

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

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for 16-31 October 1968; submission of

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.10

Encl: (1) VMA-223 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Upon removal of enclosure (1), this letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED.

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By direction

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
OF  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223  
FOR THE PERIOD  
16 - 31 OCTOBER 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

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Major Leonard T. PRESTON, Jr.  
 16 - 31 October 1968

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. Location

16-31 October 1968 - Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major Charles D. ROBINSON	16-31 October 1968
Operations Officer	Major Samuel M. HORTON	16-31 October 1968
Administration Officer	Major Thomas R. DURHAM	16-31 October 1968
Maintenance Officer	Major Leon D. TYRRELL	16-31 October 1968
Material Officer	2ndLt Peter D. WALTERS	16-31 October 1968

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCUSNOFFENL

32      158

OFFENL

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the last 15 days of October, VMA-223 flew 452.8 hours and 407 sorties of which 446.2 hours and 396 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered 558.83 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 64.04 tons on 24 October 1968.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment is as follows:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
Bunkers	26	5
Structures	59	16
KBA	3 (c)	6 (p)
Secondary Fires	11	
Secondary Explosions	11	
Road Cuts	4	
Trench Line	450 meters	
Gun Sites	4	

On 21 October WP-23 (A-4E 151122) crashed upon landing and received ALFA damage. The pilot, Captain D. A. WELLMAN, received FOXTROT injury.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. S-1. Personnel. During the period 16-31 October VMA-223 joined 2 officers and 4 enlisted. Transferred during the period were 2 officers and 4 enlisted. One man was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant and one was Meritoriously Combat promoted to Sergeant. Two Temporary First Lieutenants received Permanent Appointments to Warrant Officer. One Sergeant extended his overseas tour for a seven month period.

2. S-3a. Air Operations

(1) Seven of the pilots assigned to VMA-223 have over 100 combat missions, 15 have over 200 missions, one has over 300, and one has reached 400.

(2) At the end of October 1968, VMA's accident free hours totaled 353.3. The last operational accident occurred on 21 October 1968.

b. Training

(1) Four pilots attended the Nuclear Weapons Delivery Refresher Course at Iwakuni, Japan.

(2) One officer attended the Wing 3-M School at Danang, RVN.

(3) The Flight Surgeon attended Sea Survival School at Numazu, Japan.

(4) One enlisted man attended the Welding Certification Course at Cubi Point, P. I.

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PART IVOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
Nevada Eagle	44	1stMarDiv	69
Scotland II	25	3rdMarDiv	59
Lancaster II	20	AMERICAL	49
Maui Peak	16	5th Marines	23
Job Stuart	14	5th Mechanized	18
Henderson Hall	10	Task Force HOTEL	17
Dragon Victory	9	Special Forces	15
Mameluke Thrust	6	2nd ARVN	15
Kentucky	5	7th Air Force	15
Mongoose Run	2	7th Marines	14
Cat Killer	2	1st Recon Bn	12
Napolean Saline	2	ROK Marines	12
Allenbrook	1	4th Marines	10
Unnamed	240	1st Marines	6
		3rd Marines	5
		1st AMTRACKS	4
		11th Marines	4
		24th Corps	4
		1st MAW	2
		Unnamed	43

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