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MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 115
Marine Aircraft Group 15
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 SEPTEMBER TO 30 SEPTEMBER 1972

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 LtCol. H. C. IVY
1 September - 30 September 1972
2. LOCATION
 1 September - 30 September 1972 Nam Phong Royal Thai Air
Base, Thailand
3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. G. DEJONG	1 September - 17 September
	Maj. J. N. BIBLER	18 September - 30 September
S-1 Officer	Capt. J. W. JACOBSON	1 September - 30 September
Intelligence Officer	Capt. C. W. HOLMES	1 September - 30 September
S-3 Officer	Capt. V. M. RUSSILLO	1 September - 17 September
	Maj. G. DEJONG	18 September - 30 September
S-4 Officer	Capt. J. R. BALLARD	1 September - 19 September
	Capt. J. E. DERRICO	20 September - 30 September
Maintenance Officer	Maj. J. D. HOWELL	1 September - 30 September
Aviation Safety Officer	Capt. N. J. HART	1 September - 30 September
4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35	196	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During early September the "Silver Eagles" continued to fly close air support missions for friendly forces in South Viet Nam and simultaneously continued intensified training in Air-to-Air warfare.

(C) On the sixth of September VFMA-115 began flying Barrier Combat Air Patrols in support of U. S. operations in North Viet Nam. The first

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flight was led by the Commanding Officer, LtCol. H. C. IVY and Capt. R. R. RENIER. Flying wing were Capt. N. G. G. KERR, 1stLt. C. V. LONG, Capt. W. J. HOLVERSTOTT and Capt. V. M. RUSSILLO. By the end of September, all but a few of the aircrew members had been qualified and participated in the BARCAP. Upon completion of the Air-to-Air mission, the three crews would engage in Air Combat Maneuvering (ACM) practice prior to returning to Nam Phong thus gaining valuable ACM training within the flight.

(C) VMFA-115 flew 437.0 combat hours and dropped 309.1 tons of ordnance. This reduction from previous months was caused by the broadening of our combat mission. The squadron continued to demonstrate versatility and the broad capabilities of USMC fighter aviation by conducting refresher ACM training and then assuming an additional Air-to-Air role while continuing the air to ground mission in support of the South Viet Name.

On 30 September 1972 Capt. W. J. HOLVERSTOTT and his RIO 1stLt. B. D. WILSON completed the 32,000th combat sortie flown by the "Silver Eagles" since the beginning of USMC involvement in the Southeast Asian conflict.

PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL

4 September	Capt. W. N. GAMBLE left VMFA-115 for the 3rd MAW.
14 September	1stLt. B. E. POLEY joined the squadron from the Third MAW.
15 September	Maj. J. N. BIBLER and Capt. J. E. DERRICO joined VMFA-115 from the 3rd MAW and MAG-15 Headquarters respectively.
17 September	Capt. M. M. JOHNSON arrived at Nam Phong from the 3rd MAW.
20 September	Capt. W. W. ROUND received his promotion to present rank.
25 September	LtGen. L. H. WILSON Jr., CG FMFPac, looked at VMFA-115's operations at Nam Phong. Capt. M. J. GANIER received his promotion to present rank.

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1 - 5 September

Ground training and Air Combat Maneuvering practice intensified in anticipation of assuming an Air-to-Air commitment.

4 - 23 September

All personnel attended Human Relations Training.

3. OPERATIONS

6 - 30 September

VMFA-115 provided Barrier Combat Air Patrols in support of U. S. operations in North Viet Nam.

30 September

VMFA-115 produced the 32,000th combat sortie since the squadron's entry into the Viet Nam conflict.

PART IV SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The summary of Air Operations for the period 1 September to 30 September is enclosed as tab A.

2. The complete listing of Bomb Damage Assessment received by this command is enclosed as tab B.

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1. Summary of Air Operations for the period 1 September to 30 September.

a. Resume of Flight Operations

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN	488.9	
TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN	326	
COMBAT FLIGHT HOURS	437.0	
COMBAT SORTIES	274	
HIGH DAY HOURS	21.2	2 SEPTEMBER
HIGH DAY SORTIES	17	2 SEPTEMBER
AVERAGE PILOT HOURS	27.2	
AVERAGE PILOT SORTIES	18.1	
AVERAGE RIO HOURS	37.6	
AVERAGE RIO SORTIES	25.1	
NON-SQUADRON AIRCREW HOURS	55.7	
NON-SQUADRON AIRCREW SORTIES	41	

b. Ordnance Delivered

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER EXPENDED</u>	<u>TONS</u>
MK-82	1064	282.5
MK-83	54	26.6

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2. Bomb Damage Assessment.

a. The complete listing received by this squadron

APC	1 Damaged
Trucks	2 Destroyed 5 Damaged
Bunkers	30 Destroyed 2 Damaged
Structures	9 Destroyed 7 Damaged
KBA	8 Probable
Large Secondary Explosions	1
Medium Secondary Explosions	11
Small Secondary Explosions	16
Large Sustained Fires	1
Medium Sustained Fires	5
Small Sustained Fires	4
37MM AA	2 Probable Destroyed
85MM	1 Damaged 1 Destroyed
130MM Gun	1 Damaged
Field Gun	1 Damaged
60MM Mortar	1 Destroyed
82MM Mortar	1 Destroyed
Bridge	1 25 ft. Span Destroyed
Supplies	1 Stack Destroyed

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Trench Line

25M Destroyed

Wall Cuts

3 (Ave. 3M)

b. Results of 100 sorties were not observed due to smoke, foliage, or weather.

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