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MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 115
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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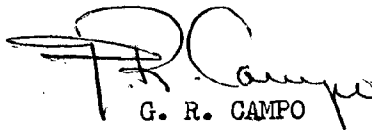
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Encl: (1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the period 1-30 June 1967 (c)

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c) the enclosed report is submitted for the period 1-30 June 1967.


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Command Chronology

Unit: Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115
 Location: MCAS, CHU LAI, RVN
 Period: 1 through 30 June 1967

Organizational Data (U)

1. Command and Staff (U)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
GUY R. CAMPO	Commanding Officer	MAJOR	1-30
MATTHEW B. PECK	Executive Officer	MAJOR	1-30
THOMAS K. DUFFY	Operations Officer	MAJOR	1-30
FRANK CRUZ	Administration Officer	MAJOR	1-26
CHARLES S. CAHASKIE	Administration Officer	CAPT	27-30
BERNARD H. THOMAS	Logistics Officer	MAJOR	1-30
ROBERT E. FROST	Aviation Safety Officer	MAJOR	1-30
RICHARD T. DOUGLAS	Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	1-30

2. Average Monthly Strength (C)

a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	1
(5) Total	43

b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	320
(2) Navy Corpsman	0
(3) Total	320

3. Summary of Significant Events (C)

a. Personnel. (U) Two Naval Flight Officers were transferred during the reporting period, one to the First Marine Division and one to MAG-13. One Aviation Ground Officer was joined from CONUS. No casualties were received.

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b. Awards. (U) Twenty-two Air Medals were awarded to flight crew members. Recommendations for sixty Air Medals were forwarded to higher authority. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star was awarded to one flight crew member. One Meritorious Mast was awarded.

c. Air Operations. (C) During the reporting period VMFA-115 reported 609.4 flight hours and 518 sorties. The squadron flew 607.4 combat flight hours and 515 sorties. Missions include Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Red Blazer, and TPQ. Damage assesment included 248 structures destroyed and 9 damaged, 18 road cuts, 7 automatic weapon positions destroyed and 2 damaged, 19 secondary explosions, 15 secondary fires, 505 meters of trench line destroyed, 18 foxholes destroyed, 1 bridge destroyed, and 1 radio transmitter site destroyed.

d. Training. (U) Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period.

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KENNY C. PALMER

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Command Chronology

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115
 Location: MCAS, Chu Lai, RVN
 Period: 1 through 31 July 1967

Organizational Data (U)

1. Commander and Staff (U)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
GUY R. CAMPO	Commanding Officer	LTCOL	1-27
KENNY C. PALMER	Commanding Officer	LTCOL	28-31
MATTHEW B. PECK	Executive Officer	MAJOR	1-31
THOMAS K. DUFFY	Operations Officer	MAJOR	1
FREDERICK S. TENER JR.	Operations Officer	CAPT	2-31
CHARLES S. CAHASKIE	Administration Officer	CAPT	1-31
BERNARD H. THOMAS	Logistics Officer	MAJOR	1-31
ROBERT E. FROST	Aviation Safety Officer	MAJOR	1-31
RICHARD T. DOUGLAS	Maintenance Officer	MAJOR	1-31

2. Monthly Strength (C)

a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	22
(2) Naval Flight Officers	19
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	1
(5) Total	46

b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	324
(2) Navy Corpsmen	0
(3) Total	324

3. Summary of Significant Events (C)

a. Personnel. (U) Two Naval Aviators were transferred during the reporting period, one to CONUS and one to MAG-13. Four Naval Aviators were joined during the reporting period. No casualties were received.

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b. Awards. (U) 53 Air Medals were awarded to flight crew members. Recommendations for 100 Air Medals were forwarded to higher authority. 4 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry were awarded. One Bronze Star was awarded. 19 Distinguished Flying Crosses were recommended to higher authority, but were returned for further processing.

c. Air Operations. (C) During the reporting period VMFA-115 recorded 668.4 flight hours and 564 sorties. The squadron flew 661.1 combat flight hours and 557 combat sorties. Missions included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Red Blazer, and TPQ. Damage assesment included 13 KBA confirmed and 46 probable, 196 structures destroyed and 60 damaged, 42 bunkers destroyed and 21 damaged, 5 automatic weapons positions destroyed and 2 damaged, 22 road cuts, 1 bridge destroyed, 5 anti-aircraft positions damaged, 1 secondary explosion and 4 fires, 1 gun position destroyed and 2 damaged, 350 meters of road destroyed, and 790 meters of trench line destroyed.

d. Training. (U) Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period.

