

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 115
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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the period 1-30 June 1969

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-30 June 1969.

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Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam
1-30 June 1969

PART I1. Commander and Staff

NORTON, R. R.	Commanding Officer	LtCol	1-30
PAIGE, E. C. Jr.	Executive Officer	Maj	1-30
CAGLE, R. H.	Operations Officer	Maj	1-30
WELSH, K. H.	S-1 Officer	Maj	1-21
CRAIG, F. B.	S-1 Officer	Maj	22-30
CARROLL, P. A.	S-2 Officer	Capt	1-30
CANNAVA, J. L.	Logistics Officer	Capt	1-30
SHARP, H. F.	Aviation Safety Officer	Capt	1-12
CLANTON, E. E.	Aviation Safety Officer	Maj	13-30
LEWIS, D. A.	Maintenance Officer	Maj	1-30
WALLESTAD, J. E.	Flight Surgeon	LtCdr	1-30
HOLZKAMP, F. W.	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj	1-30

2. Task Organization and Date

VMFA-115 Chu Lai AB, RVN LtCol Robert R. NORTON 1-30 June 1969

3. Average Strength

a. Marine Officers		49
(1) Naval Aviators	25	
(2) Naval Flight Officers	20	
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	4	
b. Naval Officers		1
c. Marine Enlisted		273
d. Naval Enlisted		<u>0</u>
e. Total		323

PART II

During June VMFA-115 flew 658 combat sorties in support of operations throughout the I Corps area.

Operations and units supported were the First and Third Marine Divisions, Americal Division, 101st Airborne Division, Second ROK Brigade, the 7th Fleet, Task Force Alpha, Virginia Ridge, Apache Snow, Lamar Plains, Kentucky Jumper, Utah Mesa, Cameron Falls and Pipe Stone Canyon.

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While supporting these units and operations, the Silver Eagles were credited with the following damage assessment:

227 Bunkers destroyed	19 Secondary explosions
39 Bunkers damaged	960 Meters of trenchline destroyed
96 Structures destroyed	27 Hootches destroyed
15 Structures damaged	1 Mortar position destroyed
1 Bridge destroyed	4 50 cal. positions destroyed
52 Secondary fires	5 Roads cut
2 Military tractors destroyed	2 Trucks damaged
10 Killed by Marine Air	1570 Meters of treeline destroyed

To achieve this damage assessment VMFA-115 expended 1491.3 tons of ordnance. Ordnance dropped by type was:

1273	MK-82	S/E	500 lb bombs
2830	MK-82	Conical fin	500 lb bombs
365	MK-83	Conical fin	1000 lb bombs
731	MK-77		500 lb bombs
70	CBU-24	C/B	
26	CBU-49	C/B	
108	5" ZUNI	FFAR	

On 3 June a flight, led by Major LEWIS and Captain HAYNES with Lieutenant WHOLLEY and Captain WENRICH in the wing position, was given a target in support of a surrounded Reconnaissance Team. The Forward Air Controller informed the flight that the weather was 600 broken with rain and the terrain was very mountainous. The flight using a low angle of delivery was able to put one hundred percent of its ordnance on target, (twelve-five hundred pound bombs and six-five hundred pound fire bombs) thus freeing the Reconnaissance Team.

Later in the month Task Force Alpha was the recipient of some excellent work by the Silver Eagles. On 15 June a flight, led by Captain CANNAVA and Lieutenant BLAHNIK with Captain LARSON and Lieutenant WATSON in the number two position, was given a target in the Steel Tiger area with COVEY 584 as the Forward Air Controller. Manual 43 dropped one hundred percent of its ordnance on target destroying a vital bridge.

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PART III

1. Personnel

VMFA-115 welcomed aboard Majors CLANTON and CRAIG from MWHG-1 at Da Nang. Also Lieutenants PIPE and SATTler joined from VMFA-122, while Lieutenants BARTEL, DIBBLE, TIBBS and TELGE joined from the 2nd MAW. Captain REDMON left for the 3rdMarDiv, while Major WELSH went to MAG-13 S-4.

2. Operations

During June, Major CLANTON, Captains LARSON and THAGARD, Lieutenants CAMPBELL and SYPNIEWSKI all reached the 100 mission mark. Major PAIGE, Captains BUTTERFIELD, CANNAVA, HARDY, KRALOVEC, Lieutenants HOOVER and SPOON passed the 200 mission mark. Lieutenants CRIPE and KING completed 300 missions and Captain TRUE and Lieutenant WATSON surpassed the coveted 400 mission mark.

3. Bonds

June saw a rise in the Silver Eagles Savings Bond Program to 87.5%.

4. Morale

In June, 18 officers and men from the squadron enjoyed R&R in AUSTRALIA, HAWAII, THAILAND, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, TAIWAN, OKINAWA and MALAYSIA.

5. Promotions

There were 3 officers and 40 enlisted promotions during the month of June. The three newly promoted Captain's are KRALOVEC, LARSON and WHOLLEY. The new SNCO's are BURNS and WOLFE. Promoted to Sergeant were BENOIT, COACH, KOEPPE, LEAVELLE, LEMPER, MAY, MIECZKOWSKI, MILLER, MORSEY, PATRICK, POWER, RICHTER and SACZKO. Promoted to Corporal Meritoriously were FLAGOR and STACKPOLE. The other Eagle Corporals are MONCRIEF, NESBITT, NOWOSIELSKI, SCHNURBUSCH, SEWELL, AUGER, BLACKBURN, BROWN, BURKS, GUSTAFSON, HILL, HOLMES, KELLEY, LETCHFORD, MALLINSON, MATTICHAK, MCGUFFIN, MCKAY, MORRIS and RODRIQUEZ. L/Cpl JOHNSON achieved his present rank Meritoriously.

6. Training

Eight VMFA-115 aircrew members took part in the missile shoot at NAS Cubi Point, Philippines. Major O. W. BRITTON attended as coordinator for the FIREX for two weeks during June.

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Captain SHARP attended the Jungle Environmental Survivor training school located at NAS Cubi Point. Lieutenant WHOLLEY attended the Military Justice Legal course at Okinawa.

7. Air Operations

Total Hours	754.1
Total Sorties	687
Combat Flight Hours	722.7
Combat Sorties	658
High Day Hours	38.4
High Day Sorties	32
Average Pilot Hours	28.0
Average Pilot Sorties	25
Average RIO Hours	37.6
Average RIO Sorties	34
Non-Squadron Aircrew Hours	56.3
Non-Squadron Aircrew Sorties	52

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