

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-542  
Marine Aircraft Group-13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13  
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Encl: (1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 1967

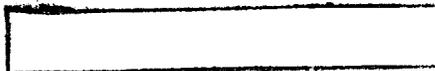
1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the subject report is submitted as enclosure (1).
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) from this report, this letter is DOWNGRADED to UNCLASSIFIED.

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ENCLOSURE (4)

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1.	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
	Maj	Frederick L. FARRELL JR.	Commanding Officer	1-31 May 1967
	Maj	Ray D. PENDERGRAFT	Executive Officer	1-31 May 1967
( )	Maj	Stephan S. EISENHAUER	Operations Officer	1-25 May 1967
	Maj	John HUENER	Operations Officer	26-31 May 1967
	Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Maintenance Officer	1-31 May 1967
	Capt	David G. SPEARMAN	Logistics Officer	1-31 May 1967
	Capt	Raymond J. DROP	Personnel Officer	1-31 May 1967
	Capt	Vincent M. LEVITSKY	Intelligence Officer	1-31 May 1967

2. TASK ORGANIZATION and UNIT LOCATION. VMFA-542, MCAS, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-31 May 1967

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a.	Marine Officers	42
	(1) Naval Aviators	17
	(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
	(3) Aviation Ground Officers	7
b.	Naval Officers	1
c.	Naval Enlisted	0
d.	Marine Enlisted	315
e.	Total Strength	358

**PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

During the period of 1-31 May 1967, VMFA-542 conducted operations in support of Third Marine Amphibious Force, the 7th Air Force, U.S. Army, ARVN Forces and Republic of Korea Marines. The area of operations ranged from the Southern Panhandle of North Viet Nam through the DMZ and into the southern boundaries of I Corps. This squadron flew in support of such operations as Hickory, Crockett, Lien Ket, Shawnee, Union I and II, Beacon Star, Beaucharger, Prairie IV, Chinook, Malheur, Cimarron and Choctaw, flying 768 sorties for 963 hours and expending 1,448 tons of ordnance, setting a new MAG-13 Record for sorties, hours and ordnance expended in one month. The Squadron has now flown over 8,639 combat sorties and over 10,928 combat hours in Vietnam. During May, the following crew members surpassed two hundred missions; Captains; K. G. RICK, W. A. DETKI and R. J. DROP. The following crew members surpassed one hundred missions during May: Captains; D. G. SPEARMAN, H. W. TAFFE, R. C. MARTINSEN; First lieutenants; F. E. MACGEARY, and J. R. MCCORD.

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PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

1. PERSONNEL - 7 Enlisted and 5 officer personnel were joined and 13 enlisted and 5 officer personnel were transferred.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE - Promotions: The following promotions were made: Sergeant to Staff Sergeant; Charles G. HAYDEN; Lance Corporal to Corporal; Kyle W. GREER, Edmund C. PERRY (Meritorious); Private First Class to Lance Corporal; David L. BOYD (Meritorious), Carl E. MEADOR (Meritorious).
3. AWARDS
  - a. 58 Air Medals were awarded.
4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND - None
5. CASUALTIES - None
6. AIR OPERATIONS

a. During the period 1-31 May 1967, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:

Total Sorties:	768
Total Hours:	963.3
Combat Sorties:	760
Combat Hours:	955.8

b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

MK-77 Fire bomb:	807
MK-79 Fire bomb:	2
MK-81 250 lb bomb with snake-eye fins:	1560
MK-82 500 lb bomb with snake-eye fins:	3366
MK-83 1000 lb bomb with MK-83 fins:	6
MK-117 750 lb bomb with box fins:	636
FFAR, 7D Zuni:	24
FFAR, LAU-3 A/A:	1003
FFAR, LAU-56A:	42

c. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:

Structures Destroyed:	144
Structures Damaged:	46

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Bunkers Destroyed:	52
Bunkers Damaged:	19
Tunnels Destroyed:	2
Meters of Trenchline Destroyed:	406
Secondary Fires:	2
Roads Cut:	20
Roads Damaged:	1
Automatic Weapons Position: Destroyed:	2
Rice Cache Destroyed:	1
Light-house Damaged:	1
Bridges Destroyed:	2
Killed by Air; Confirmed:	41
Killed by Air; Probable:	61