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KENNY C. PALMER

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115
 Location: MCAS, Chu Lai, RVN
 Period: 1-31 August 1967

Organization Data (U)

1. Commander and Staff (U)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KENNY C. PALMER	Commanding Officer	LTCOL	1-31
MATTHEW B. PECK	Executive Officer	MAJ	1
LEROY A. MADERA	Executive Officer	MAJ	2-31
FREDERICK S. TENER	Operations Officer	CAPT	1
RICHARD T. DOUGLAS	Operations Officer	MAJ	2-31
CHARLES S. CAHASKIE	S-1 Officer	CAPT	1-31
ROGER A. GURLEY	S-2 Officer	CAPT	1-31
BERNARD H. THOMAS	Logistics Officer	MAJ	1
JAMES A. GORDON	Logistics Officer	CAPT	2-31
ROBERT E. FROST	Aviation Safety Officer	MAJ	1-16
FREDRICK L. HATTON	Aviation Safety Officer	CAPT	17-31
RICHARD T. DOUGLAS	Maintenance Officer	MAJ	1
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	Maintenance Officer	MAJ	2-31

2. Monthly Strength (C)

a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	15
(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4
(4) Naval Flight Surgeon	1
(5) Total	39

b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps	312
(2) Navy Corpsmen	0
(3) Total	312

3. Summary of Significant Events (C)

a. Personnel. (U) Six Naval Aviators, one Naval Flight Officer, one Aviation Ground Officer, and one Flight Surgeon were transferred during the reporting period and one Flight Surgeon was joined. Forty-one enlisted

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were transferred and twenty three joined. 2ndLt. O. T. H. ALTHOFF was promoted to 1stLt. and twelve enlisted men received promotions. The Squadron had 97% participation in the savings bond program. No casualties were received.

b. Awards. (U) 78 Recommendations for Air Medals were forwarded to higher authority. Three Meritorious Mast were awarded.

c. Air Operations. (C) During the reporting period VMFA-115 recorded 750.4 flight hours and 639 sorties. The squadron flew 721.3 combat flight hours and 611 combat sorties. Missions included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparations, Red Blazers, and TPQs. Damage assessment included 28 KBA confirmed and 38 KBA probable, 77 bunkers destroyed and 7 damaged, 141 structures destroyed and 35 damaged, 49 road cuts, 5 bridges destroyed and 1 damaged, 300 meters of road destroyed, 130 meters of trench line destroyed, 4 automatic weapons positions destroyed and 6 gun positions destroyed, 18 secondary fires and 8 secondary explosions. VMFA-115 flew combat missions in support of operations Kingfisher, Benton, Cumberland, Cochise, Beacon Guide, Beacon Torch, Ardmore, Freemont, Dragon Head, and Stockton.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 1249.43 tons of ordnance. Ordnance expended included 1816 MK81, 2466 MK82, 276 MK117, 28 MK83, 458 MK77 fire bombs, 1121 2.75 rockets, 118 Zuni, and 5586 rounds of 20MM.

d. Training. (U) Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART ONE: ORGANIZATION DATA1. Commander and Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KENNY C. PALMER	Commanding Officer	LTCOL	1-30
LEROY A. MADERA	Executive Officer	MAJ	1-30
CARL L. BATTISTONE	Operations Officer	MAJ	1-30
CHARLES S. CAHASKIE	S-1 Officer	CAPT	1-30
ROGER A. GURLEY	S-2 Officer	CAPT	1-30
JAMES A. GORDON	Logistics Officer	CAPT	1-30
FREDRICK L. HATTON	Aviation Safety Officer	CAPT	1-30
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	Maintenance Officer	MAJ	1-30

2. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-115	MCAS, CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL KENNY C. PALMER	1-30

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	17
(2) Naval Flight Officers	19
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	3

b. Naval Officers

1

c. Marine Enlisted

268

d. Naval Enlisted

0

e. Total Average Strength

308

4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. LTCOL ROY A. SEAVER 1stMAW Safety Officer

