

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 1-31 March 1968 (U)

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

Encl: (1) VMFA-542 Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 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

1-31 March 1968: MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

3. Staff Officers

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK/NAME</u>	<u>INCLUSIVE DATES</u>
CO	LTCOL ROBERT N. HUTCHINSON	1-31 March 1968
XO	MAJ JAMES W. HASKELL	1-31 March 1968
S-3	MAJ KENNETH L. SCARBOROUGH	1-31 March 1968
LOG O	MAJ NORMAN A. SMITH	1-31 March 1968
S-1	MAJ STEVEN R. FOULGER	1-31 March 1968
S-2	CAPT WILLIAM C. STEWART	1-31 March 1968

4. Average Monthly Strength

A. Marine Officers	49
(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	25
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
B. Naval Officers	1
C. Marine Enlisted	284
D. Naval Enlisted	0
E. Total Average Strength	334

PART II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-31 March 1968, VMFA-542 conducted training operations in air-to-ground strafing, air-to-air intercepts, air combat maneuvering with VMA-223, and aerial refueling with VMGR-152.

PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Personnel - 4 officer and 15 enlisted personnel were joined and 2 officer and 32 enlisted personnel were transferred.
- Administrative - The following promotions were made: First Lieutenant to Captain - 1.

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3. Training - Continued emphasis was placed upon Technical/General Military Training for officer and enlisted personnel.
4. Intelligence - Aircrews received daily recognition lectures. All personnel received an Intelligence Brief on the Republic of the Philippines in preparation for a future squadron deployment.
5. Important Visitors to this Command - 20 March 1968, Deputy Commander, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Major General Frank C. THARIN visited this command.
6. Air Operations
- a. During the period 1-31 March 1968, VMFA-542 flew sorties/hours as indicated below:

Total Sorties: 237
Total Hours: 379.5

ENCLOSURE (1)