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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>
LtCol	Frederick L. FARRELL Jr.	Commanding Officer	1-18 July 1967
Maj	John HUBNER	Commanding Officer	19-31 July 1967
Maj	Ray D. PENDERGRAFT	Executive Officer	1-2 July 1967
Maj	John HUBNER	Executive Officer	3-18 July 1967
Maj	Clarence B. MILLER Jr.	Executive Officer	19-31 July 1967
Maj	John HUBNER	Operations Officer	1-18 July 1967
Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Operations Officer	19-31 July 1967
Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Maintenance Officer	1-31 July 1967
Maj	Paul M. COLE	Personnel Officer	1-31 July 1967
Capt	David G. SPEARMAN	Logistics Officer	1-2 July 1967
1stLt	Everett W. KRANTZ	Logistics Officer	3-31 July 1967
Capt	Vincent M. LEVITSKY	Intelligence Officer	1-31 July 1967

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

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a. Marine Officers	36
(1) Naval Aviators	16
(2) Naval Flight Officers	14
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	6
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Naval Enlisted	0
d. Marine Enlisted	318
e. Total Strength	355

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

During the period 1-31 July 1967, VMFA-542 conducted operations in support of the III 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 Kingfisher, Ardmore, Cumberland, Pecos, Fremont, Malheur II, Beacon Guide, Bearchain, Hickory II, Gem, Buffalo, Cimmarron and Choctaw. The squadron has now flown over 9,986 combat sorties and over 12,533.7 combat hours in Vietnam. The following crew member surpassed three hundred total combat missions during this month: Captain R. J. DROP. The following crew members surpassed two hundred missions: Majors J. HUBNER, H. D. BRADSHAW;

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Captains J. P. FAULKNER, P. G. DAVENPORT; Lieutenants J. R. MCCORD, P. A. GEIGER. The following crew members surpassed one hundred missions: Captains J. A. MARSHALL, M. M. SIMPSON; Lieutenant C. E. FLEMING.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

1. PERSONNEL. 18 Enlisted and 3 officer personnel were joined and 11 enlisted and 1 officer personnel were transferred.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE. The following promotions were made: Major to Lieutenant Colonel Frederick L. FARRELL Jr.; Corporal to Sergeant Clifford J. AHEARN, Thomas D. BAKER, Dennis R. BREVIG, Nelson L. BURNS, Richard W. HAWRYLA, Donald P. KOURY, Thomas C. LAING, James B. MOORE, Dennis E. STEELHAMMER, Lloyd A. STETSON, John T. WADDELL and Charles A. WRIGHT; Lance Corporal to Corporal Verlin H. BORAM, Reed S. FRANKLIN, Richard C. GLAZAR, Richard A. KNOERZER, Albert E. SLUSSER, Eugene P. TESSIER II, Daniel D. VUILLEUMIER; Private First Class to Lance Corporal Douglas M. BUCHANAN, Edgar D. FINDLEY, Carl S. GROVE, Edwin O. JOSEPH, Stanley L. NEADING, Larry R. ROSS, Serge J. SHEVIKOV and Russell L. TOOTHMAN.

3. AWARDS.

a. 79 Air Medals were awarded.

b. Maj John HUBNER and Capt James P. FAULKNER received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

c. Maj John HUBNER received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, as did LtCol F. L. FARRELL JR. and CWO-3 R. L. MURPHY.

d. Cpl Michael M. MEADOWS received the 1st MAW Certificate of Achievement.

4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND. None

5. CASUALTIES. One squadron aircraft was lost due to enemy action while conducting a CAS mission against NVA in the open. The pilot, Major Ray D. PENDERGRAFT and RIO, Captain David G. SPEARMAN, were killed in action.

6. AIR OPERATIONS.

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

Total Sorties:	712
Total Hours:	836.2
Combat Sorties:	707
Combat Hours:	827.6

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b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

CTG, 20 MM API:	1995
MK-77 Fire Bomb:	443
MK-81, 250 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	2092
MK-82, 500 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	3641
MK-117, 750 lb bomb with box fins:	345
FFAR, 7D Zuni:	104

c. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:

Bunkers Destroyed:	71
Bunkers Damaged:	26
Structures Destroyed:	182
Structures Damaged:	55
Trench Line Destroyed:	825
Trench Line Damaged:	30
Secondary Fires:	20
Secondary Explosions:	4
Mortar Positions Destroyed:	4
Mortar Positions Damaged:	1
Fox-Holes Destroyed:	22
Fox-Holes Damaged:	12
Tunnels Destroyed:	5
Tunnels Damaged:	2
Automatic Weapons Positions Destroyed:	9
Automatic Weapons Positions Damaged:	9
Rocket Sites Destroyed:	2
Road Cut:	17
Trails Cut:	5
Crates Destroyed:	20
KBA Probable:	101
KBA Confirmed:	33