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period VMFA-115 recorded 682.4 flight hours and 575 sorties. The squadron flew 666.5 combat flight hours and 561 combat sorties. Missions included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Steel Tiger, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Red Blazers, and TPQ's. Bomb

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damage assesment included 37 KBA confirmed and 103 KBA probable, 43 buhkers destroyed and 8 damaged, 342 structures destroyed and 104 damaged, 570 meters of trench line destroyed, 20 road cuts, 300 meters of road destroyed, 5 bridges destroyed, 9 secondary explosions and 14 secondary fires, 2 mortar positions destroyed, 6 rocket positions destroyed, 2 artillery positions destroyed, and 4 automatic weapon positions destroyed. VMFA-115 flew combat missions in support of operations Kingfisher, Neutralize, Freemont, Fortress Sentry, Shelbyville, Wheeler, Ballistic Charge, Dragon Fire, Swift, and Cumberland.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 1024.7 tons of ordnance. Ordnance expended included 386 MK-77 Fire Bombs, 1651 MK-81, 2233 MK-82, 599 MK-117, 20 MK-83, 28 CBU-24, and 1562 Zuni.

During the reporting period two aircraft were lost at sea, one as a result of enemy ground fire and the other as a result of aircraft malfunction. Three aircraft received extensive battle damage.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Awards. Recommendations for nineteen Distinguished Flying Crosses, ninety-three Air Medals, one Bronze Star, one Navy Achievement Medal, and seven Navy Commendation Medals were forwarded to higher authority. Aircrew members received eighty-seven Air Medals.
2. Casualties. Two aircrew members received major injuries during ejection.
3. Personnel. Five Naval Aviators, four Naval Flight Officers and one Aviation Ground Officer were joined. Three Naval Aviators, two Naval Flight Officers and one Aviation Ground Officer were transferred. Nine enlisted men were promoted to Sergeant, forty-nine to Corporal, ten to Lance Corporal and one to Private First Class.
4. Training. Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period, with particular emphasis on instrument flying in preparation for the coming monsoon season.

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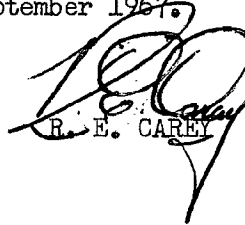
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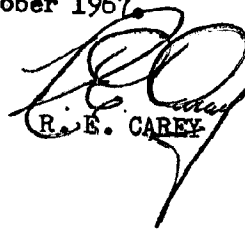
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9 November 1967PART ONE: ORGANIZATION DATA1. Commander and Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KENNY C. PALMER	COMMANDING OFFICER	LTCOL	1-5
RICHARD E. CAREY	COMMANDING OFFICER	LTCOL	6-31
LEROY A. MADERA	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL	1-3
CARL L. BATTISTONE	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL	4-31
CARL L. BATTISTONE	OPERATIONS OFFICER	LTCOL	1-3
FREDRICK S. TENER	OPERATIONS OFFICER	CAPT	4-19
JACOB W. MOORE	OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJ	20-31
BOB B. RODGERS	S-1 OFFICER	CAPT	1-31
ROGER A. GURLEY	S-2 OFFICER	MAJ	1-15
DARRYL R. GRIFFING	S-2 OFFICER	CAPT	16-31
JAMES A. GORDON	LOGISTICS OFFICER	CAPT	1-15
ROGER A GURLEY	LOGISTICS OFFICER	MAJ	16-31
FREDRICK L. HATTON	AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER	CAPT	1-2
HAROLD F. PYLE	AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER	CAPT	3-31
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	MAINTENANCE OFFICER	MAJ	1-31

2. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-115	MCAS, CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL RICHARD E. CAREY	6-31

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	17
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4

b. Naval Officers	1
c. Marine Enlisted	286
d. Naval Enlisted	0

e. Total Average Strength	323
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4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. LTCOL ROY A. SEAVER	1stMAW Safety Officer
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PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period VMFA-115 was active in supporting operations throughout the I Corps area, within the DMZ, and in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam. Operations supported included Kingfisher, Freemont, Wheeler, Dragon Fire, Formation Leader, Ardmore, Osceola, Wallowa, Neutralize, and the A Shau Valley winter campaign. Missions flown included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Steel Tiger, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Red Blazer, Visual Reconnaissance, and TPQ.

