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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
FOR THE PERIOD
1 - 30 NOVEMBER 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DesignationCommander

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Major Leonard T. PRESTON, Jr.
1 - 30 November 1968

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. Location

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major Charles D. ROBINSON	1-30 November 1968
Operations Officer	Major Samuel M. HORTON	1-30 November 1968
Administrative Officer	Major Thomas R. DURHAM	1-30 November 1968
Maintenance Officer	Major Leon D. TYRRELL	1-30 November 1968
Material Officer	2ndLt Peter D. WALTERS	1-30 November 1968

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During November 1968, VMA-223 flew 1,110.7 hours and 1,035 sorties of which 1,070.6 hours and 997 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The Squadron delivered 1,433.14 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 66.48 tons delivered on 20 November 1968. Of all ordnance flown, where delivery was attempted, a 99.01% drop rate was recorded for the month.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for November 1968:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
KBA	18 (c)	3 (p)
Bunkers	177	48
Structures	215	107
Secondary Fires	20	
Secondary Explosions	19	
Road Cuts	18	
Trench Line	345 meters	
Gun Sites	5	
Bridges	3	
Sampans	20	
Trucks	1	

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 7,016.8 the combat hours flown since returning to Vietnam on 22 April 1968. The total hours flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam by the Squadron is 26,711.7 during 21,806 sorties. VMA-223 flew 75 more sorties than any other Squadron in Marine Aircraft Group 12 during November 1968. The Squadron also exceeded by 275 sorties and 202 hours the previous November high for a MAG-12 Squadron based in the Republic of Vietnam.

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a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month ending with a decrease in personnel. One Naval Aviator was joined and four were transferred. Two Aviation Ground Officers were transferred while none were joined. Fourteen enlisted personnel were transferred and twelve were joined.

b. The Civil Affairs Program supported 56 South Vietnamese children during November by providing scholarships. Three schools which were provided with scholarships, construction materials and other incidentals were Khuong My, Khuong Hiep and Khuong Quan. The Civil Affairs Officer attended school at Danang during November.

c. Personnel from VMA-223 received the following awards during November:

- (1) Six (6) Good Conduct Awards
- (2) Five (5) Air Medals (First Award)
- (3) Four (4) Single Mission Air Medals
- (4) One (1) Distinguished Flying Cross
- (5) Two (2) Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry
- (6) Two (2) Meritorious Masts

Two Naval Aviators were also recommended for Single Mission Air Medals.

d. Thirty-two (32) Fleet Hometown News Releases were submitted during November.

e. Personnel Promotions

- (1) Captain M. P. GREEN was appointed to his present rank.
- (2) Corporal H. B. BURDEN was promoted to his present grade.
- (3) Lance Corporal R. J. FLOYD was promoted to his present grade.

2. Operations

a. VMA-223 conducted combat air operations each day during November in support of I Corps, II Corps and 7th Air Force targets. Operations

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and Units supported are listed in Part IV.

b. At the end of November 1968, VMA-223's accident free hours totaled 1,464.0. The last operational accident occurred on 21 October 1968.

c. One Naval Aviator assigned to VMA-223 has over 400 combat missions, four have over 300, 8 over 200 and six over 100 missions.

d. Training

- (1) One Officer is attending Amphibious Planning School at Okinawa.
- (2) One Officer attended 3M School at Danang.
- (3) One Officer attended the Wing Personal Response School at Danang.
- (4) One enlisted man attended KY-28 School.
- (5) One enlisted man attended Corrosion Control School.
- (6) Squadron Pilots and Maintenance Personnel underwent intensive training on the Walleye Weapon during November.

3. Maintenance

a. The Squadron had a daily average of 20.4 aircraft on hand, 15.6 daily availability and averaged 54.4 hours per aircraft for the month for 136.7% utilization.

b. Two aircraft were inducted into Progressive Aircraft Rework and one was received from the Rework Activity.

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PART IVOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
Nevada Eagle	109	1stMarDiv	127
Scotland II	27	3rdMarDiv	45
Lancaster II	31	AMERICAL	157
Jeb Stuart	14	5th Marines	38
Henderson Hall	84	5th Mechanized	24
Dragon Victory	40	Task Force HOTEL	16
Kentucky	12	Special Forces	18
Napoleon Saline	19	2nd ARVN	36
Burlington Trail	2	7th Air Force	72
War Bonnet	6	7th Marines	69
Gernard Bay	4	1st Recon Bn	25
Steel Tiger	70	ROK Marines	25
Meade River	36	4th Marines	2
Tiger Hound	6	3rd Marines	9
		1stMAW	9
		82nd Airborne	4
		9th Marines	33
		101st Airborne	57
		81st Airborne	2
		Task Force ALPHA	8
		3rd Recon Bn	2
		26th Marines	6

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