

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

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30 March 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.

  
R. E. HEMMINGWAY

ENCLOSURE (3)

MAP-12/14

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

22 JUNE 1965 - 16 FEBRUARY 1966

1 MAY 1966 - 30 MARCH 1967

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Listing of the Commanding Officer and Staff

Major Richard E. HEMMINGWAY, Commanding Officer, 1Dec66-30Mar67

Major Elmer S. PAYNE, Executive Officer, 1Dec66-30Mar67

Major Harris J. FENNELL, Administrative Officer, 1Dec66-30Mar67

Major Robert J. REID, Operations Officer, 21Feb67-30Mar67

Second Lieutenant Richard O. BEMISH, Logistics Officer, 15Sep66-30Mar67

Major James M. COX, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 1Dec66-30Mar67

Major Garry HARLAN, Aviation Safety Officer, 11Feb67-30Mar67

First Sergeant Robert P. O'ROURKE, Squadron First Sergeant, 14Jan67-30Mar67

2. Task Organization and Unit Location. Marine Attack Squadron 214, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Chu Lai Airfield, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers (NA)	- 21
USMC Officers (AG)	- 7
USMC Enlisted	- 182

USN Officers	- 1
USN Enlisted	- 0

4. Important Visitors. None.

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY. Marine Attack Squadron 214 flew a total of 671 sorties and 904.5 flight hours during the period 1-30 March. Of these, 581 sorties and 733.5 hours were flown on combat missions, and 496.4 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy targets. The squadron stood-down from combat operations during the period 28-30 March in order to ready the 20 A-4C aircraft and 22 pilots required for Operation LONG FULL. This operation schedules the Transoceanic Flight Ferry of VMA-214, commencing 31 March, to MCAS El Toro via NAS Agana, Guam, Wake Island, and MCAS Kaneohe utilizing aerial refueling, and transfers command of the squadron to the Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing effective 310001Z March 1967.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel/Administration

a. Joined/Transferred. Two officers were joined and one officer and eleven enlisted were transferred.

b. Promotions. There were twenty-two promotions during the month as follows:

To Captain. Stuart J. MOCK  
 Joseph C. PICCIONI  
 Harold K. SIEGLINGER Jr.  
 Joseph P. McCANN

To Gunnery Sergeant. Richard A. BENNETT

To Sergeant. William L. BEHAN  
 James A. BRANDENBURG  
 Richard K. BREWER  
 Richard T. BURGER  
 Dominick DeROSA  
 Thomas J. GRZYWACZ  
 Robert J. KARR  
 Alfred G. LUDWIG  
 James R. ROSENBERGER  
 John R. SOUTHWORTH  
 Richard T. STROTHMAN  
 Elzie L. WEST

To Corporal. Daniel D. GILBERTSON  
 Julious G. PLANT  
 Roger L. SHOURDS  
 Douglas H. WOOD

To Private First Class. David E. SMITHERS

c. Awards. The following awards were presented to squadron personnel:

Distinguished Flying Cross Medal. Major Elmer S. PAYNE

Purple Heart Medal. Staff Sergeant Miguel BEY Jr.  
 Sergeant James B. HARRIS  
 Sergeant Ralph E. McLAUGHLIN

Good Conduct Medal

1st Award. Corporal Arvin D. Boughton  
 Sergeant Richard T. BURGER  
 Corporal Edward W. CAVANAUGH  
 Corporal Raymond L. GLEATON Jr.  
 Corporal Marvin C. LONG  
 Corporal Charles G. SHEARER  
 Corporal Larry A. JESTER  
 Lance Corporal Francis G. PENNY

2nd Award. Sergeant Richard K. BREWER

3rd Award. Staff Sergeant Jerome M. BROPHY  
 Sergeant James A. YOUNG

d. Rest and Relaxation (R&R). Two officers and fifteen enlisted personnel enjoyed R&R in Honolulu, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo.

e. Extensions and Reenlistments. The following personnel reenlisted or extended their enlistments during the month:

Reenlisted. Corporal Curtis B. DAVIS for six years.  
Corporal Larry A. JESTER for six years.

