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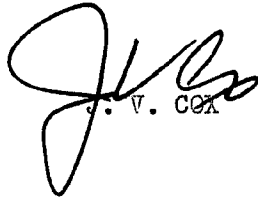
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Encl: ✓(1) Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June 1970 - 30 June 1970

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115

Lieutenant Colonel J. V. COX

1 - 30 June 1970

2. Location

1 - 30 June 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officers	Major R. E. HEALD	1 - 19 June
	Major H. T. BETHWALD	20 - 29 June
	Major L. F. GAGNON	30 June
Operations Officers	Major C. R. FAIRCHILD	1 - 19 June
	Major R. E. HEALD	20 - 29 June
	Major H. T. BETHWALD	30 June
S-1 Officer	Captain L. A. STULTS	
S-2 Officers	1stLt. L. E. AMICK	1 - 25 June
	1stLt. J. R. DEMPSEY	26 - 30 June
Logistics Officer	Captain F. J. LITNER	
Avn Safety Officer	Captain C. S. TUTT	
Maintenance Officer	Major R. L. HANNA	
Flight Surgeon	Lt. (USP) G. H. HUGHES	
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj W. F. STARS	

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USP</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
46	233	1	0	0	0

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June the "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 flew 498 combat sorties in support of operations throughout the I Corps, II Corps, Barrier Combat Air Patrols over the Gulf of Tonkin in support of the 7th Fleet, and Bomber Escort Missions, generally over Laos in support of the 7th Air Force.

Operations supported by the Officers and Men of VMFA-115 included Texas Star, Green River, Fredrick Hill, Iron Mountain, and Geneva Park. Units receiving scheduled or on call Close Air Support included, the First Marine Division, 5th, 7th, and 17th Infantry Army, 24th Corps U. S. Army, Special Forces, 1st Recon Battalion, Americal Division, 7th Air Force, ROK Marines, and ARVN Forces. These included Close Air Support Barrier Cap, IIC Cap, Direct Air Support, Escort, and Air to Ground Hot Pad launches.

On 8 June, 2 F4B's of the "Silver Eagles" launched as Love Bug 215 in support of the 1st ARVN. The crews consisted of Captain C. MADSEN - (Pilot), 1stLt MSLIEWICZ - (RIO), Captain J. K. FRENCH - (Pilot), 1stLt J. K. RAITH - (RIO) carrying D2A and D9 bombs. With accurate ordnance delivery the flight accounted for 23 enemy troops killed by Marine Air (confirmed).

Bomb Damage Assessment for the month of June included 24 enemy killed 34 structures destroyed and 15 damaged, 101 bunkers destroyed and 15 damaged, 22 secondary explosions, 31 secondary fires, 7 fighting positions destroyed, 205 meters of tree line destroyed, 100 meters of trench line destroyed and 7 trail cuts.

During the month of June, VMFA-115 dropped 1113.6 tons of ordnance on the insurgent enemy forces for an average daily tonnage of just over 37.1 tons.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. The below is a sequential listing of significant events of VFA-115, occurring during the reporting period of 1-30 June 1970.

a. Combat Missions assigned;

(1) 378 Combat Missions were assigned to the "Silver Eagles".

b. Combat Missions flown;

(1) 498 Combat Missions were flown by VFA-115.

c. Air Operations;

(1) Total Hours	514.8
(2) Total Sorties	528
(3) Combat Hours	487.1
(4) Combat Sorties	498
(5) High Day Hours	24.5
(6) High Day Sorties	28
(7) Average Pilot Hours	20.6
(8) Average Pilot Sorties	21
(9) Average RIO Hours	25.7
(10) Average RIO Sorties	26
(11) Non-Squadron Hours	124.8
(12) Non-Squadron Sorties	119

d. Significant Operations supported;

(1) Texas Star  
 (2) Green River  
 (3) Frederick Hill  
 (4) Iron Mountain  
 (5) Geneva Park

e. Civic Action.

(1) There were personal response tours on the twelfth and twenty-third of June, with 40 personnel participating.

f. Training.

(1) During the month of June, Lt's ZAM and McLAUGHLIN attended PJSS at Clark AFB and FAC School at Camp Hansen. Lt McGAUGHEE attended ABCCC Orientation at Udorn Thailand. Capt MILLIS attended JEST at Cubi Point. Lt's FOGG and BROOKS started their FAC tour.

**g. Administration.**

**(1) Awards.**

(a) There were no awards awarded during the month of June.

**(2) Promotions.**

(a) E-5 to E-6	1
(b) E-4 to E-5	20
(c) E-3 to E-4	2
(d) E-1 to E-2	1

**(3) Morale.**

(a) 2 Officers and 12 enlisted personnel enjoyed VFR during the month of June.

(b) An all hands Squadron Party was held on the 28th of June at the VFA-115 hangar and was immensely enjoyed by everyone.

**h. Personnel.**

(1) The month of June signaled the departure of a number of "Silver Eagles" from VFA-115 and the arrival of two Field Grade Officers. Lt's A. C. BARTLE and L. E. AFICK departed for Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, for duty with the 1st Marine Brigade. Lt R. B. CODRAN was transferred to Danang RVN for duty with MACV-1. Lt's D. J. F. TIBBS, J. J. DIBBLE, and C. J. TELGE were transferred to CONUS for duty at NAS Kingsville, MCAS Beaufort, and NAS Beeville, respectively. VFA-115 welcomed aboard Major's L. F. GAGNON and H. T. BERNALD.

**i. Air Support.**

(1) During the month of June, Capt C. S. TUTT and C. MADSEN flew their 200th combat mission. Also achieving their 200th mission were Lt's R. A. GRUBAC, G. L. McGAUGHEY, S. R. WESLEY, and J. L. HIRSCH. Reaching the 100 mission mark were Lt's R. L. WISE and J. E. WILSON.

**(2) Air Defense.**

(a) The "Silver Eagles" of VFA-115 flew 7 Barrier Combat Air Patrol missions over the Gulf of Tonkin and 22 Bomber Escort Missions were flown generally over Laos. No MIG contacts were made.

PART IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None