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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

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 115

Lieutenant Colonel M. MURA

2. Location

1 - 23 August 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Major L. F. GAGNON

Operations Officer

Major H. T. BERWALD Jr.

S-1 Officer

Captain G. BERTHELSON

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. J. R. DEMPSEY

Logistics Officer

Captain C. R. MILLS

Avn Safety Officer

Captain S. P. JOHNSON

Maintenance Officers

Major R. L. HANLE

1 - 22 August 1970

Major C. J. RUTHVEN

23 August 1970

Flight Surgeon

Lt. (USN) G. A. LUIKEN

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	OFFICERS	ENLISTED
39	256	1	Ø	Ø	Ø

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period of 1-23 August 1970, the "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 flew 331 combat sorties in support of operations throughout I Corps and II Corps areas, 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.

Significant operations supported by the Officers and men of VMFA-115 included Texas Star, Geneva Park, Frederick Hill, Iron Mountain, and Green River. Units receiving scheduled or on call air support included the First Marine Division, 1st Recon Battalion, 5th, 7th, and 17th Infantry Army, 24th Corps U. S. Army, Special Forces, Americal Division, 101st Airborne, ROK Marines, ARVN Forces, 7th Air Force, and U. S. 7th Fleet. These included Close Air Support, Barrier Cap, MIG Cap, direct Air Support and Air to Ground Hot Pad launches.

Bomb Damage Assessment for the reporting period of 1-23 August 1970 included 5 confirmed enemy killed, 39 structures destroyed, 2 structures damaged, 78 bunkers destroyed, 20 secondary explosions, 25 secondary fires, 1620 meters of tree line destroyed, 1 automatic weapons position destroyed, and 4 fighting positions destroyed.

During this reporting period, VMFA-115 dropped 659.4 tons of ordnance on the insurgent enemy forces for an average daily tonnage of just over 28.6 tons.

On 23 August 1970, VMFA-115 flew its last mission while assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 13. The crews consisted of Major H. T. BERWALD Jr. (Pilot), 1stLt. G. W. ECKHARDT (RIO), and 1stLt. W. L. STEVENS (PILOT), 1stLt. J. L. WITTER (RIO). VMFA-115 departed MAG-13 with an enviable record while in a combat zone. A few of these statistics include 27,892 combat sorties; 28,118 total sorties; 31,549.6 combat hours, and 33,238.7 total hours.

PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. The below is a sequential listing of significant events of VMFA-115, occurring during the reporting period of 1-23 August 1970.

a. Combat Missions assigned;

(1) 232 Combat Missions were assigned to the "Silver Eagles".

b. Combat Missions flown;

(1) 331 Combat Missions were flown by VMFA-115.

c. Air Operations;

(1) Total Hours	354.3
(2) Total Sorties	381
(3) Combat Hours	300.0
(4) Combat Sorties	331
(5) High Day Hours	24.1
(6) High Day Sorties	25
(7) Average Pilot Sorties	19
(8) Average Pilot Hours	17.7
(9) Average RIO Sorties	25
(10) Average RIO Hours	23.6
(11) Non-Squadron Sorties	47
(12) Non-Squadron Hours	41.7

d. Significant Operations supported;

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

e. Training.

(1) Captain G. BERTHELSON, 1stLts. J. W. CAPITO, A. BROWN, and W. L. STEVENS attended JEST at Cubi Point. 1stLt. B. F. ROBINSON attended PJSS at Clark AB while 1stLts. P. C. BACON and M. L. STACY attended the same course at Cubi Point.

f. Administration.

(1) Awards.

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

(2) Promotions.

(a) E-7 to E-8	1
(b) E-5 to E-6	1
(c) E-4 to E-5	2
(d) E-3 to E-4	24
(e) E-2 to E-3	1

(3) Morale.

(a) 12 Enlisted personnel enjoyed R&R during this reporting period of 1-23 August 1970.

g. Personnel.

(1) During this reporting period several officers were transferred from VMFA-115 and several new "Silver Eagles" joined to take their places. Captain C. MADSEN was transferred to 1st Anglico to serve with the ROK Marines. Receiving in-country transfers to VMFA-122 were Captain J. E. MILNE, 1stLts. R. A. GRBAC and J. E. NELSON were transferred to NAS Pensacola, Florida. 1stLts. R. C. HARTNACK, M. B. SANDBERG, and W. S. PANCHISON were transferred to MCAS El Toro, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, and MCAS Beaufort, respectively. VMFA-115 welcomed aboard Captain J. D. FLEMING, 1stLts. S. R. MYSLIEWIEC and G. A. MONEYMITH.

h. Air Support.

(1) Reaching the 300 combat mission mark during this reporting period were Major H. T. BERWALD JR., Captain E. S. HOLMBERG, and 1stLt. P. P. HAYES. Captain G. BERTHELSON reached his 200 mission mark during the month of August.

(2) The "Silver Eagles" of VMFA-115 flew 15 Barrier Combat Air Patrol missions over the Gulf of Tonkin and 8 Bomber Escort missions were flown generally over Laos. No MIG contacts were made.