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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
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology; period 1-30 June 1967 (U)

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(b) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-30 June 1967

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

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PART I. COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

<u>1. RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
Maj	Frederick L. FARRELL JR.	Commanding Officer	1-30 June 1967
Maj	Ray D. PENDERGRAFT	Executive Officer	1-30 June 1967
Maj	John HUBNER	Operations Officer	1-30 June 1967
Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Maintenance Officer	1-30 June 1967
Capt	Raymond J. DROP	Personnel Officer	1-25 June 1967
Maj	Paul M. COLE	Personnel Officer	26-30 June 1967
Capt	David G. SPEARMAN	Logistics Officer	1-30 June 1967
Capt	Vincent M. LEVITSKY	Intelligence Officer	1-30 June 1967

2. TASK ORGANIZATION and UNIT LOCATION. VMFA-542, MCAS, Chu Lai, RVN, 1-30 June 1967

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a. Marine Officers	37
(1) Naval Aviators	16
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	6
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Naval Enlisted	0
d. Marine Enlisted	309
e. Total Strength	347

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period of 1-30 June 1967, VMFA-542 conducted operations in support of Third Marine Amphibious Force and the 7th Air Force. The area of operations ranged from the Southern Panhandle of North Vietnam through the DMZ and to the southern boundaries of I Corps. This squadron flew in support of operations Cimmaron, Calhoun, Crockett, Choctaw, ADAIR, Arizona, Beacon Torch, Brown, Colgate, Union II and Bear Bite. The squadron has now flown over 9282 combat sorties and over 11,705 combat hours in Vietnam. The following crew members surpassed two hundred combat missions during the month: Captains; P. A. FRATARCANGELO, V. M. LEVITSKY, P. E. HOLLANDS and CWO-2 W. E. STRINGER.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. PERSONNEL - 9 enlisted and 2 officer personnel were joined and 11 enlisted and 6 officer personnel were transferred.

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2. ADMINISTRATIVE - The following promotions were made; Lance Corporal to Corporal; James P. ALBERT, Philip J. BRADFORD, Francis A. CAPASSO, Charles D. FRENCH, Gunthier H. GEITTMANN, Gregory W. HUGHES, George W. JONES, Dwight A. NEMETH, William G. WILLIAMS; Private First Class to Lance Corporal: Charles B. ARP, Arthur R. BLANN, Lavern R. BURNS, Roger C. FINNIGAN, Liandro GONZALES, Walter B. MACDONALD, John W. MORGAN, Roger A. PHELAN, Mario A. RODRIGUEZ, Frederick P. SCHUTZ, Richard J. VOWELS, William V. WALKER.

3. AWARDS

a. 91 Air Medals were awarded

b. Major R. D. PENDERGRAFT received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with a gold star.

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND - Lt General KRULAK visited this command on 28 June 1967 for a formal briefing by the squadron commander and informal discussion with the majority of the air crew members.

5. CASUALTIES - None

6. AIR OPERATIONS

a. During the period 1-30 June 1967, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:

Total Sorties -	648
Total Hours -	781.3
Combat Sorties-	644
Combat Hours -	774.3

b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

CTG, 20 MM API	2020
MK-77 Fire Bomb:	362
MK-81 250 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	1439
MK-82 500 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	3629
MK-117 750 lb bomb with box fins:	105
FFAR, 7D Zuni:	16
FFAR, LAU-3A/A:	1748

c. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:

Structures Destroyed:	98
Structures Damaged:	24
Bunkers Destroyed:	91

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Bunkers Damaged:	18
Tunnels Destroyed:	12
Meters of Trenchline Destroyed:	947
Secondary Fires:	4
Secondary Explosions:	2
Roads Cut:	24
Automatic Weapons Position Destroyed:	5
Rice Cache Destroyed:	1
Bridges Destroyed:	5
Bridges Damaged:	4
Rocket Position Destroyed:	5
Trucks Destroyed:	2
Fox Holes Destroyed:	22
Huts Destroyed:	111
Huts Damaged:	42
Mortar Positions Destroyed:	2
Anti Aircraft Positions Damaged:	2
Sampan Destroyed:	9
Killed by Air; Confirmed:	37
Killed by Air; Probable:	78

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Enclosure (1)

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