

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

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4 Jan 1967

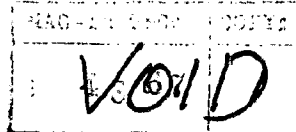
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12  
Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C

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

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
of  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214  
Period 1-31 December 1966

PART I

1. Organizational Data

Richard E. HEMMINGWAY, Major, Commanding, 1-31 December 1966

Elmer S. PAYNE, Major, Executive Officer, 1-31 December 1966

Harris J. FENNELL, Major, Administrative Officer, 1-31 December 1966

Richard E. SKINNER, Major, Operations Officer, 1-31 December 1966

Richard O. BEMISH, Second Lieutenant, Logistics Officer, 1-31 December 1966

James M. COX, Major, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 1-31 December 1966

Warren R. PATTERSON, Lieutenant (USN), Flight Surgeon, 1-31 December 1966

2. Monthly Average Strength

USMC Officers - 31  
USMC Enlisted - 179

USN Officers - 1  
USN Enlisted - 0

PART II Narrative Summary

1. The "Blacksheep" flew a total of 685 sorties for 874.9 hours during the period 1-31 December 1966. 467.77 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy targets in support of combat operations.

PART III Significant Events

1. Personnel/Administration

a. During the month the squadron had a relatively large gain in enlisted personnel, although officer personnel remained stable. Three officers and forty-six enlisted were joined, and six officers and eight enlisted were transferred.

b. Promotions occurred as follows:

Captain to Major	Two
Gunnery Sergeant to Master Sergeant	One
Sergeant to Staff Sergeant	One
Corporal to Sergeant	One
Lance Corporal to Corporal	One
Private First Class to Lance Corporal	One

c. Two officers and twenty-seven enlisted enjoyed R&R in Okinawa, Manila, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taipei, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Tokyo and Honolulu.

d. Master Sergeant Billy G. CLEMMONS and Gunnery Sergeant Maynard L. BROWN extended their enlistments for a period of one year.

e. The following enlisted personnel extended their overseas tour:

Sergeant George L. TAYLOR	Six months
Corporal Robert J. KARR	Four months
Lance Corporal Larry A. JESTER	Six months
Lance Corporal James A. LANGLEY	Six months

f. Participation in the U. S. Savings Bond program increased from 77 percent in November to 83.2 percent at the end of December.

g. Corporal Dominick DeROSA was awarded a Meritorious Mast by the Commanding Officer for exceptional performance of duty.

## 2. Operations

a. 685 sorties were flown for a total of 874.9 flight hours. Of these, 643 sorties and 812.2 flight hours were in direct support of combat operations. 467.77 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy targets. Low ceilings and rain both in the target areas and at the Chu Lai Airbase hindered combat flight operations, however, not so much as during the month of November.

b. Four officers completed the Jungle Escape and Survival School at NAS Cubi Point, P.I.

c. All twenty-four pilots assigned are now considered combat qualified in all phases of conventional ordnance delivery and tactics.

d. One ground defense drill was held on 22 December by the 3rd Provisional Rifle Company (VMA-214).

e. Three aircraft incidents occurred this month. Supporting documents are attached.

### 3. Aircraft Maintenance

a. The "Blacksheep" Maintenance Department maintained an average aircraft availability of 75 percent for the month. The squadron flew 685 sorties and 874.9 flight hours. 1611 man-hours were expended on organizational line maintenance and four major aircraft inspections were completed. The maintenance effort was hampered somewhat by weather conditions, but lack of spare parts was again the main deterrent to better aircraft availability.

b. The Ordnance Section obtained eight Triple Ejector Racks (TERS) which significantly increased the ordnance delivery capability of the squadron. In addition, the section, assisted by other maintenance personnel, revetted the squadron's ordnance dump.

c. The enlisted strength of the department was increased significantly during the month with the assignment of new enlisted personnel. On-the-job-training (OJT) of these personnel is a continuing task.

d. The Avionics Section completed, on a trial basis, the modification of one aircraft. This modification eliminates the Radar Altimeter's low level warning light and aural tone during ground operations.

e. There was a concerted effort to improve response times during hot pad alerts. This effort significantly reduced the time from scramble to take-off.

