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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 (Attn: S-3)  
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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) WgO 5750.1B  
(c) GruO 5213.2H

Encl: (1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for period 1 - 31 July 1966

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), the subject report is submitted for the period of 1 - 31 July 1966.

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APPENDIX #2

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July 1966

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
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### Command Chronology

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115

Location: Da Nang AB, RVN

Period: 1 through 31 July 1966

#### Organizational Data (U):

| 1. <u>NAME</u>      | <u>BILLET</u>           | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| DEAN C. MACHO       | Commanding Officer      | LtCol       | 1-31        |
| RALPH J. SORENSEN   | Executive Officer       | Major       | 1-2         |
| DONALD G. KEAST     | Executive Officer       | Major       | 3-31        |
|                     | Operations Officer      |             | 1-2         |
| ROBERT C. BAUGHMAN  | Operations Officer      | Major       | 3-31        |
| MICHAEL MURA        | Administrative Officer  | Major       | 1-31        |
| DANIEL T. BENN      | Logistics Officer       | Major       | 1-2         |
| WERNER F. REBSTOCK  | Logistics Officer       | Captain     | 3-31        |
| CHARLES D. HATFIELD | Aviation Safety Officer | Captain     | 1-31        |
| JACK H. PULCHEON    | Maintenance Officer     | Captain     | 1-31        |

#### 2. Average Monthly Strength (C):

##### a. Officers

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| (1) Naval Aviators           | 22 |
| (2) Aviation Ground Officers | 3  |
| (3) Naval Flight Officers    | 19 |
| (4) Naval Flight Surgeon     | 0  |
| (5) Total                    | 44 |

##### b. Enlisted

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| (1) Marine Corps  | 239 |
| (2) Navy Corpsmen | 0   |
| (3) Total         | 239 |

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### 3. Summary of Significant Events

a. Personnel. (U) Four Naval Aviators, three Naval Flight Officers, seven aviation ground officers, and one Naval Flight Surgeon were rotated upon completion of overseas tours. One Naval Aviator was received from an overseas draft. One aviation ground officer was transferred to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 11. One aviation ground officer was received from that same unit. One aviation ground officer was received from VMF(AW)-235. Two Staff Sergeants were promoted to temporary Second Lieutenant; three First Lieutenants were promoted to Captain.

b. Awards. (U) On July 5, Captain George W. BURKLEY and Major Daniel T. BENN were awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with the Bronze Star and Silver Star respectively for heroic action during aerial flight in support of South Vietnamese and American forces.

c. Air Operations. (S) In July, this unit established what is believed to be a record for total flight hours in a month for the F4B in a combat zone. Total flight hours and sorties were 1001.7 and 727; combat hours and sorties were 990.5 and 717. Damage assessment for July included 61 VC killed, 273 structures destroyed, seven roads cratered, one bridge destroyed, one radio communications station destroyed and 15 VC pack animals killed. Another probable Marine F4B record was established for ordnance dropped this month when this unit dropped 935.78 tons of ordnance.

d. Training. (U) Seven crew members completed the Jungle Environment and Survival Training Course during July. Two air crew members completed the Fifth Air Force Sea Survival Course. Two enlisted personnel completed Corrosion Control Course at Tackikawa Air Base.

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