

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

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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11

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 (b) WgO 5750.1B  
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Encl: (1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the period of 1 - 31 August 1966

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

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APPENDIX #3

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Command Chronology

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Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-115

Location: Na Nang AB, RVN

Period: 1 through 31 August 1966

Organizational Data (u):

<u>1. Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Dean C. MACHO	Commanding Officer	LtCol.	1-7
Larry R. VAN DEUSEN	Commanding Officer	Major	8-31
Donald G. KEAST	Executive Officer	Major	1-31
Robert C. BAUGHMAN	Operations Officer	Major	1-31
Michael MURA	Administrative Officer	Major	1-8
Robert E. FROST	Administrative Officer	Captain	9-31
Werner F. REBSTOCK	Logistics Officer	Captain	1-31
Jack H. PULCHEON	Maintenance Officer	Captain	1-31
Charles D. HATFIELD	Aviation Safety Officer	Captain	1-31

## 2. Average Monthly Strength (c):

## a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	5
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	1
(5) Total	44

## b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	226
(2) Navy Corpsmen	0
(3) Total	226

## 3. Summary of Significant Events

a. Personnel. (u) Four Naval Aviators, one Naval Flight Officer and one Aviation Ground Officer completed their overseas tours. One Naval Aviator was transferred to Marine Aircraft Group 16. Three Naval Aviators, two Aviation Ground Officers, and one Naval Flight Surgeon were received from the August draft. One Aviation Ground Officer was received from Marine Air Base Squadron 11. Enlisted strength remained almost the same after the large loss of personnel in July.

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b. Awards. (u) Master Sergeant Raymond W. SMITH and Gunnery Sergeant Charles W. BERRYMAN were awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with the Bronze Star for skillful and resourceful performance in support of Operation Colorado.

c. Air Operations. (s) Total flight hours and sorties were 825.8 and 676; combat hours and sorties were 817.5 and 669. Damage assessment for the month included 216 structures destroyed, 5 boats destroyed, 242 VC confirmed killed, and possibly 301 more VC killed. The VC killed by air figures are easily the highest figure attained by this unit in either of its two combat tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

d. Command Relationship/Command and Control. (u) On 8 August, Major Larry R. VAN DEUSEN assumed command of this organization from Lieutenant Colonel Dean C. MACHO. Major VAN DEUSEN had formerly been the Executive Officer of Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314; LtCol. MACHO has his next duty assignment with the Third Marine Aircraft Wing.

e. Training. (u) Nine aircrew members completed the Jungle Environment and Survival Training Course. One Naval Aviator completed the Fifth Air Force Sea Survival Course. One officer and one enlisted man completed the Corrosion Control Course at Tachikawa Air Base. One officer completed the Embarkation School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

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 9 October 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11  
 Subj: Command Chronology (u)

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

Encl: (1) VMFA 115 Command Chronology for the Period 1-30 September 1966

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115  
 Location: Danang AB, RVN  
 Period: 1 through 30 September 1966

## Organizational Data (u):

1. <u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Larry R. VAN DEUSEN	Commanding Officer	Major	1-30
Donald G. KEAST	Executive Officer	Major	1-30
Robert C. BAUGHMAN	Operations Officer	Major	1-30
Robert E. FROST	Administrative Officer	Captain	1-30
Werner F. REBSTOCK	Logistics Officer	Captain	1-30
Charles D. HATFIELD	Aviation Safety Officer	Captain	1-30
Jack H. PULCHEON	Maintenance Officer	Captain	1-30

## 2. Average Monthly Strength (c):

## a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	17
(2) Naval Flight Officers	17
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	5
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	1
(5) Total	40

## b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	230
(2) Navy Corpsmen	0
(3) Total	230

## 3. Summary of Significant Events

a. Personnel. (u) One Naval Aviator, two Naval Flight Officers, and one aviation ground officer were rotated upon completion of their overseas tours. One Naval Aviator and three Naval Flight Officers were received from various duty stations in the United States. One aviation ground officer was received from Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron Eleven. One staff sergeant was commissioned as a temporary Second Lieutenant. Enlisted strength shows a slight increase as compared to the previous month.

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b. Awards. (u) Seventy-two Air Medals were awarded to flight crew members. Recommendation for fifty-eight Air Medals were made to higher authority.

c. Air Operations. (s) VMFA 115 recorded in September 841.2 hours and 673 sorties. Combat hours and sorties were 824.2 and 660. Missions included TPQ, Tally Ho, cover, direct air support, helo escort, close air support, ground defense alert scramble, Red Blazer, tactical air controller (airborne), Fire Cracker, ferry, and test. Damage assessment included 165 structures destroyed, 29 VC killed, 7 boats destroyed, and one POL dump destroyed.

d. Training. (u) Five aircrew members completed the Jungle Environment and Survival Training Course. Two Naval Flight Officers completed the Fifth Air Force Sea Survival Course. One ground officer completed the Corrosion Control Course at Tachikawa Air Base. One officer and four enlisted personnel completed the Wing Special Ordnance Loading Course.

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