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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223  
Marine Aircraft Group 12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5 July 1966

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Group Order 5750.1C

Encl: ✓ (1) Marine Attack Squadron 223 Command Chronology for the period  
1-30 June 1966.

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

  
R. B. SINCLAIR

MA-223

Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
OF  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223  
PERIOD 1-30 JUNE 1966

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Commanding Officer	- LtCol Robert B. SINCLAIR	- 1-30Jun66
Executive Officer	- Major Joseph J. KANE	- 1-30Jun66
Administrative Officer	- Capt James R. SHEA	- 1-16Jun66
Intelligence Officer	- Capt Eugene L. WHEELER	- 17-30Jun66
Operations Officer	- 1stLt John S. BOARDMAN	- 1-16Jun66
Logistics Officer	- 1stLt Kaye K. MANCHESTER	- 17-20Jun66
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	- 2ndLt Don E. MOSLEY	- 21-30Jun66
	- Maj Richard P. SPREIER	- 1-30Jun66
	- Capt Ralph W. CASPOLE	- 1-03Jun66
	- Capt Charles A. DIXON	- 4-30Jun66
	- Capt Malcolm T. HORNSEY JR.	- 1-30Jun66

## 2. Average Monthly Strength

	USMC	USN
Officers	Enlisted	Officers
32	169	1
		1

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 3 June WP 10 BuNo. 152047 was lost to enemy ground fire.
2. In the pre-dawn hours of 16 June 1966 VMA-223 launched eleven alert sorties in support of a besieged platoon from "C" Company, First Recon Battalion.
3. The squadron completed fiscal year 1966 aircraft accident free, flying 8880 hours during the year.

## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. VMA-223 squadron pilots were recommended for three Distinguished Flying Crosses, one Purple Heart (posthumously) and thirty three Air Medals. Two Meritorious Masts and two Good Conduct Medals were awarded.
2. On 3 June "WP" 10 BuNo. 152047 was lost to enemy ground fire while conducting close air support. The pilot, Captain Ralph W. CASPOLE, 070768, was killed.
3. LtGen Lewis W. WALT, Commanding General, III MAF visited the squadron area on 24 June. The squadron Commanding Officer LtCol Robert B. SINCLAIR accompanied LtGen WALT on a tour of the flight line, Ordnance and Material.
4. Flight missions in support of Operations APPACHE, JAY and OAKLAND were flown during June.
5. On 16 June 1966 the squadron launched eleven pre-dawn sorties in support of a platoon of Charlie Company, First Recon Battalion. The six pilots involved were recommended for three Distinguished Flying Crosses and three Air Medals for their accuracy and ability while delivering night close air support in mountainous terrain.
6. During the month of June the squadron flew 852 hours on 697 sorties. This brought the Accident Free Flight Hour total to 8880 for fiscal year 1966.
7. On 20 June a defense alert drill was held. All equipment and personnel of the Provisional Rifle Company functioned as required.
8. A total of \$50,000.00 was allocated to the squadron O1 funds. However, a deficit balance of \$10,481.21 existed at the close of fiscal year 1966. Operations were conducted and reports submitted as required by CG, 1stMAW.
9. The squadron Motor Transport was maintained at better than average availability during June. At the close of the month only one cerlist M677 and one refueler trailer were down.



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