

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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ENCLOSURE (1)

Organizational Data

1. <u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
VMA-223	ItCol L. C. TAFT	1-25Mar67
	ItCol C. E. DEERING	26-31Mar67
2. <u>Location</u>		
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam		
3. <u>Staff Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Executive Officer	Maj H. L. JACKSON	1-31Mar67
Administrative Officer	Maj C. J. DETTLE	1-31Mar67
Operations Officer	Maj R. L. SNYDER	1-31Mar67
Material Officer	Maj C. W. DEPIETRO	1-31Mar67
4. <u>Average Monthly Strength</u>		
	USMC	USN
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
33	210	1 0

Part II

Narrative Summary

The squadron commenced combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam on 1 March 1967. During the month, a total of 715 combat sorties were flown in support of the III MAF and the 7th Air Force. One aircraft was lost due to battle damage on 15 March. The squadron conducted a change of command ceremony on 26 March when Lieutenant Colonel C. E. DEERING relieved Lieutenant Colonel L. C. TAFT as Commanding Officer.

Part III

Significant Events1. S-1

- a. Twelve enlisted men were detached.
- b. Four Naval aviators, one ground officer and seventy-nine enlisted men were joined.
- c. The following promotions were effected:
 - 1 man promoted to Captain
 - 1 man promoted to First Lieutenant
 - 1 Man promoted to Gunnery Sergeant
 - 14 Men promoted to Sergeant
- d. Eight Air Medals and one Purple Heart Medal were awarded to members of the squadron during the month.
- e. One man was wounded during an enemy mortar attack on the morning of 6 March.
- f. A change of command ceremony was conducted by the squadron on 26 March when Lieutenant Colonel C. E. DEERING relieved Lieutenant Colonel L. C. TAFT as Commanding Officer.
- g. A squadron party was held for all hands on the afternoon of 26 March.

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- a. The squadron commenced air operations in the Republic of Vietnam on 1 March.
- b. During the month, the squadron flew a total of 748 sorties; 715 of which were combat sorties in support of units of the III MAF and the 7th Air Force. A total of 923 hours were logged. 123.2 hours were flown by non-squadron pilots. Total night time was 277.3 hours.
- c. Captain P. A. KRUEGER was rescued from the sea by an Air Force SAR helicopter on 15 March after he had ejected from his battle damaged aircraft.
- d. On 16 March, Captain A. J. MCCARTHY flew his 300th combat mission in the Republic of Vietnam.
- e. Major C. J. DETTLE and Captains S. DAVIS, J. W. GIBBONS, and T. R. WILSON attended the External Delivery Refresher course offered by MAWTUPAC at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.
- f. One Special Weapons Loading Team attended refresher training at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.