

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 115
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(b) WgO 5750.1C
(c) GruO 5750.1D

Encl: (1) VMFA-115 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 January 1970.

2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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1. Donald P. BOWEN	Commanding Officer	LtCol.	1-31
Lawrence A. WHIPPLE	Executive Officer	Maj.	1-31
Harry F. SHARP II	Operations Officer	Maj.	1-31
Larry A. STULTS	S-1 Officer	Capt.	1-31
Lester E. AMICK	S-2 Officer	1stLt.	1-31
Fredrick J. MEIER Jr.	Logistics Officer	Capt.	1-31
Charles S. TUTT	Avn. Safety Officer	Capt.	1-27
Christopher J. TELGE	Avn. Safety Officer	1stLt.	28-31
Conrad W. HEINZERLING	Maintenance Officer	Maj.	1-31
George H. HUGHES	Flight Surgeon	Lt. USN	1-31
William F. SEARS	Sgt. Major	SgtMaj.	1-31

2. Task Organization and Date

VMFA-115, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN, LtCol. Donald P. BOWEN, Commanding
1-31 January 1970.

3. Average Strength

a. Marine Officers	39
(1) Naval Aviators	19
(2) Naval Flight Officers	17
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	2
b. Naval Officers	1
c. Marine Enlisted	215
d. Naval Enlisted	0
e. Total	<u>255</u>

PART II

During the month of January, VMFA-115 flew 596 combat sorties and 631 combat hours in support of operations throughout I-Corps, Laos and the Gulf of Tonkin.

(C) Units supported during the period 1-31 January were the First Marine Division, 5th, 7th, 25th and 26th Marines, 105th Infantry Division, 7th Fleet, Americal Division, ROK Marines, ARVN, 101st Airborne and the 7th Air Force.

(C) Operations supported during the period 1-31 January include Iron Mountain, Victory Dragon, Fredrick Hill, Randolph Glenn and AIS; an area of special interest.

(C) While supporting these operations and units, the Silver Eagles of VMFA-115 achieved the following Battle Damage Assessment:

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BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Bunkers Destroyed	90
Bunkers Damaged	8
Structures Destroyed	44
Structures Damaged	3
Hootches Destroyed	43
Hootches Damaged	2
Secondary Explosions	26
Secondary Fires	64
Military Vehicles Destroyed	8
Military Vehicles Damaged	6
KBMA	26
Probable Killed by Marine Air	10
Fighting Positions Destroyed	23
Tree Line Destroyed	4555 Meters
Trails Cut	29
Bridges Destroyed	12
Tunnels Destroyed	22
Tunnels Damaged	9

During the month of January, the Commanding Officer of the Silver Eagles, LtCol. D. P. BOWEN flew a total of 55 combat sorties and 51 combat hours. He and his RIO, CWO-2 J. C. BARDON, personally accounted for 23 KBMA's during 4 scrambles off the hot pad. The month of January also saw the Silver Eagles complete their 44th month of combat duty in Viet Nam.

(C) This damage was accomplished by expending 1208.76 tons of ordnance of the following types and amounts:

42	MK 81	SE	250 lb. Bombs
1169	MK 82	SE	500 lb. Bombs
2322	MK 82	LDGP	500 lb. Bombs
175	MK 83	LDGP	2000 lb. Bombs
452	MK 77	NAPALM	500 lb. Fire Bombs
36	MK 77	CS	500 lb. CS Agent
105	CBU-24		Cluster Bomb Units
31	CBU-49		Cluster Bomb Units
23	LAU-3A	19 Shot Pack	2.75" Rocket
239	Zuni	FFAR	5.00" Rocket

PART III1. Personnel

a. In January the Silver Eagles said goodbye to LtCol PAIGE, Captain's LARSON, WHOLLEY and HAJDUK and Lt CAMPBELL; all returning to CONUS upon completion of their tours in WESTPAC.

b. Promotions

O1 to O2	1
E6 to E7	1
E3 to E4	3
E2 to E3	3
E1 to E2	1

2. Awards. 9 Air Medals and 3 Meritorious Masts were awarded during the month of January.

3. Morale. 20 Officers and Enlisted men enjoyed R&R during the month of January.

4. (C) Air Operations

a. During January Major HEINZERLING, Captain STULTS and CWO-2 BARDON flew their 300th combat mission while Lieutenant's PANCHISON and RAITHEL flew their 100th. A job well done goes out to them and also to Captain STANFORD on flying his 1000th hour in the back seat of the F-4 aircraft.

b. Statistics

Total Hours	678.4
Total Sorties	637
Combat Flight Hours	631.1
Combat Sorties	596
High Day Hours	41.7
High Day Sorties	40
Average Pilot Hours	35.7
Average Pilot Sorties	34
Average RIO Hours	39.9
Average RIO Sorties	38
Non-Squadron Hours	125.5
Non-Squadron Sorties	116

5. (C) Air Defense. The Silver Eagles flew 9 Barrier Cap Missions over the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the 7th Fleet. Also 13 Bomber Escort missions were flown, generally over Laos, in support of the 7th Air Force. No MIG contacts were made.


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6. Training. Lieutenant's ASKINS, DIBBLE, SCHEULLER and SILVER attended FAC School in Okinawa. Captain's FRENCH, MEIER, STULTS and TUTT and Lieutenant's DEITZ, BREWER, RISSEL and HAYES attended the FIREX held in Cubi Point. Also at Cubi was JEST School which Lieutenant MONESMITH attended. Captain TUTT attended PJSS at Clark AB.