Extended. Gunnery Sergeant Maynard L. BROWN for two years.  
Staff Sergeant Claude M. POWELL for three months.

f. Extension of Overseas Tour. Corporal Thomas J. KRYGOWSKI extended his overseas tour six months.

## 2. Operations

a. 671 sorties and 904.5 flight hours were flown during the month. Of these, 581 sorties and 733.5 flight hours were combat missions. 496.4 tons of ordnance were expended against enemy targets. The squadron now has a total of 11,165 combat sorties and 14,716.7 combat flight hours amassed during the period 22 June 1965 to 30 March 1967.

b. On 31 March, VMA-214 is scheduled to depart Chu Lai, and at 310001Z March 1967 chops to the command of Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing. Twenty A-4C aircraft will be flown via transoceanic flight ferry to MCAS El Toro where the squadron will be reformed. The TRANSPAC routing is: Chu Lai to NAS Agana, Guam; Guam to Wake Island; Wake Island to MCAS Kaneohe; and MCAS Kaneohe to MCAS El Toro. Aerial refueling will be utilized between Chu Lai and Guam, Wake and Kaneohe, and Kaneohe and El Toro.

c. A partial stand-down from combat operations commenced on 22 March. The stand-down was complete from 28-30 March. This was necessary to enable aircraft maintenance to ensure that all aircraft were configured properly and operationally ready, and to requalify twenty-two pilots in aerial refueling.

d. One pilot, Major Albert L. SANDERS completed the External Delivery Refresher Course at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

e. One aircraft accident and one aircraft incident occurred during the month. Details on the aircraft accident can be obtained from VMA-214 message 180340Z/Mar67 (Confidential). Details on the aircraft incident is appended as a supporting document.

## 3. Aircraft Maintenance

a. The Aircraft Maintenance Department maintained an average availability of 80% for the month. This represents a 5% drop from the preceding month, but is still 5% above the desired standard of 75% for A-4 aircraft.

b. A-4C Bureau Numbers 148549 and 148508 were transferred to NAS Atsugi

(COSA) pool. A-4C Bureau Numbers 145065, 147755 and 147788 were received from Marine Attack Squadron 311. A-4C Bureau Numbers 148494 and 148472 are still in PAR status at NAS Atsugi.

PART IV. DOCUMENTATION. The following supporting document is attached as appendix to this chronology.

✓Appendix 1 - VMA-214 Aircraft Incident Report 30-67I

ROUTINE

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FROM: MARATHRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFCEM

INFO: CNO  
 CMC  
 CG FMFPAC  
 CG FFLANT  
 COMNAVALRPAC  
 COMFAIRWESTPAC  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG THIRD MAW  
 MARAIRGRU ONE TWO

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FOR CNO CODE OP-05F AND CMC CODE AAF

REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OFFAVINST 3750.6B

1. A4C, 148531, VMA-214
2. 12Mar67, 1510Z, 290 RAD 15NM DONG HA RVN.

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4. ECHO. 4 IN BY 1 IN HOLES IN SKIN BETWEEN STA (Y)64.000 AND STA (Y)86.000 IFR PROBE FAIRING TORN AND BUCKLED AT STA (Y)64.000. ONE STRINGER BETWEEN STA (Y)64.000 AND STA (Y)86.000 BENT AND BUCKLED. ESTIMATED 120 MANHOURS TO REPAIR.

5. PILOT ON SNAKEYE RUN, FELT AIRCRAFT HIT BY SOME OBJECT, TWO PRECEDING AIRCRAFT IN THE FLT HAD NOT DROPPED ON THE TARGET. DAMAGE APPEARS TO HAVE HIT FORWARD MOVING AFT, CAUSE UNKNOWN, SUSPECT ENEMY FIRE.

6. HARRIS J. FENNEL, MAJOR, 070769, USMC, 7333, ACTIVE, PARACHUTE NOT UTILIZED, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

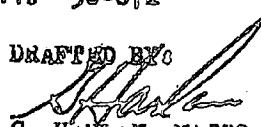
9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/ENEMY FIRE.

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 RELEASED BY:  
 R. E. HEMMINGWAY, MAJOR, USMC  
 COMMANDING OFFICER

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

APPENDIX (1)