Bomb damage assessment included 11 KBA confirmed, 10 KBA probable, 27 bunkers destroyed, 7 sampans destroyed and 8 damaged, 3 pack animals killed, 285 meters of trench line destroyed, 139 structures destroyed and 42 damaged, 1 secondary explosion and 1 secondary fire, 1 automatic weapons position, 2 artillery positions, and 2 anti-aircraft positions destroyed, 1 road cut, and 130 meters of road destroyed. An increase in TPQ's and Tally Ho's was a significant factor in the reduction of bomb damage assessment for this month.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 989.78 tons of ordnance. Ordnance expended included 290 MK77 Fire Bombs, 1293 MK81, 2258 MK82, 12 MK83, 160 MK117, 6 CBU-24/B, 14,375 20MM, 49 Zuni Rockets, and 19 2.75 Rocket Pods.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Six Naval Aviators and three Naval Flight Officers were joined. Six Naval Aviators and six Naval Flight Officers were transferred. 47 enlisted were joined and 33 transferred. 2ndLt KENNETH G. DURHAM was promoted to 1stLt. 41 enlisted men were promoted to corporal and 2 to lance corporal. There were no reenlistments or extensions during the month.

2. Awards. Recommendations for four Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Purple Hearts, fifty-eight Air Medals, and one Navy Commendation Medal were forwarded to higher authority. Aircrew members received fifty-eight Air Medals.

3. Casualties. NONE

4. Air Operations.

Total Flight Hours	581.8
Total Sorties	500
Combat Flight Hours	575.7
Combat Sorties	491
Average Pilot Hours	27.7
Average Pilot Sorties	23
Average RIO Hours	32.9
Average RIO Sorties	29

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Maj C. L. ZANGAS and 1stLt W. E. FLANAGAN passed the 100 mission mark and Capt T. V. FISHER and 1stLt O. T. H. ALTHOFF the 200 mission mark.

5. Training. Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period with the emphasis on instrument procedures for the coming monsoon season.

6. Maintenance.

Aircraft assigned	16
Average aircraft on-board	12
Average aircraft availability	9

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10 December 1967PART ONE: ORGANIZATION DATA1. Commander and Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
RICHARD E. CAREY	COMMANDING OFFICER	LTCOL	1-30
CARL L. BATTISTONE	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL	1-30
JACOB W. MOORE	OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJ	1-30
BOB B. RODGERS	S-1 OFFICER	CAPT	1-21
DARRYL R. GRIFFING	S-1 OFFICER	CAPT	22-30
ROBERT E. BARKER	S-2 OFFICER	1STLT	1-30
ROGER A. GURLEY	LOGISTICS OFFICER	MAJ	1-30
HAROLD F. PYLE	AVIATION SAFETY	CAPT	1-30
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	MAINTENANCE OFFICER	MAJ	1-30

2. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL RICHARD E. CAREY	1-30

3. Average Monthly Strengtha. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	20
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4

b. Naval Officers	1
c. Marine Enlisted	309
d. Naval Enlisted	0

e. Total Average Strength	349
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4. Important Visitors to the Command

a. BGEN ROBERT P. KELLER	Asst Wing Commander
b. LTCOL ROY A. SEAVER	1stMAW Safety Officer

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period VMFA-115 was active in supporting operations throughout the I Corps Area, within the DMZ, and in the southern panhandle

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of North Vietnam. Operations supported included Kingfisher, Neutralize, Wallowa, Kentucky, Lancaster, Wheeler, Essex, Foster, Knox, and Granite. Missions flown included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Steel Tiger, Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Visual Reconnaissance, Air to Air Intercept Practice Scrambles, and TPQ.

Bomb damage assessment included 10 KBA confirmed, 28 KBA probable, 62 bunkers destroyed and 20 damaged, 51 structures destroyed and 61 damaged, 14 secondary fires, 10 secondary explosions, 130 meters of trench line destroyed, 29 fighting holes destroyed and uncovered, 2 rice crops destroyed, 1 anti-aircraft site destroyed and 1 damaged, 1 artillery position destroyed, 14 sampans destroyed and 4 damaged, 4 bridges destroyed, 7 road cuts, and 4 partial road cuts. The onset of the monsoon season was a significant factor in the reduction of bomb damage assessment for the month.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 1,408.119 tons of ordnance. Ordnance expended included 150 MK 77 fire bombs, 985 MK 81, 3778 MK 82, 5 MK 83, 779 MK 117, 71 Zuni, 19 2.75 rocket pods, and 11,338 20 MM.

