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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)

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

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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July 1966

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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. REB STOCK	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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