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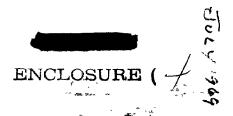
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Encl: /(1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1969

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 July 1969.

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MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 115 Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam 1-31 July 1969

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1. Commander and Staff

NORTON, R. R.	Commanding Officer	LtCol	1-2
PAIGE, E. C. Jr.	Commanding Officer	Maj	2+31
PAIGE, E. C. Jr.	Executive Officer	Maj	1-2
CAGLE, R. H.	Executive Officer	Maj	2-31
CAGLE, R. H.	Operations Officer	Maj	1-2
CLANTON, E. E.	Operations Officer	Maj	2-31
CRAIG, F. B.	S-1 Officer	Maj	1-31
SPOON, J. L.	S-2 Officer	lstLt	1-31
CANNAVA, J. L.	Logistics Officer	Capt	1-3
GIBSON, J. R.	Logistics Officer	Maj	3-31
CLANTON, E. E.	Aviation Safety Officer	Maj	1-2
SHARP, H. F.	Aviation Safety Officer	Capt	2-31
LEWIS, D. A.	Maintenance Officer	Maj	1-31
WALLESTAD, J. E.	Flight Surgeon	LtCdr	1-7
CUNNINGHAM, C. D.	Flight Surgeon	Lt	7-31
HOLZKAMP, F. W.	Sergeant Major	Sg t Maj	1-16
SEARS, W. F.	Sergeant Major	SgtMaj	16-31

2. Task Organisation and Date

VMFA-115 Chu Lai AB, RVN LtCol Edwin C. PAICE, Jr. 2-31 July 1969

3. Average Strength

a,	Marine Officers (1) Naval Aviators (2) Naval Flight Officers (3) Aviation Ground Officers	26 23 4	53
b.	Naval Officers		1
c.	Marine Enlisted		293
d.	Naval Enlisted		_0
в.	Total		347

PART II

During July VMFA-115 flew 616 combat sorties in support of operations throughout I Corps area.

Operations and units supported were the First and Third Marine Divisions, Second ROK Brigade, the 7th Fleet, Task Force Alpha, Lamar Plains, Victory Dragon, Utah Mesa, Idaho Canyon and Virginia Ridge.

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

186	Bunkers destroyed	• 18	Hootches destroyed
	Bunkers damaged	1725	Meters of treeline destroyed
199	Structures destroyed	460	Maters of trail destroyed
29	Structures damaged	1	Mortar silenced
29	Secondary fires	32	Killed by Marine Air
	Secondary explosions	1	Rocket site damaged
	Enemy wounded by Air		•

To achieve this damage assessment VMFA-115 expended 1345.2 tons of ordnance. Ordnance dropped by type was:

1084	MK-82	8/E	500 lb bombs
2858	MK-82	Conical fin	500 lb bombs
385	MK-83	Conical fin	1000 lb bombs
485	MK-77		500 lb fire bombs
4	CBU	C/B	cluster bombs
205	5" Zuni	FFAR	

Early in July, & flight, led by Lieutenant GAMPBELL and his RIO Lieutenant SPOON, with Captain THAGARD and Lieutenant BOOTH as wingman, was given a priority target in support of operation Victory Dragon. Despite intense enemy fire, the flight delivered twelve-five hundred pound bombs and six-five hundred pound fire bombs on the target. They were credited with thirteen enemy killed by Marine Air, two bunkers destroyed, and two secondary fires.

On 27 July a flight of Silver Eagles was commended by the Commanding General Third Marine Division for an especially effective, noteworthy mission. The flight, led by Captain CANNAVA and his RIO Lieutenant JORDAN with Lieutenant TELGE and RIO Lieutenant BOOTH as wingman, was assigned the Airborne Combat Air Patrol. As the flight approached bingo fuel they were vectored to an urgent ground support mission with troops in close enemy contact. The weather in the target area was three thousand broken with visibility restricted to three miles in rain showers. Despite the relatively poor weather conditions, low fuel state, the flight delivered all ordnance on target. The flight was credited with 6 enemy killed in support of Operation Idaho Canyon.

PART III

1. Personnel

VMFA-115 welcomed aboard Major GIBSON, from 2ndMAN, also Captains STANFORD, FRENCH, MEIER and CWO-2 BARDON from 3rdMAN.

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Lieutenant CUNNINGHAM joined as the new Flight Surgeon and Sergeant Major SEARS joined VMFA-115 from 2ndMAW. Lieutenant DUNLAP joined from 2ndMAW and Captain MAGO returned from a successful FAC/ALO tour with the ROK Marines. Captains CARROLL, HAYNES and KRALOVEC ended their tours in RVN during July and Captain THAGARD and Lieutenant GARSKE left for MABS-13 and H&MS-13 respectively. LtCdr WALLESTAD departed for CONUS with Lieutenant KING being transferred to VMFA-122. Sergeant Major HOLZKAMP also departed for CONUS during July.

2. Operations

During July Captain WHOLLEY reached the 100 mission mark. Major CAGLE passed the 200 mark. Captain GEIGER, Lieutenants MURPHY, COUGHLIE, DOBBINS, JOHDNAN, WHITING all completed 300 missions.

3. Bonds

In July the Silver Hagles Savings Bond Program stabilized at 86%.

4. Morale

July saw 21 officers and men from the squadron enjoy R&R in Okinawa, Sydney, Hawaii and Tokyo.

5. Awards

There were no awards this month.

6. Promotions

There were two officer and two enlisted promotions during the month of July. Major PAIGE was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Lieutenant WHOLLEY was promoted to the rank of Captain. Sergeant GRAHAM was promoted to Staff Sergeant with Corporal STEELE being promoted to Sergeant.

7. Training

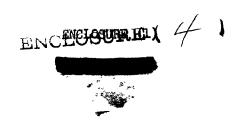
July saw ten VMFA-115 officers in various training programs. Lieutenants MURPHY, BLAHNIK, SYPNIEWSKI and SPOON took part in the missile shoot at NAS Cubi Point, with Lieutenants BARTEL, TIBBS and AMICK attending JEST school also located at NAS Cubi Point. Lieutenants BOHLIG and SATTLER visited MAG-16 and MAG-39 respectively for an orientation visit. Lieutenant PIPE was assigned to SERE at Clark AFB, Philippines.





8. Air Operations

Total Hours	734.7
Total Sorties	656
Combat Flight Hours	692.2
Combat Sorties	616
High Day Hours	坤.9
High Day Sorties	30
Average Pilot Hours	26.3
Average Pilot Sorties	23
Average RIO Hours	36.5
Average RIO Sorties	32
Non-Squadron Aircrew Hours	56.0
Non-Squadron Aircrew Sorties	56



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