Significant Sorties Flown During the Month

On 18 November COL E. N. LEFAIVRE, 1/LT R. P. ROBSON, CAPT D. R. GRIFFING, and CAPT R. E. HENRICKSEN flew a Close Air Support mission in support of Operation Foster South of Danang. Using napalm and a gun pod the flight destroyed 26 military structures, damaged 4 military structures, and destroyed 2 rice crops.

CAPT H. F. PYLE, 1/LT R. T. COX, CAPT N. G. G. KERR, and 1/LT M. J. SHARBAUGH were diverted to an emergency Close Air Support mission in the DMZ on 18 November. Dropping MK 82 snakeye bombs the flight destroyed 20 bunkers and had 5 KBA probable.

Recent Information Received on Previous Sorties

On 10 September CAPT F. S. TENER, CAPT N. G. G. KERR, CAPT C. S. CAHASKIE, and CAPT T. W. HOWARD were also called on to conduct a Close Air Support mission in the Dong Ha area. Dropping MK 81 snakeye bombs and napalm in marginal weather conditions the flight was credited with 65 KBA confirmed and 120 KBA probable. While making runs, both aircraft were hit by ground fire and sustained serious damage.

On 20 October LTCOL R. E. CAREY, MAJ R. A. GURLEY, CAPT D. L. SHORTAL, and CAPT B. B. RODGERS flew an emergency Close Air Support mission in the Dong Ha area. The flight dropped MK 82 snakeye bombs and fired a gun pod in

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close proximity to friendly troops in marginal weather. The flight received credit for a substantial amount of the 195 KBA confirmed that were counted after the engagement.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. Four Naval Aviators and two Naval Flight Officers were joined. Two Naval Aviators and three Naval Flight Officers were transferred. 59 Enlisted were joined and 28 transferred. Captains R. A. GURLEY and J. N. BIBLER were promoted to MAJOR. 1STLTs B. C. BUNCH, J. W. BOTTOMS and R. T. COX were promoted to CAPTAIN. There was one reenlistment and no extensions during the month. 95.4 per cent of the squadron was enrolled in the Savings Bond Program.

2. Awards. Recommendations for sixty-four Air Medals, two Single Mission Air Medals and five Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry were forwarded to higher authority. Fifty-six Air Medals, four Single Mission Air Medals, and one Navy Achievement Medal were received.

3. Casualties. NONE

4. Air Operations.

Total Flight Hours	718.1
Total Sorties	628
Combat Flight Hours	702.6
Combat Sorties	617
High Day-Hours	34.1
High Day-Sorties	28 (3)
Average Pilot Hours	28.8
Average Pilot Sorties	25
Average RIO Hours	42.3
Average RIO Sorties	36
Non-Squadron Aircrew Hours	110.4
Non-Squadron Aircrew Sorties	99

LTCOL R. E. CAREY passed the 100 mission mark and CAPT R. F. HENRICKSEN the 200 mission mark.

5. Training. Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period.

6. Maintenance.

Aircraft assigned	17
Average aircraft on-board	14
Average aircraft availability	8

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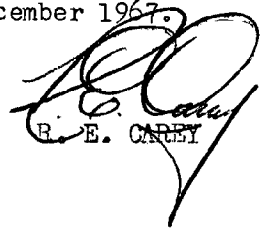
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(c) GruO 5750.1C

Encl: (I) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the period 1-31 December 1967 (C)

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c) the enclosed report is submitted for the period 1-31 December 1967.


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<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
RICHARD E. CAREY	COMMANDING OFFICER	LTCOL	1-31
CARL L. BATTISTONE	EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL	1-31
JACOB W. MOORE	OPERATIONS OFFICER	MAJ	1-31
DARRYL R. GRIFFING	S-1 OFFICER	CAPT	1-31
ROBERT E. BARKER	S-2 OFFICER	1STLT	1-31
ROGER A. GURLEY	LOGISTICS OFFICER	MAJ	1-4
DENIS L. SHORTAL	LOGISTICS OFFICER	CAPT	5-31
HAROLD F. PYLE	AVIATION SAFETY OFFICER	CAPT	1-31
CHARLES L. ZANGAS	MAINTENANCE OFFICER	MAJ	1-31

