

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 334
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for 1-31 July 1969

1. In accordance with instructions contained in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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Part I - Organizational Data1. Commander and Staff

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Commanding Officer	John R. BRADDON	LtCol	1-31 July 1969
Executive Officer	Alphonse G. POTENZA	Major	1-7 July 1969
Executive Officer	James D. MOODY	Major	8-31 July 1969
S-1 Officer	Stanley J. TRACHTA	Captain	1-31 July 1969
S-2 Officer	Jerry W. LEIST	1stLt	1-31 July 1969
S-3 Officer	James R. SCAFE	Major	1-14 July 1969
S-3 Officer	Alphonse G. POTENZA	Major	15-31 July 1969
S-4 Officer	Frank R. SODERSTROM	Major	1-31 July 1969
Maintenance Officer	Carl B. JOHNSTON	Major	1-14 July 1969
Maintenance Officer	James R. SCAFE	Major	15-31 July 1969
Safety Officer	Jack D. WALDO	Major	1-14 July 1969
Safety Officer	James B. LEONARD	Major	15-31 July 1969

2. Task Organization and Location.

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 334
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
 First Marine Aircraft Wing
 Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel John R. BRADDON

Date of Office

1-31 July 1969

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Marine Officers

- (1) Naval Aviators - 26
- (2) Naval Flight Officers - 19
- (3) Aviation Ground Officers - 5

b. Naval Officers - 1

c. Marine Enlisted - 234

d. Naval Enlisted - 0

4. Important Visitors to this Unit. On 1 July 1969 Brigadier General E. K. JOHNSON, Deputy Wing Commander, attended WFA-334's Change of Command Ceremony.

Part II - Narrative Summary

On 1 July LtCol J. R. BRADDON relieved LtCol S. E. D'ANGELO III as

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 Commanding Officer of WFA-334.

Following a general decline in offensive operations throughout the Republic of South Vietnam WFA-334 had its slowest month since November 1968. Completing 546 combat sorties, the Falcons of 334 logged 661 hours for July, expended 1110.9 tons of ordnance and supported operations Arlington Canyon, Campbell Streamer, Durham Peak, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Kentucky Jumper, Idaho Canyon, Iroquois Grove, Iron Mountain, Lamar Plain, Montgomery Rendezvous, Pipestone Canyon, Victory Dragon and Steel Tiger.

Some of the July mission highlights were:

On 7 July Captain D. P. BROWN and 1stLt R. D. HARCOURT (RIO) and their wingman Captain J. L. KING and 1stLt G. MENK (RIO) supporting the Americal Division under FAC control of Jake 43 were credited with twelve military structures destroyed, three structures damaged and four secondary fires.

On 24 July LtCol J. R. BRADDON and Captain K. E. STRAYHORN (RIO) and Captain D. H. MATZKO and 1stLt F. GRIFFIN (RIO) also under the control of Jake 43 successfully attacked an NVA base camp and destroyed fourteen structures, eight bunkers and two tunnel complexes and initiated a secondary fire.

During the month of July the combined Squadron Battle Damage Assessment received from controlling agencies was as follows:

ENEMY KILLED BY MARINE AIR - 4 confirmed, 7 probable
 BUNKERS DESTROYED - 141
 DAMAGED - 40
 SECONDARY FIRES - 31
 MILITARY STRUCTURES - DESTROYED - 163
 DAMAGED - 14
 BRIDGES DAMAGED - 1
 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS - 21
 TRENCH LINES - 390 meters
 TRAILS CUT - 4
 AAW POSITION DESTROYED - 1
 TRUCKS DESTROYED - 1
 ROADS CUT - 3
 ROCKET POSITIONS DESTROYED - 2

Part III - Significant Events

1. Personnel: Joined: Officer - 12 Enlisted - 20
 Dropped: Officer - 11 Enlisted - 31
 Promotions: Officer - 3 Enlisted - 4
2. Awards: Air Medals - 67
 Distinguished Flying Cross - 2
 Single Mission Air Medal - 2

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3. Air Operations:

a. Total Combat Sorties - 546	Avg NFO Strength - 19
Total flights - 567	Avg NFO Sorties - 29
Total Combat Hours - 637.1	Avg NFO Hours - 30.6
Avg Pilot Strength - 24	High Day (Sorties) - 26/10Jul
Avg Pilot Hours - 27.5	High Day (Hours) - 38.5/10Jul
Avg Pilot Sorties - 24	Total Flight Hours - 661.0

b. Type of Sorties Flown

- (1) TPQ - 73
- (2) CAS - 352
- (3) DAS - 60
- (4) BARCAP - 29
- (5) Test - 7
- (6) Other - 46

c. Units Supported

- (1) III MAF - 243
- (2) 7th AF - 80
- (3) CTF 77 - 29
- (4) US ARMY - 180
- (5) FOK - 6
- (6) ARVN - 18

4. Maintenance: July monthly averages:

Aircraft assigned - 16
 Aircraft on board - 16
 Aircraft Available - 10
 Average Hours for Aircraft on Board - 39.8
 Aircraft transferred/Received: F4J 155754, 16 July transferred.
 Aircraft sustaining Battle Damage: 2 Limited damage, no injuries.

5. Ordnance. July expenditures by type and number as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>
MK-81 Snakeye	12	1.8
MK-82 Snakeye	974	268
MK-82 Conical	2336	596
MK-77	404	106
CBU-24	4	1.6
MK-83	204	103
ROCKEYE	8	2.0
ZUNI Rocket	215	11.5
D-32's	83	22

Total Monthly Tonnage: 1110.9

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