

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 115
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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 December 1969.
2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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Edwin C. PAIGE Jr.	Commanding Officer	LtCol.	1-31
Donald P. BOWEN	Executive Officer	LtCol.	1-31
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	Operations Officer	Maj.	1-31
Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	S-1 Officer	Capt.	1-31
Lester E. AMICK	S-2 Officer	1stLt.	1-31
John P. MCGILL	Logistics Officer	1stLt.	1-8
Harry F. SHARP II	Logistics Officer	Maj.	9-31
Charles S. TUTT	Avn. Safety Officer	Capt.	1-31
Conrad W. HEINZERLING	Maintenance Officer	Maj.	1-31
George H. HUGHES	Flight Surgeon	Lt. USNR (MC)	1-31
William F. SEARS	Sgt. Major	SgtMaj.	1-31

2. Task Organization and Date

VMFA-115, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN, LtCol. Edwin C. PAIGE, Jr.,
Commanding 1-31 December 1969.

3. Average Strength

a. Marine Officers	40
(1) Naval Aviators	19
(2) Naval Flight Officers	18
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	3
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Marine Enlisted	206
d. Naval Enlisted	0
e. Total	<u>247</u>

PART II

During the month of December, VMFA-115 flew 468 combat sorties and 535 combat hours in support of operations throughout I-Corps, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin.

(C) Units supported during the period 1-31 December were the First and Third Marine Divisions, Americal Division, 101st Airborne, the 7th Fleet, ARVN ROK Marines and the 7th Air Force.

(C) Operations supported during the period 1-31 December, include Victory Dragon, Republic Square, Iron Mountain, Pipestone Canyon, Geneva Park, Frederick Hill and AIS; an area of special interest.

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CONFIDENTIALBATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Secondary Explosions	43
Secondary Fires	52
Structures Destroyed	43
Structures Damaged	11
Bunkers Destroyed	38
Bunkers Damaged	12
Hootches Destroyed	19
Hootches Damaged	17
Tree Line Destroyed	1725 Meters
KBA	29
Probable Killed by Marine Air	4
Fighting Positions Destroyed	8
Road Cuts	10
Military Vehicles Destroyed	2
Military Vehicles Damaged	11

On the 6th of December, Lt. A. H. SCHEULLER and Lt. J. P. MCGILL, working with DaNang ASRAT, Operator number 82 at 0315 A.M. recorded a BDA of 25 KBMA's. This information was received by a Hoi Chanh defector on or about the 15th of December. A congratulation goes out to both the aircrew and DaNang ASRAT for their proficiency in this operation.

(C) This damage was accomplished by expending 755.80 tons of ordnance of the following types and amounts:

1157	MK-82	SNAKEYE	500 lb. Bombs
1102	MK-82	LDGP	500 lb. Bombs
23	MK-83	LDGP	1000 lb. Bombs
378	MK-77	NAPALM	500 lb. Fire Bombs
47	CBU-24		Cluster Bomb Units
34	MK-20	ROCKEYE II	Cluster Bomb Units
11	CBU-49		Cluster Bomb Units
4	LAU-3A	19 SHOT PACK	2.75" Rocket
254	Zuni	FFAR	5.00" Rocket

PART III1. Personnel

a. LtCol BOWEN was promoted to his present rank on 1 December.

b. In December the Silver Eagles said goodbye to Captain REDMON and Lieutenants SPOON, PIPE and HAYES; all returning to CONUS upon completion of their tours in WESTPAC. Major SHARP returned from his FAC tour with the 2nd Bn 2nd ROK MC Brigade.

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O4 to O5	1
E-3 to E-4	3
E-4 to E-5	9

2. Awards. 9 Air Medals, 1st award, Navy Achievement with a combat "V" device, Navy and Marine Corps Medal and 5 Meritorious Masts were awarded at a Squadron formation.

3. Morale. 22 Officers and enlisted men enjoyed R&R during the month of December.

4. (C) Air Operations

a. During December, Captains MEIER and FRENCH flew their 100th mission and Captain STANFORD and Lieutenant BARTEL flew their 300th and 200th mission respectively.

b. Statistics

Total Hours	535.7
Total Sorties	468
Combat Flight Hours	490.6
Combat Sorties	422
High Day Hours	30.8
High Day Sorties	25
Average Pilot Hours	29.2
Average Pilot Sorties	24
Average RIO Hours	29.2
Average RIO Sorties	24
Non-Squadron Hours	76.8
Non-Squadron Sorties	68

5. (C) Air Defense. The Silver Eagles flew 16 Barrier Cap Missions over the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the 7th Fleet. Also, 24 Bomber Escort missions were flown, generally over Laos, in support of the 7th Air Force. No MIG contacts were made.

6. Training. Captain TUTT and Lieutenant ASKINS attended PJSS at Kadana. Major HEINZERLING attended ABCCC FAM/ORIENTATION at Udorn, Thailand and Lieutenants DIBBLE, MCGILL AND TELGE attended PACAF LIFE SUPPORT SCHOOL. Lieutenant McCORMICK attended REGISTERED PUBS SCHOOL and Lieutenant SCHEULLER attended a 3M course at DaNang.