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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
FOR THE PERIOD
1 - 31 JANUARY 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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Major Leonard T. PRESTON, Jr.
 1 - 31 January 1969

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Charles D. ROBINSON	1-31 January 1969
Operations Officer	Major Richard S. ROBERTSON	1-31 January 1969
Administrative Officer	1stLt Larry C. SWINEA	1-31 January 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major Donald E. ANDERSEN	1-31 January 1969
Material Officer	2ndLt Peter D. WALTERS	1-31 January 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF ENLOFF ENL

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During January 1969, VMA-223 flew 993.6 hours and 939 sorties of which 973.1 hours and 920 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The squadron delivered 1353.90 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 76.72 tons delivered on 20 January.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for January 1969:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
KBA	20 (e)	9 (p)
Bunkers	90	20
Structures	182	54
Secondary Fires	30	
Secondary Explosions	29	
Bridge	1	
Gun Sites	2	1
Trench Line	570 meters	
Sampons	10	
Trucks	2	
Road Cuts	27	
Box Holes	20	

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 9,183.6 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 28,970.4 during 23,903 sorties.

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PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month ending with a decrease in personnel. Four Naval Aviators were joined and four were transferred. Four enlisted were joined and ten were transferred.

b. The Civil Affairs Program supported 57 South Vietnamese children during January by providing scholarships. Khuong Quang school was given cement for the repair of its roof, a large first aid box and an 8"x10" class picture which had been taken by a member of the squadron. Khuong My school was given more materials for the construction of its sanitary toilet and three sacks of whitewash base, enough to repaint the exterior of the school. Khuong Hiep school also received three sacks of whitewash base. Khuong Dai school was given enough weed to build school desks for fifty students. Members of the squadron also accompanied the Group Civic Action Team on MEBCAPS to Khuong Vinh and My Sanh hamlets.

c. Three people were given Good Conduct Awards and Corporal W. J. TEAGLE was awarded a Meritorious Mast for his devotion to duty and outstanding professional attitude.

d. Personnel Promotions.

(1) W. E. PORTER received a Meritorious Combat promotion to Gunnery Sergeant.

(2) J. A. SHAVERS was promoted to Corporal.

(3) Lance Corporal R. R. DENNIS was promoted to his present rank.

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on each day of January in support of I Corps, II Corps and 7th Air Force targets. Operations and Units supported are listed in Part IV.

b. At the end of January 1969, VMA-223's accident free hours totaled 3662.7. The last operational accident occurred on 21 October 1968.

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c. WP-21, BuNo 151097, was lost at sea due to battle damage received on 24 January during a close air support mission in support of the 1st Marine Division near Theng Due. Captain Michael P. GREEN, the pilot, successfully ejected and was picked up by a U. S. Navy Swift Boat. Captain GREEN sustained no injuries in the incident.

d. Two Naval Aviators assigned to VMA-223 have over 500 combat missions, one has over 400, six have over 300, four have over 200, and eight have over 100.

e. Training

(1) Four Naval Aviators attended Jungle Environmental Survival Training (JEST) School at Cubi Point.

(2) Two officers attended 3M School at Danang.

(3) One Officer and one Enlisted attended Basic Embarkation School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The Squadron had a daily average of 19.6 aircraft on hand, 14.25 daily availability and averaged 44.7 hours per aircraft for the month for 112.2% utilization.

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PART IVOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>FLOWN</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u> <u>FLOWN</u>
Dawson River	40	1stMarDiv	66
Taylor Commem	76	AMERICAL	157
Scotland II	16	3rdMarDiv	48
Kentucky	2	Task Force YANKEE	56
Nevada Eagle	48	4th Marines	10
Steel Tiger	28	3rd Marines	8
Commando Hunt	2	7th Air Force	110
Fayette Canyon	14	7th Marines	69
Isopack	6	101st Airborne	48
Bold Mariner	22	ARVN	18
Dragon Victory	2	1st Recen	8
Station Break	8	2nd ROK	27
Russell Beach	2	1st Marines	10
Dowey Canyon	24	24th Corps	18
		Task Force HOTEL	2
		26th Marines	6
		Task Force ALPHA	4
		12th Marines	2
		5th Marines	22
		9th Marines	30
		OLF	14
		Special Forces	10
		3rd Recen	4
		Australians	2

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