

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223  
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)  
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Encl: (1) Marine Attack Squadron 223 Command Chronology

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

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED.

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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## PART I

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <u>Designation</u>              | <u>Commander</u>          | <u>Date</u>    |
| VMA-223                            | LtCol Arthur W. ANTHONY   | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| 2. <u>Location</u>                 |                           |                |
| MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan               |                           | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| 3. <u>Staff Officers</u>           | <u>Name</u>               | <u>Date</u>    |
| Executive Officer                  | Major Richard L. MARTIN   | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| Operations Officer                 | Major Thomas R. MADDOCK   | 1-12 Feb 1968  |
|                                    | Major Lawrence J. GODBY   | 13-29 Feb 1968 |
| Materiel Officer                   | Major James L. CUNNINGHAM | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| Aircraft Maintenance Officer       | Major John A. MORRA       | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| Intelligence Officer               | Major Michael C. DRURY    | 1-3 Feb 1968   |
|                                    | Major Dennis A. CAVAGNARO | 4-29 Feb 1968  |
| Administrative Officer             | 1stLt Ralph P. HUNDLEY    | 1-29 Feb 1968  |
| 4. <u>Average Monthly Strength</u> |                           |                |
| A. Marine Officers                 |                           |                |
| (1) Naval Aviators                 | 27                        |                |
| (2) Naval Flight Officers          | 0                         |                |
| (3) Aviation Ground Officers       | 4                         |                |
| B. Naval Officers                  | 1                         |                |
| C. Marine Enlisted                 | 183                       |                |
| D. Naval Enlisted                  | 0                         |                |
| E. Total Average Strength          | 215                       |                |

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Attack Squadron 223 conducted normal flight operations for the month of February 1968 with emphasis on training newly joined pilots and further increasing the proficiency of Squadron veterans. This training consisted primarily of conventional weapons delivery techniques but additionally six pilots were refreshed in special weapons delivery. The squadron pilots were qualified or refreshed in both day and night aerial refueling and assisted in the aerial refueling training of VMFA-542 by providing an airborne tanker. Day and night Field Carrier Landing Practice was also conducted. On the tenth and sixteenth of the month, two sorties were flown in support of the Air Liaison Officer/Forward Air Controller training being conducted in Okinawa. VMA-223 flew 280 sorties accounting for 416 flight hours during February, of this time 199 hours were flown while conducting ordnance training and 168 hours were flown during tactical training flights. On the 24th of February, a deployment to Naha Air Base scheduled to depart that day was postponed. This was the only proposed deployment for the month.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Administration

a. February saw considerable gains in enlisted strength, but a net loss of two officers. Thirty-nine enlisted were joined while two were transferred. Only one officer was joined, and three were transferred. As of 29 February, the squadron was 49 short of the T/O Strength and 5 short of the FMFPac Manning Level.

2. Operations

a. On the 10th of February 1968, 2 A4C's and 2 aviators deployed to Naha Air Base to assist in the training of Forward Air Controller/Air Liaison Officer students. Two sorties were flown. On the 16th of February, two A4C's and two aviators deployed to Naha on an identical mission. Again two sorties were flown.

b. On the 24th of February 1968, a scheduled deployment to Naha Air Base was postponed until further notice.

c. On the 26th of February 1968, VMA-223 was visited by Brigadier General CHIP, Commanding General, Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade.

d. The Progressive Aircraft Rework Program proceeded normally. Two aircraft spent the entire month of February at PAR while one was delivered and one returned from the facility at Naval Air Station, Atsugi, Japan.

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