

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 of 1-31 October 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) WgO 5750.1B

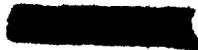
Encl: 2(1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1967

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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ENCLOSURE (1)

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PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commander and Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>	<u>RANK</u>	
			<u>T/O</u>	<u>OH</u>
Richard C. MARSH	CO	1-31 Oct 1967	LtCol	LtCol
Robert N. HUTCHINSON	XO	1-31 Oct 1967	Maj	LtCol
Clarence B. MILLER Jr.	S-3	1-31 Oct 1967	Maj	Maj
Harvey D. BRADSHAW	MaintO	1-31 Oct 1967	Maj	Maj
Harvey D. BRADSHAW	S-4	1-31 Oct 1967	Maj	Maj
John F. SPENCER	S-1	1-31 Oct 1967	Lt	Capt
John R. MCCORD	S-2	1-31 Oct 1967	Lt	Capt

2. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-542	MCAS Chu Lai, RVN	LtCol R. C. MARSH	15 September 1967

3. Average Monthly Strength

A. Marine Officers	38
(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	3
B. Naval Officers	1
C. Marine Enlisted	270
D. Naval Enlisted	1
E. Total Average Strength	310

4. Important Visitors to this Command - NONE

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 October 1967, VMFA-542 conducted operations in the support of III Marine Amphibious 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, Ashua Barrier, Medina, Onslow, Fremont, Ardmore, Wallowa, Wheeler and Granite. Crew member surpassing two hundred total missions this month was Captain C. E. FLEMING. Crew members surpassing one hundred missions this month were Major C. B. MILLER; Captain's H. P. PORTH, J. A. WILLIAMS, M. E. FORD, J. N. RIELY, A. L. CLARK and J. K. ALBRIGHT; CWO-2 P. M. ESTES.

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PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel - 6 Officer and 33 enlisted personnel were joined and 3 officer and 24 enlisted personnel were transferred.
2. Administrative - The following promotions were made: Major to Lieutenant Colonel - 1; First Lieutenant to Captain - 5; Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant - 1; Lance Corporal to Corporal - 29; Private First Class to Lance Corporal - 2.
3. Awards
- A. 82 Air Medals were awarded during the month of October 1967
- B. Major H. D. BRADSHAW and Captain J. R. MCCORD received the Distinguished Flying Cross.
- C. Captain J. P. FAULKNER received his second Distinguished Flying Cross.
4. Casualties - One squadron aircraft was lost on take-off. The pilot, Major Glen G. JACKS, and RIO, First Lieutenant Fred E. MACGEARY were killed.
5. Air Operations
- A. During the period 1-31 October 1967, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:
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| Total Sorties: | 526 |
| Total Hours: | 617 |
| Combat Sorties: | 520 |
| Combat Hours: | 607 |
- B. Ordnance was expended as follows:
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| MK-77 Fire Bomb: | 255 |
| MK-82, 500 lb bomb: | 2983 |
| MK-83, 1000 lb bomb: | 23 |
| MK-117, 750 lb bomb: | 225 |
| CTG. 20MM, API: | 1600 |
- C. Confirmed battle damage assessment was as follows:
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| Structures Destroyed: | 183 |
| Structures Damaged: | 39 |
| Bunkers Destroyed: | 62 |

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Bunkers Damaged:	28
Automatic Weapons Positions Destroyed:	5
Automatic Weapons Positions Damaged:	4
Artillery Positions Damaged:	3
Mortar Positions Destroyed:	9
Sampans Destroyed:	1
Fox-Holes Destroyed:	1
Tunnels Destroyed:	1
Pallets of Rice Destroyed:	20
Secondary Fires:	45
Trench-Line Destroyed:	225 meters
KBA Confirmed:	4
KBA Probable:	37