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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

OF

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223

FOR THE PERIOD

1 - 31 AUGUST 1969

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223      Lieutenant Colonel Merrill S. Newbill  
 Marine Aircraft Group 12  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Edward J. HEISE	1-15 July 1969
	1LtCol Louis GASPARINE	16-31 July 1969
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. SCHWANINGER	1-31 July 1969
Administrative Officer	Captain Gary E. REED	1-9 July 1969
	Major Roy L. CRANE	10-31 July 1969
Material Officer	1stLt Peter D. WALTERS	1-31 July 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
35	165	1	Ø
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During the month of July 1969, VMA-223 flew 910.5 hours and 819 sorties of which 889.2 hours and 796 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 1039.96 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 57.14 tons delivered on 9 July 1969.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for July 1969:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
KBA	4 (c)	2 (p)
Bunkers	160	15
Structures	175	37
Trench Line	915 meters	
Secondary Fires	35	
Secondary Explosions	21	
Gun Sites	4	
Boats/Sampans	2	
Road Guts	1	
Trucks	2	
Caves	7	

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 15,225.7 the combat hours and 13,878 the combat sorties flown in support of the Republic of Vietnam since returning on 22 March 1968. The total hours flown in support of combat operations in the Republic by the Squadron is 35,094.5 during 29,401 sorties.

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Ser: 03A21669PART IIISIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month of July. Five officers, four of them Naval Aviators, joined the Squadron along with 16 enlisted men. Departures due to expiration of overseas tours included one officer and ten enlisted men. A total of one officer and two enlisted men were transferred from this Squadron to other WestPac units.

b. The following personnel were promoted during July 1969.

- (1) J. L. FISCHER was promoted to Captain
- (2) J. P. OPPENHUIZEN was promoted to Captain
- (3) S. BERUBE was promoted to Sergeant
- (4) J. A. SHAVERS was promoted to Sergeant
- (5) T. MCNALLY was promoted to Corporal
- (6) J. S. SIEGENTHALER was promoted to Corporal
- (7) M. K. BLACKFORD was promoted to Lance Corporal
- (8) J. M. SALAY was promoted to Lance Corporal

c. During the month of July Sergeant J. A. Shavers reenlisted for his second tour.

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on each day of July 1969 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 July 1969 VMA-223's accident free hours totaled 9,881.5.

c. One Naval Aviator assigned to VMA-223 has reached 500 combat missions, two have reached 400, one has reached 300, nine have reached 200, and eleven have flown over 100 missions.

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d. Training

(1) Two Naval Aviators attended JEST School at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The squadron had a daily average of 17.93 aircraft on hand, 14.1 average availability, and averaged 50.8 hours per aircraft for the month for 130.6% utilization.

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<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
Virginia Ridge	2	1st MarDiv	22
Lamar Plain	1	3rd MarDiv	26
Herkimer Mountain	2	7th Air Force	33
Montgomery Rendezvous	3	101st Airborne	64
Idaho Canyon	1	America	84
Arlington Canyon	3	1st Marines	5
		3rd Marines	9
		4th Marines	3
		5th Marines	31
		7th Marines	6
		9th Marines	4
		ARVN	17
		108th Artillery	1
		3rd Recon Bn	6
		Special Forces	3
		ROK Marines	20
		1st Recon	8

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