Air Medals were awarded.

b. A meritorious mast was awarded to LCpl. R. A. KNOERZER.

c. Good Conduct Medals were awarded to Sgt D. E. HILL, Cpls; W. A. KRUSZOWSKI, E. W. VOLZ, C. P. GREEN, N. L. BURNS, and PFC F. GONZALES.

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND - None

5. CASUALTIES

One squadron aircraft was lost due to direct enemy action while conducting a DAS mission against an enemy mortar position. The pilot, 1stLt J. B. GELLER sustained serious injuries but was picked up by a Search/Rescue Helicopter and evacuated. The RIO, 2ndLt E. J. KEGLOVITS was killed. His remains not recovered.

6. AIR OPERATIONS

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

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| Total Sorties: | 687 |
| Total Hours: | 880.3 |
| Combat Sorties: | 669 |
| Combat Hours: | 860.8 |

b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

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| MK-77 Fire Bombs: | 401 |
| MK-81, 250 lb bombs with snake-eye fins: | 1660 |
| MK-82, 500 lb bombs with snake-eye fins: | 3627 |
| Rounds, MK 4 Gun Pods: | 10640 |
| FFAR, 7D 19 Shot Pods: | 45 |

