

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 542
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein) (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology, period of 1-29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) GruO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-29 February 1968

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a),(b) and (c),
Enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

2. Upon removal of Enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to
UNCLASSIFIED.

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PART I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-542	LTCOL R. N. HUTCHINSON	26 January 1968

2. Location

1-29 February 1968: MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

3. Staff Officers

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
CO	LTCOL ROBERT N. HUTCHINSON	1-29 February 1968
XO	MAJ JAMES W. HASKELL	1-29 February 1968
S-3	MAJ PHILLIP L. ELLIOTT	1-27 February 1968
S-3	MAJ KENNETH L. SCARBOROUGH	28-29 February 1968
MAINT O	MAJ NORMAN A. SMITH	1-29 February 1968
S-4	MAJ NORMAN A. SMITH	1-29 February 1968
S-1	MAJ STEVEN R. FOULGER	1-29 February 1968
S-2	CAPT WILLIAM C. STEWART	1-29 February 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

A. Marine Officers	46
(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	22
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
B. Naval Officers	1
C. Marine Enlisted	302
D. Naval Enlisted	0
E. Total Average Strength	349

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-29 February 1968, VMFA-542 conducted training operations in air-to-air intercepts and aerial refueling.

PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel - 11 officer and 55 enlisted personnel were joined and 8 officer and 21 enlisted personnel were transferred.

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2. Administrative - The following promotions were made: First Lieutenant to Captain - 1; Sergeant to Staff Sergeant - 1.
3. Training - Continued emphasis was placed upon General Military Training for officer and enlisted personnel.
4. Intelligence - Aircrews received daily recognition lectures.
5. Important Visitors to this Command - 26-28 February 1968, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Brigadier General William C. CHIP visited this command.
6. Air Operations
- a. During the period 1-29 February 1968, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:

Total Sorties: 228
Total Hours: 333.0