

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-542
Marine Aircraft Group-13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology; period of 1-31 August 1967

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(b) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 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.


JOHN HUBNER

VMFA-542

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1. RANK	NAME	BILLET	INCLUSIVE DATES
Maj	John HUENER	Commanding Officer	1-31 August 1967
Maj	Clarence B. MILLER Jr.	Executive Officer	1-31 August 1967
Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Operations Officer	1-31 August 1967
Maj	Harvey D. BRADSHAW	Maintenance Officer	1-31 August 1967
Maj	Paul M. COLE	Personnel Officer	1-31 August 1967
1stLt	Everett W. KRANTZ	Logistics Officer	1-31 August 1967
Capt	Vincent M. LEVITSKY	Intelligence Officer	1-16 August 1967
1stLt	John R. MCCORD	Intelligence Officer	17-31 August 1967

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

3. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

a. Marine Officers	38
(1) Naval Aviators	18
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	5
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Naval Enlisted	0
d. Marine Enlisted	314
e. Total Strength	353

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

During the period 1-31 August 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, Kangaroo Kick, Cumberland, Rush, Hood River, Chochise, Fremont, Benton and Beacon Gate. The squadron has now flown over 10,643 combat sorties and over 13,340 combat hours in Vietnam. The following crew members surpassed three hundred total combat missions during this month: Captains P. A. FRATARCANGELO & K. G. RICK. The following crew members surpassed two hundred missions: Captain R. C. MARTINSEN, First Lieutenant F. E. MACGEARY. The following crew member surpassed one hundred missions: Captain E. F. MIGLARESE

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1. PERSONNEL. 31 Enlisted and 10 officer personnel were joined and 44 enlisted and 8 officer personnel were transferred.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE. The following promotions were made: Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant; A. J. LISTWAN, M. H. PENDLETON; Sergeant to Staff Sergeant; D. L. FRICKER, D. G. MOORE, D. J. MOLLER; Corporal to Sergeant; E. D. SHAFFER; Lance Corporal to Corporal; T. S. DOUGLAS, D. KUSSROW.
3. AWARDS.
 - a. 80 Air Medals were awarded.
 - b. Captain K. G. RICK was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal.
 - c. Major H. D. BRADSHAW and Captain V. M. RUSSILLO received the Distinguished Flying Cross.
4. IMPORTANT VISITORS TO THIS COMMAND. None
5. CASUALTIES. None
6. AIR OPERATIONS.

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

Total Sorties:	661
Total Hours:	808.4
Combat Sorties:	657
Combat Hours:	806.5

- b. Ordnance was expended as follows:

CTG, 20 MM API:	5155
MK-77 Fire Bomb:	377
MK-81, 250 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	1749
MK-82, 500 lb bomb with snakeye fins:	3324
MK-117, 750 lb bomb with box fins:	189
FFAR, 7D Zuni:	1105
FFAR, LAU-3 A/A:	67

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c. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:

Structures Destroyed:	109
Structures Damaged:	55
Bunkers Destroyed:	24
Bunkers Damaged:	11
Trench-Line Destroyed:	370 meters
Tunnels Destroyed:	2
Tunnels Damaged:	3
Secondary Fires:	44
Secondary Explosions:	3
Fox-Holes Destroyed:	25
Fox-Holes Damaged:	15
Bridges Destroyed:	2
Bridges Damaged:	4
Mortar Positions Damaged:	1
Anti-Aircraft Sites:	4
Automatic Weapons Sites Destroyed:	4
Sampans Destroyed:	6
Truck Destroyed:	1
Road Cuts:	51
Trail Cuts:	37
Water Buffaloe Destroyed:	6
KBA Confirmed:	17
KBA Probable:	70