


MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214  
Marine Aircraft Group 12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5750  
4 October 1966


  
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 214

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter may be downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
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ENCLOSURE (1)

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214

Period 1-30 September 1966

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PART I1. Organizational Data

Ralph D. WALLACE, Lieutenant Colonel, Commanding, 1-30 September 1966

Richard E. SKINNER, Major, Executive Officer, 1-30 September 1966

David A. CAYLOR, Captain, Administrative Officer, 1-30 September 1966

Ronald E. CARDWELL, Major, Operations Officer, 1-20 September 1966

James M. COX, Major, Operations Officer, 21-30 September 1966

Earl N. HARWELL, Captain, Logistics Officer, 1-5 September 1966

Richard O. BEMISH, Second Lieutenant, Logistics Officer, 6-30 September 1966

Warren R. PATTERSON, Lieutenant (USN), Flight Surgeon, 1-30 September 1966

2. Monthly Average Strength

USMC Officers - 24

USMC Enlisted - 143

USN Officers - 1

USN Enlisted - 0

PART II Narrative Summary

1. The "Blacksheep" flew 830 sorties for 1071.0 flight hours and delivered 609.75 tons of ordnance on enemy targets 1-30 September in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. A mortar attack on the airfield on 20 September required activation of the squadron ground defense company. No casualties were received.

PART III Significant Events1. Personnel/Administration

a. A large turnover of personnel occurred during the month with seven officers and twenty-two enlisted transferred, while five officers and fifteen enlisted were joined.

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b. Promotions within the squadron totaled forty-three; five to Captain, one to Gunnery Sergeant, three to Staff Sergeant, sixteen to Corporal, seventeen to Lance Corporal and one to Private First Class.

c. One enlisted Marine extended his overseas tour six months.

d. Thirteen enlisted men enjoyed R&R in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Okinawa, Hawaii or Taipei.

e. Marine Attack Squadron 214 has an 81% participation in the savings bond drive.

f. Staff Sergeant P. R. SCHROYER was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding achievement while serving with the Marine Attack Squadron 224 Ordnance Section.

## 2. Operations

a. The squadron flew 830 sorties for a total of 1071.0 flight hours, giving each pilot an average of 25 sorties and 44.9 flight hours respectively. One thousand and six flight hours were flown in direct support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam and in North Vietnam. This is the third consecutive month that the squadron has flown more than 1000 hours.

b. Five aircraft incidents occurred this month. Supporting documents are attached.

## 3. Maintenance

a. The "Blacksheep" Maintenance Department maintained an average aircraft availability of 77.7% for the month of September. To meet these requirements the Maintenance Department expended 1958.9 man-hours on organizational level maintenance and completed five major aircraft inspections.

b. The Ordnance Section loaded 609.75 tons of ordnance which was expended during September on combat operations.

4. Logistics. All huts on the flight line are completed with the exception of roofs, which are being put on as tin becomes available.

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CAPT  
PRIORITY

FROM: MAE TIKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVJNSAFCE

INFO: CMC (OP05F)  
 CMC (MAP)  
 CG JTFAC  
 CG JPLANT  
 COM JVAIRPAC  
 CG 1ST MAW  
 CG 2ND MAW  
 CG 3RD MAW  
 COM JCRWESTPAC  
 MAE JCRU ONE TWO  
 MAE JCRU ONE ONE

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT MISHAP

A. OPNAV ST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 108494, VMA-214

2. 8SEP66, 1505H, CHU LAI, RVN

3. HELO REPORT

4. DELTA. REPLACE NOSE GEAR DOOR, FORWARD AND AFT LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR DOORS, AND NOSE SECTION FROM STATION (Y)64.000 TO 16.123. REPAIR WING STATIONS (X)127.000 TO 140.500 AND NOSE SECTION BULKHEAD AT (Y)128.500.

5. PILOT WAS LANDING WITH 2 FULL MK4 GUN PODS AND 2100 LBS OF FUEL AT A GW OF 16,500 LBS. THE APPROACH WAS NORMAL EXCEPT THE AIRCRAFT WAS SLIGHTLY FAST. THE AIRCRAFT WAS SLIGHTLY HIGH AT THE RAMP AND LANDED LONG. PILOT WAS UNABLE TO STOP THE AIRCRAFT ON THE RUNWAY. HE FAILED TO DROP THE HOOK FOR THE MOST AT 1500 FT OF RUNWAY REMAINING AND PROCEEDED ONTO THE OVERRUN AND INTO A FRESHLY DUG CULVERT. THE PILOT RETRACTED HIS LANDING GEAR PRIOR TO THE END OF THE OVERRUN AND SECURED THE ENGINE. THE AIRCRAFT CAME TO REST ON ITS PORT WING AND NOSE SECTION IN THE SOFT SAND.

6. JOSEPH F. KUNZ, CAPT, 082614, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. NOT DIRECT ENEMY ACTION.

11. TO BE MAILED SEPARATELY

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PRIORITY

## COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. F ORWARDED.

2. F LOT REALIZED TOO LATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT COULD NOT BE STOPPED ON THE RUNWAY. HE DID NOT DROP HIS HOOK TO CATCH THE MORREST CABLES AT 1500 FT OF RUNWAY REMAINING. THE RUNWAY HAD BEEN SHORTENED FROM 8000 FT TO 7200 FT FOR REPAIR, ~~BUT THIS PART OF RUNWAY WAS CLEAR OF OBSTACLES AND WAS SUITABLE FOR EMERGENCIES.~~ INVESTIGATION FOUND THE TIRES TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND NO BRAKE FAILURE WAS EVIDENT. SUSPECT POOR BRAKING TECHNIQUE TOGETHER WITH THE S LIGHTLY FAST AND LONG TOUCHDOWN MAY HAVE CAUSED THE BRAKES TO FADE.