2. Task Organization and Data

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>	<u>DATE OF OFFICE</u>
VMFA-115	CHU LAI, RVN	LTCOL RICHARD E. CAREY	1-31

3. Average Monthly Strengtha. Marine Officers

(1) Naval Aviators	19
(2) Naval Flight Officers	15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4

b. Naval Officers	1
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c. Marine Enlisted	274
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d. Naval Enlisted	0
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e. Total Average Strength	313
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4. Important Visitors to the Command

NONE

PART TWO: NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period VMFA-115 was active in supporting operations throughout the I Corps Area, within the DMZ, in the Southern Panhandle of North Vietnam, and Laos. Operations supported included Kentucky, Fortress Ridge, Citrus, Kent, Headshed, Lancaster, Lamson, and Shock Four. Missions flown included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, Tally Ho, Steel Hammer,

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Helicopter Escort, Landing Zone Preparation, Visual Reconnaissance, Armed Reconnaissance, Air-to-Air Intercept Practice Scrambles, BARCAP, and TPQ.

Bomb damage assessment included 13 KBA confirmed, 50 KBA probable, 66 structures destroyed and 25 damaged, 32 bunkers destroyed and 15 damaged, 680 meters of trench line destroyed, 6 secondary fires and 2 secondary explosions, 2 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 46 road cuts, 2 road slides, 3 bridges destroyed, and 4 ford cuts.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 1137.84 tons of ordnance and averaged 36.70 tons of ordnance expended per day. Ordnance expended included 222 MK 77 fire bombs, 1,462 MK 81, 2,788 MK 82, 4 MK 83, 195 MK 117, 12 CBU-24B, and 1,767 rounds of 20 MM.

Significant Sorties Flown During the Month

On the night of 25 December Capt H. F. PYLE, Capt L. R. CUSHMAN, 1stLt J. W. PROCTOR and 1stLt R. P. ROBSON were scrambled off the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad on a priority Close Air Support Mission northwest of Dong Ha. The flight dropped snakeye bombs and napalm within 50 meters of friendlies during marginal weather without the aid of flares. As result of the flights accurate ordnance delivery the Recon Team supported was successfully extracted.

On 29 December LtCol C. L. BATTISTONE, 1stLt R. P. ROBSON, Capt J. C. HURST and 1stLt A. L. SHERWIN were scrambled off the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad on an emergency Close Air Support Mission south of Chu Lai to support a med evac and attack a fortified VC village. As a result of the flights accurate delivery of their snakeye bombs and napalm the med evac was successfully completed and the fortified village neutralized.

PART THREE: SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel. One Naval Aviator and one Naval Flight Officer were joined. Two Naval Aviators and one Naval Flight Officer were transferred. 41 Enlisted were joined and 33 transferred. One SSGT was promoted to GYSGT and 11 CPL to SGT. There was one reenlistment and no extensions. 99 per cent of the squadron was enrolled in the Savings Bond Program.

2. Awards. Recommendations for eighty Air Medals, fourteen Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Silver Stars, and twelve Single Mission Air Medals were forwarded to higher authority. Eighty Air Medals were received by air crew members.

3. Casualties. NONE

4. Air Operations

Total Flight Hours

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Total Sorties	475
Combat Flight Hours	543.7
Combat Sorties	456
High Day - Hours	34.7
High Day - Sorties	27
Average Pilot Hours	26.0
Average Pilot Combat Sorties	20.5
Average RIO Hours	32.6
Average RIO Combat Sorties	25.4
Non-Squadron Aircrew Hours	119.9
Non-Squadron Aircrew Sorties	99

LTCOL C. L. BATTISTONE, CAPT D. L. SHORTAL, CAPT D. R. GRIFFING, 1STLT R. E. ABRAJANO, 1STLT R. E. BARKER and 1STLT R. P. ROBSON passed the 100 mission mark and CAPT L. R. CUSHMAN, CAPT T. W. HOWARD, CAPT J. D. WEBER, CAPT N. G. G. KERR and CWO-2 P. M. ESTES passed the 200 mission mark.

5. Training. Aircrew training was conducted throughout the reporting period.

6. Maintenance.

Aircraft assigned	20
Average aircraft on-board	13
Average aircraft availability	5

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