

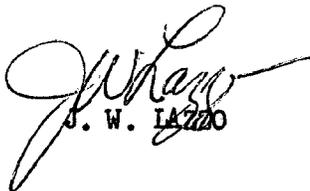
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Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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OF
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
FOR THE PERIOD
1-3Ø SEPTEMBER 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223 | Lieutenant Colonel Merrill S. Newbill |
| Marine Aircraft Group 12 | 1 - 27 September 1969 |
| 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac | |
| FPO San Francisco, 966Ø2 | Lieutenant Colonel James W. Lazzo |
| | 28 - 3Ø September 1969 |

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Executive Officer | Major Edward J. Heise | 1-19 September 1969 |
| | Major George J. Ertlmeier | 2Ø-3Ø September 1969 |
| Operations Officer | Major Marvin E. Schwaninger | 1-3Ø September 1969 |
| Administrative Officer | Captain Roger R. Hardy | 1-3Ø September 1969 |
| Material Officer | Captain Roger J. Schneider | 1-3Ø September 1969 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
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During the month of September 1969, VMA-223 flew 588.4 hours and 467 sorties of which 557.1 hours and 438 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 557.58 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 43.57 tons delivered on 5 September 1969.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for September 1969:

| <u>TARGETS</u> | <u>DESTROYED</u> | <u>DAMAGED</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| KBA | 3 | |
| Bunkers | 71 | 7 |
| Structures | 59 | 2Ø |
| Trench Line | 7ØØ meters | |
| Secondary Fires | 31 | |
| Secondary Explosions | 1Ø | |
| Gun Sites | 5 | 1 |
| Bridge | 1 | |

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 16,683.4 the combat hours and 15,Ø55 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 36,552.3 during 3Ø,6Ø7 sorties.

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a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month of September. Four officers, three of them Naval Aviators and one Aviation Ground officer, joined the Squadron, as did twenty enlisted men. Departures due to expiration of overseas tours included three officers and four enlisted men. A total of eight officers and one enlisted man were transferred from this Squadron to other WestPac units.

b. The following personnel were promoted to Staff Sergeant during the month of September 1969:

- (1) C. K. BANKARD
- (2) G. W. HAMPTON

c. The following personnel were promoted to Sergeant during the month of September 1969:

- (1) R. C. CHANGO
- (2) D. S. DENTON
- (3) A. F. LOHMAN
- (4) J. P. MURRISON
- (5) D. L. RISNER
- (6) D. A. ROGERS
- (7) M. SCHUBERT
- (8) R. ZAPPASODI
- (9) C. E. SOLVESON

d. The following personnel were promoted to Corporal during the month of September 1969:

- (1) G. B. GANNAWAY
- (2) J. HERNANDEZ
- (3) D. R. WILSON
- (4) G. M. GIBBS

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e. The following personnel were promoted to Lance Corporal during the month of September 1969:

- (1) N. O. AVERETT
- (2) J. T. BAKER
- (3) E. J. CHOUNARD
- (4) W. H. COLEMAN
- (5) D. L. DARLING
- (6) R. E. DUHAMEL
- (7) J. C. FINCH
- (8) V. FLORE
- (9) J. W. GEIWICKS
- (10) G. W. HAWKINS
- (11) J. O. KRUSE
- (12) M. W. LALOSH
- (13) B. C. LICLE
- (14) G. M. MCGHEE
- (15) D. H. MEEK
- (16) W. G. MOORE
- (17) H. W. REYNOLDS
- (18) A. J. SILVA
- (19) J. R. SKIPPER
- (20) R. J. SMITH
- (21) T. M. SMITH
- (22) D. E. WALLING

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on 29 days of September 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 September 1969 VMA-223's accident free hours totalled 11,400.6.

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

d. Training

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(1) One Naval Aviator and two enlisted men attended JEST School at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.

(2) One enlisted man attended Welder Recertification School at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The Squadron had a daily average of 16.2 aircraft on hand, 12.6 average availability, and averaged 36.3 hours per aircraft for the month for 91.2% utilization.

