

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
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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
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 FPO San Francisco, 966Ø2

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major Edward J. HEISE	1-31 August 1969
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. SCHWANINGER	1-31 August 1969
Administrative Officer	Major Roy L. CRANE	1-23 August 1969
	Captain Roger R. HARDY	24-31 August 1969
Material Officer	1stLt Peter D. WALTERS	1-25 August 1969
	Captain Roger J. SCHNEIDER	26-31 August 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
27	163	1	Ø
<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>		
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During the month of August 1969, VMA-223 flew 93Ø.7 hours and 774 sorties of which 9ØØ.6 hours and 739 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 986.26 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 46.3Ø tons delivered on 15 August 1969.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for August 1969:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
KBA	Ø9 (c)	1 (p)
Bunkers	2Ø2	33
Structures	165	32
Trench Line	62Ø meters	
Secondary Fires	62	
Secondary Explosions	39	
Gun Sites	9	
Road Cuts	5	
Caves	1	
Bridge	1	

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 16,126.3 the combat hours and 14,617 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 of Vietnam by the Squadron is 35,995.2 during 3Ø,14Ø sorties.

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a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month of August. Three officers, all of them Naval Aviators, joined the squadron, as did ten enlisted men. Departures due to expiration of overseas tours included four officers and fourteen enlisted men. A total of seven officers were transferred from this Squadron to other WestPac units.

b. The following personnel were promoted during August 1969:

- (1) F. W. BLAKESLEY was promoted to Corporal
- (2) B. L. BRADEN was promoted to Corporal
- (3) C. A. BRODRICK was promoted to Corporal
- (4) J. W. DELULLO was promoted to Corporal
- (5) R. K. GOODROW was promoted to Corporal
- (6) R. L. GOODWIN was promoted to Corporal
- (7) R. B. GROVES was promoted to Corporal
- (8) R. L. HARDCASTLE was promoted to Corporal
- (9) M. J. HUNSAKER was promoted to Corporal
- (10) A. F. JACKSON was promoted to Corporal
- (11) D. O. JEFFREY was promoted to Corporal
- (12) C. F. KELLY was promoted to Corporal
- (13) D. R. KING was promoted to Corporal
- (14) G. P. KLEIN was promoted to Corporal
- (15) H. D. MARQUIS was promoted to Corporal
- (16) H. N. MCMILLAN was promoted to Corporal
- (17) R. H. NEDD was promoted to Corporal
- (18) T. E. TOMASZEWSKI was promoted to Corporal

c. On 16 August 1969 VMA-223 held an awards formation on the flight line. Captain J. H. Mayes received the Distinguished Flying Cross at the ceremony.

d. Meritorious Masts were awarded to the following:

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- (1) Sergeant E. A. Simmons
- (2) Corporal R. M. Turnipseed
- (3) Lance Corporal J. P. Smith

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on 30 days of August 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 August 1969 VMA-223's accident free hours totaled 10,812.2.

c. On 25 August 1969 Major Edward J. Heise flew VMA-223's 30,000 combat sortie.

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

e. Training

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

(2) Two Naval Aviators attended SERE School at Clark AFB, Republic of the Philippines.

(3) Four Naval Aviators, one Aviation Ground Officer, and four enlisted men attended Nuclear Weapons Refresher Training at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

(4) Three Naval Aviators attended the Forward Air Controller/Air Liaison Officer refresher course at MCAF Futema, Okinawa, and Danang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The squadron had a daily average of 16.1 aircraft on hand, 12.4 average availability, and averaged 57.8 hours per aircraft for the month for 145.2% utilization.

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PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTSOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
Durham Peak	7	1st MarDiv	22
Lamar Plain	2	3rd MarDiv	63
Idaho Canyon	1Ø	7th Air Force	11
		1Ø1st Airborne	59
		1st Marines	6
		3rd Marines	1Ø
		4th Marines	4
		5th Marines	18
		7th Marines	19
		ARVN	5
		3rd Recon Bn	6
		1st Recon Bn	3
		Special Forces	3
		ROK Marines	27

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