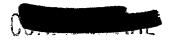
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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), the enclosed report is submitted for the period 1-29 February 1968.

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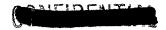
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Part One: <u>Organization Data</u>

1. Commander and Staff

| Name | Billet | Rank | Date |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------|
| Gerald W. VAUGHAN | Commanding Officer | LtCol | 1-29 |
| Carl L. BATTISTONE | Executive Officer | ${	t LtCol}$ | 1-29 |
| Jacob W. MOORE | Operations Officer | Maj | 1-29 |
| Darryl R. GRIFFING | S-1 Officer | Capt | 1-29 |
| Robert E. BARKER | S-2 Officer | \mathtt{lstLt} | 1-29 |
| Denis L. SHORTAL | Logistics Officer | Capt | 1-29 |
| Jay N. BIBLER | Aviation Safety Officer | Maj | 1-29 |
| James R. THROGMORTON | Maintenance Officer | Maj | 1-29 |

2. Task Organization and Data

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Location</u> | Commanding Officer | Date of Office |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| VMFA-115 | Chu Lai, RVN | LtCol Gerald W. VAUGHAN | 1-29 Feb |

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Marine Officers

| | (1) Naval Aviators(2) Naval Flight Officers | 16 14 |
|----|--|----------|
| | (3) Aviation Ground Officers | 4 |
| b. | Naval Officers | . 1 |
| c. | Marine Enlisted | 255 |
| d. | Naval Enlisted | 4 |
| e. | Total Average Strength | 294 |

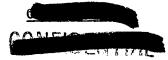
Part Two: Narrative Summary

During the reporting period, VMFA-115 was active in supporting operations throughout the I Corps Area, within the DMZ, in North Vietnam, and Laos. Operations supported included Kentucky, Niagara, Scotland, Wallowa,

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and the Ashau Valley Campaign. Missions flown included Close Air Support, Direct Air Support, BarCap, Visual Reconnaissance, Air-to-Air Intercept Practice Scramble, and TPQ.

Bomb damage assessment included 19 KBA confirmed and 20 probable, 81 structures destroyed and 16 damaged, 2 bunkers destroyed and 6 damaged, 1 machine gun position destroyed, 7 runway cuts, 1 road cut, and 3 secondary explosions, and 4 secondary fires.

During the reporting period the squadron dropped 733.22 tons of ordnance. The squadron dropped an average of 25.28 tons of ordnance per day. Ordnance expended included 1445 MK81 GP bombs, 1454 MK82 GP bombs, 432 MK117 GP bombs, 121 MK77 firebombs, 6 CBU 24/B bombs, 9 2.75 rocket pods, and 7 5inch Zuni rockets.

On 3 February 1968 Captain D. R. GRIFFING, First Lieutenant R. E. HENRY, Captain J. R. PFALZGRAF and First Lieutenant A. L. SHERWIN flew a Direct Air Support mission 8 miles south of Quang Nga. Jake 42 directed the flight against a Viet Cong Battalion located in a fortified position. The flight encountered small arms fire from the enemy position. They delivered their MK81's and 2.75" rockets on target and destroyed 12 structures, had 1 secondary explosion, 15 KBA confirmed and 20 KBA probable.

Part Three: Significant Events

- 1. <u>Personnel</u>. One Naval Aviator and two Naval Flight Officers were joined. Three Naval Aviators and four Naval Flight Officers were transferred. There were four meritorious promotions; one to Corporal and three to Lance Corporal. There was one overseas extension during the month. Ninety-seven percent of the squadron was enrolled in the Savings Bond Program.
- 2. Awards. Recommendations for forty-seven Air Medals, ten Bronze Stars, two Navy Commendation Medals, and five Vietnamese Crosses of Galantry were forwarded to higher authority. No awards were received.
- 3. Civil Actions. VMFA-115 Civil Affairs program was started by 1stLt A. L. SHERWIN and 1stSgt A. G. RICHMOND. VMFA-115 has been assigned the hamlet of Long-Dhu II, which is in the district of Ly-Tin for Civil Affairs Liaison. Long-Dhu II is approximately four miles southwest of Chu Lai. 1stLt SHERWIN, 1stSgt RICHMOND and Med-Caps have visited the village weekly and plans are being made for improving the sanitary facilities.

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4. Air Operations

| Total Flight Hours | 430.6 |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Total Sorties | 384 |
| Combat Flight Hours | 411.3 |
| Combat Sorties | 371 |
| High Day Hours | 31.9 |
| High Day Sorties | 27 |
| Average Pilot Hours | 21.4 |
| Average Pilot Combat Sorties | 19 |
| Average RIO Hours | 24.2 |
| Average RIO Combat Sorties | 22 |
| Non-Squadron Aircrew Hours | 92.4 |
| Non-Squadron Aircrew Sorties | 83 |

Captain L. R. CUSHMAN passed the 300 mission mark; Major J. N. BIBLER, Captain R. C. SPRINGER, and Captain A. S. WILLIAMS passed the 100 mission mark.

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

5. Maintenance

| Aircraft Assigned | 18 |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Average Aircraft on-board | 14 |
| Average Aircraft availability | 5 |

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