

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-115
 Marine Aircraft Group-11
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
 FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-11
 Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
 (b) WgO 5750.1B
 (c) GruO 5213.2H

Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for period 1-30 June 1966

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), the enclosed report is submitted for the period 1-30 June 1966.

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ENCLOSURE (22)

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-115
 Location: DaNang AB, RVN
 Period: 1 through 30 June 1966
 Organizational Data (U):

<u>1. Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>
Dean C. MACHO	Commanding Officer	LtCol
Ralph J. SORENSEN	Executive Officer	Major
Frank K. WEST Jr.	Operations Officer	Major
Michael MURA	Administrative Officer	Major
Daniel T. BENN	Logistics Officer	Major
Charles D. HATFIELD	Aviation Safety Officer	Captain

2. Average Monthly Strength (C):

a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	24
(2) Naval Flight Officers	21
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	7
(4) Naval Flight Surgeons	1
(5) Total	53


b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	260
(2) Navy Corpsman	1
(3) Total	261


3. Summary of Significant Events

a. Personnel. (U) One aviation ground officer was transferred to Marine Aircraft Group-16. One Naval Flight Officer was rotated upon completion of his overseas tour. Five Naval Aviators and three Naval Flight Officers were received from various duty stations in the United States. One Naval Aviator, one Naval Flight Officer, and one aviation ground officer were received from Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron-11.

b. Awards. (U) Fifty-four Air Medals were awarded to flight crew members. Recommendations for fifty air medals were made to higher authority.

 (S) *Sig Encl*
c. Air Operations. (S) VMFA-115 established a new flight hours record for this organization with the F4B in June with 718.8 hours and 589 sorties. Combat hours and sorties were 654.7 and 532. Missions included TPQ, Steel Tiger, Helo Escort, Blue Blazer, Ground Defense Scramble, Landing Zone Preparation and CAP, Tiger Hound, Direct Air Support, Convoy Cover, Test, and Ground Controlled Intercept. Damage assessment for June included 75 VC killed, 250 structures destroyed, 16 roads cratered, one bridge destroyed, and four boats destroyed.

d. Training. (U) Four aircrew members completed the Jungle Environment and Survival Training Course during June. One Naval Aviator completed the Fifth Air Force Sea Survival Course. One enlisted man completed the Corrosion Control Course at Tachikawa Air Base.


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