3. S ERIOUS STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WAS AVERTED WHEN THE PILOT CORRECTLY CHOSE TO RETRACT THE LANDING GEAR AND SHUT DOWN THE ENGINE AS THE AIRCRAFT LEFT THE RUNWAY.

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CAPTAIN USMC  
AVNCA

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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GIVING

DOWNS

FROM: MARATHON ONE ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVSOPHIN KUC K 06

INFO: CNO (COST) KUC W  
 CMC (AAP) RUC E M  
 CG FMPPAG KUC L M  
 CG FMPLANT RUC E M  
 COMNAVAIRPAG RUC E M  
 CG FIRST MAW RUC E M  
 CG THIRD MAW RUC E M  
 COMAIRMESTPAG RUC E M  
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A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. AAG, 148505, VMA-214

2. SSEP66, 1802H, VCITY DONG HA, RVN

3. DAS

4. BULLET HOLE IN RH WING DETENT. (P/N 5442510-126) REPLACED.

5. PILOT DELIVERED ORDNANCE ON HOSTILE TARGET. ENEMY AA FIRE WAS OBSERVED.

PILOT DISCOVERED DAMAGE TO WING ON POST FLIGHT INSPECTION.

6. RICHARD E. SKINNER, MAJOR, 066121, USMC, 7333, ACTION, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION

11. N/A

12. 12-07E

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ROUTINE

FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVANSAPCEN

INFO: CNO (OPO5F)  
 CMC (AAP)  
 CG FMFPAC  
 COMNAVAIRPAC  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG THIRD MAW  
 COMFAIRWESTPAC  
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 MARAIRGRU ONE ONE

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UNCLAS EFTO

A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. AAC, 148482, VMA-214

2. 13SEP66, 1030H, VCTY NUI DAU, RVN

3. DAS

4. ECHO FRAG HOLE IN WING STATION (XH) 176.625. REPAIRED.

5. PILOT FELT CONCUSSION OF 250# BOMB DURING SNAKE EYE DELIVERY OVER HOSTILE  
 TARGET. POST FLIGHT INSPECTION FAILED TO REVEAL DAMAGE. ANOTHER PILOT FOUND  
 2" HOLE ON UNDERSIDE OF STARBOARD WING-TIP DURING PREFLIGHT INSPECTION.

6. LARRY T. DENNEY, FIRST LIEUTENANT, 086851, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION

11. TO BE MAILED SEPARATELY

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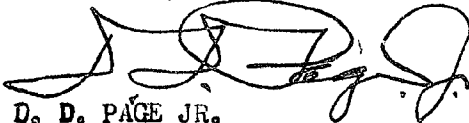
## COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## 1. FORWARDED.

2. AN ALL PILOTS MEETING WAS CALLED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THIS MISHAP. ALL PILOTS WERE REINSTRUCTED ON SNAKE EYE DELIVERY INCLUDING DIVE ANGLES, ENTRY AND RELEASE ALTITUDES, MIL SETTINGS, AND AIRSPEEDS. WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS WERE ALSO EMPHASIZED IN VIEW OF THE EXPECTED LOWER CEILINGS WHICH WILL BE ENCOUNTERED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.


3. IT IS ASSUMED THE PILOT ERRED WHEN HE RELEASED HIS BOMB AT TOO LOW AN ALTITUDE FOR THE DIVE ANGLE ESTABLISHED.

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FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFCE

INFO: CNO (OPO5F)  
CMC (AAP)  
CG FMFPAC  
COMNAVAIRPAC  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG THIRD MAW  
COMFAIRWESTPAC  
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MARAIRGRU ONE ONE

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A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A-4C, 148585, VMA-214
2. 19SEP66, 1200I, 200 DEG/4 MI NAHA, OKI
3. FERRY
4. FOXTROT
5. BAGGAGE TANK SEPARATED FROM CENTER STATION ON BREAK INTO LANDING PATTERN.  
CAUSE UNDETERMINED.
6. JACK M. HAAG, 1STLT, 086905, USMCR, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY.
7. N/A
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. NOT DIRECT ENEMY ACTION
11. N/A
12. 14-67I

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OUTGOING

ROUTINE

FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAPCEN

INFO: CNO (OPO5F)  
 CHC (AAP)  
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A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 148505, VMA-214

2. 28SEP66, 1325H, CHU LAI RVN

3. TALLY HO

4. ECHO. 50 CAL BULLET PENETRATED STARBOARD AILERON AT STATIONS (YA)52.479-  
 (XA)160.250 AND (YA)1.000-(YA)11.626.

5. POST FLIGHT, HOLE DISCOVERED IN STARBOARD AILERON. HOSTILE FIRE NOT REPORTED  
 OVER TARGET.

6. DORSIE D. PAGE, JR., CAPT, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION.

11. N/A

12. 15-67I

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