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OUTGOING

ROUTINE

FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFCE

INFO: CNO  
CMC  
CG FMFPAC  
CG FMFLANT  
COMNAVIAIRPAC  
COMFAIRVESTPAC  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG THIRD MAW  
MARAIRGRU ONE TWO

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 148482, VMA-214

2. 10DEC66, 1450H, VCTY DOC PHO, RVN COORD BS 840-380.

3. HELO ESCORT

4. ECHO. 30 CAL BULLET HOLE IN LEFT WING AT STATION (Y) 264.000  
(X) 32.000.5. DURING A HELO ESCORT, WHILE MAKING A LOW PASS SLIGHTLY WEST OF  
LANDING ZONE, PILOT FELT IMPACT, VISUAL CHECK BY WINGMAN REVEALED  
FUEL STREAMING FROM LEFT WING. LOWEST ALTITUDE 500 FT AGL.

6. MALCOLM W. WEHRUNG, CAPTAIN, 081661, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION.

11. N/A

12. 20-671

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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CCN 681

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OUTGOING

ROUTINE

FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFCEM

INFO: CNO  
 CMC  
 CG FMFPAC  
 CG FMFLANT  
 COMNAVAIRPAC  
 COMFAIRWESTPAC  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG THIRD MAW  
 MARAIRGRU ONE TWO

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 148597, VMA-214

2. 10DEC66, 1240H, DANANG CH 37 230/20NM

3. DIRECT AIR SUPPORT

4. ECHO. ROCKET FRAG HOLE TO LEFT WING FLAP AND DENTED TRAILING  
 EDGE OF LEFT WING AT STATION (Y) 316.000 (XF) 77.000. HOLE IN FLAP  
 MEASURED 2" X 4". PENETRATION THROUGH FLAP AND LOWER WING, UPPER  
 WING ONLY DENTED.

5. MISHAP OCCURED DURING FIRE SUPPRESSION ATTACK ON AN AREA TARGET IN  
 HILLS OF 400 TO 600 FT ELEVATION. PILOT MADE THREE, 10 DEGREE DIVE,  
 450 KT RUNS. ONE LAU-3 WAS FIRED ON EACH OF THE FIRST TWO RUNS AND  
 20MM ON THE LAST. ROCKETS WERE AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 FT AGL. PILOT  
 JINKED IMMEDIATELY AFTER FIRING ON EACH RUN. SUSPECT PILOT'S EVASIVE  
 MANEUVER ALLOWED THE AIRCRAFT TO ENTER FRAG PATTERN WHICH WAS POSSIBLY  
 EXPANDED BY ROLLING TERRAIN IN TARGET AREA. CAUSE FACTOR - ENVIRONMENT.  
 RECOMMEND ALL PILOTS PLAN EVASIVE MANEUVER TO AVOID WEAPON FRAG PATTERN,  
 PARTICULARLY WHEN TARGET TERRAIN IS UNEVEN AND CAN ALTER FRAG PATTERN.

6. JOHN V. HANES, 036028, LTCOL, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, NO INJURY

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/EVASION OF FIRE.

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OUTGOING

ROUTINE

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FROM: MAJORITY TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVISAFORC

INFO: CMC  
 CMC  
 CG FMPPAC  
 CG FMFLANT  
 COMNAVIAIRPAC  
 COMNAVJENTPAC  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG THIRD MAW  
 MAJORITY ONE TWO

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OPERATIONAL 3750-0E

1. A4G, 148359, VAA-214

2. 21DEC1966, 0945H, ROUTE PACKAGE ONE.

3. INTERSECTION

4. BOMB. 2 INCH LONG, 12.7MM OR .50 CAL BOMB IN RIGHT WING. SEVERE  
 THE WING AND AILERON. SEA Y3100.00 AND -0.050. 13 INCHES REQUIRED  
 TO COMPLETE REPAIR.

5. AIRCRAFT TOOK HIT ON RECOVERY FROM 45 DEGREE DIVE. RECOVERED AT  
 ALTITUDE 2200 FEET, SPEED 410 KIAS, WINGS LEVEL. CAUSE - EX T FING.

6. RICHARD E. SKINNER, MAJOR, 066121, USMC, 333, ACTIVE, INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/ENEMY FIRE.

11. 22-670

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CCN: 1426

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