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| <u>OPERATIONS</u> | <u>SORTIES FLOWN</u> | <u>UNITS</u> | <u>SORTIES FLOWN</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Idaho Canyon | 8 | Americal | 103 |
| Defiant Stand | 4 | 1st MarDiv | 43 |
| Georgia Tar | 2 | 3rd MarDiv | 62 |
| | | 7th Air Force | 15 |
| | | 101st Airborne | 51 |
| | | 1st Marines | 3 |
| | | 3rd Marines | 18 |
| | | 4th Marines | 19 |
| | | 5th Marines | 11 |
| | | 7th Marines | 11 |
| | | 12th Marines | 7 |
| | | 26th Marines | 4 |
| | | 3rd Recon Bn | 12 |
| | | 1st Recon Bn | 13 |
| | | ARVN | 6 |
| | | ROK Marines | 12 |
| | | 108th Arty | 6 |

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
 FPO San Francisco, 966Ø2

Lieutenant Colonel James W. Lazzo
 1 - 31 October 1969

NO SUBORDINATE UNITS

NO UNITS ATTACHED

2. LOCATION

Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Executive Officer | Major George J. Ertlmeier | 1-31 October 1969 |
| Operations Officer | Major Marvin E. Schwaninger | 1-31 October 1969 |
| Administrative Officer | Captain Roger R. Hardy | 1-31 October 1969 |
| Material Officer | 1st Lieutenant John S. Wilkins | 1-31 October 1969 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
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PART II

During the month of October 1969, VMA-223 flew 498.6 hours and 4Ø6 sorties of which 452.4 hours and 368 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 454.35 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 33.91 tons delivered on 15 October 1969.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for October 1969:

| <u>TARGETS</u> | <u>DESTROYED</u> | <u>DAMAGED</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|
| KBA | 1 | |
| Bunkers | 36 | 3 |
| Structures | 121 | 46 |
| Trench Line | 3Ø meters | |
| Secondary Fires | 14 | |
| Secondary Explosions | 27 | |
| Gun Sites | 1 | |
| Bridges | Ø | |
| Cave | 1 | |
| Tunnel Complex | 1 | |
| Bulldozer | 1 | |

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 16,135.8 the combat hours and 15,423 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 37,Ø5Ø.9 during 31,Ø13 sorties.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel strength varied throughout the month of October. Five enlisted men joined the Squadron. Departures due to expiration of overseas tours included three officers and six enlisted men. One officer was transferred to another WestPac unit.

b. The following person was promoted to Corporal during the month of October 1969:

W. H. Cunningham Jr.

c. The following person was promoted to Lance Corporal during the month of October 1969:

D. O. Haskins

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on 3Ø days of October 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 October 1969 VMA-223's accident free hours totalled 11,899.2.

c. One Naval Aviator assigned to VMA-223 has reached 3ØØ combat missions, one has reached 2ØØ missions, and five have reached 1ØØ missions.

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- (1) One Naval Aviator and one enlisted man attended Jungle Survival School at Clark AFB, Republic of the Philippines.
- (2) One Naval Aviator attended the J.E.S.T. course at Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.
- (3) The Squadron Flight Surgeon attended Medical Officer's Training in Taipei, Tiawan.
- (4) Three Naval Aviators attended FAC School at MCAF, Futema, Okinawa.

3. MAINTENANCE

a. The Squadron had a daily average of 19.4 aircraft on hand, 14.4 average availability, and averaged 25.7 hours per aircraft for the month for 64.6% utilization.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

| <u>OPERATIONS</u> | <u>UNITS</u> | <u>SORTIES FLOWN</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Geneva Park | Americal | 68 |
| Iron Mountain | 1st MarDiv | 12 |
| Victory Dragon | 3rd MarDiv | 4 |
| Pipestone Canyon | 7th Air Force | 11 |
| Norton Falls | 1Ø1st Airborne | 49 |
| Republic Square | 1st Marines | 9 |
| Ashau Valley | 4th Marines | 11 |
| Nantucket Beach | 5th Marines | 25 |
| Louisiana Lee | 7th Marines | 18 |
| | 26th Marines | 3 |
| | ARVN | 14 |
| | ROK Marines | 4 |
| | 1Ø8th Arty | 3 |
| | 1st Mech | 3 |
| | 5th Mech | 3 |
| | Spec Forces | 2 |

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