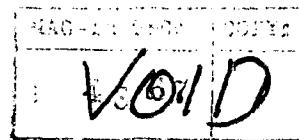


MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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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 I1. 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 StrengthUSMC Officers - 31
USMC Enlisted - 179USN Officers - 1
USN Enlisted - 0PART 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 Events1. 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

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TO: NAVAVNSAFcen

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, 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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DIST: MAG-12 CO, ASO (2), S-3, ALL VMA's
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ROUTINE

FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

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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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11. N/A

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