

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
OF
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
FOR THE PERIOD
1-30 NOVEMBER 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERMARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
Marine Aircraft Group 12
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FPO San Francisco, 96602Lieutenant Colonel James W. LAZZO
1-30 November 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	1-30 November 1969
Operations Officer	Major Marvin E. SCHWANINGER	1-07 November 1969
	Major Charles A. DIXON	14-30 November 1969
Administrative Officer	Captain Roger R. HARDY	1-30 November 1969
Material Officer	1st Lieutenant John S. WILKINS	1-30 November 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
21	153	1	0
<u>NA</u>	<u>AG</u>		
17	4		

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PART II

During the month of November 1969 VMA-223 flew 518.1 hours and 426 sorties of which 481.0 hours and 396 sorties were flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 581.39 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total being 47.14 tons delivered on 13 November 1969.

Reported Battle Damage Assessment for November 1969:

<u>TARGETS</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>DAMAGED</u>
KBA	8 (c)	
Bunkers	25	2
Structures	65	22
Trench Line	15 meters	
Secondary Fires	18	
Secondary Explosions	8	
Gun Sites	1	
Bridges	2	
Trucks	1	1
Road Cuts	2	

The "Bulldogs" of VMA-223 increased to 16,616.8 the combat hours and 15,819 the combat sorties flown in support of the republic of Vietnam since returning on 22 March 1968. The Squadron has flown in support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam a total of 37,531.9 hours in 31,409 sorties.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of November, seven enlisted men joined the squadron and seven men were transferred out, five due to expiration of their overseas tours and two transferred to other WestPac Units.

b. One Officer joined the Squadron and three departed, two having completed their WestPac tours and one to another WestPac Unit. A fourth Officer departed TAD to WestPac ground forces for three months to serve as a Forward Air Controller.

c. Captain R. S. PLAISANCE was promoted to his present rank on 1 November 1969.

d. Twenty-eight men were promoted to the rank of Corporal and one man was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal during the month of November.

2. OPERATIONS

a. VMA-223 conducted air operations on 29 days in November 1969 in support of I Corps, II Corps, and the 7th Air Force. Operations and Units supported are listed in Part IV.

b. At the end of November 1969, VMA-223 extended flight operations to 12,417.3 accident free hours.

c. One Naval Aviator assigned to VMA-223 has reached 400 Combat missions, four have reached 200 missions and six have reached 100 missions.

3. TRAINING

a. One officer attended FAC school.

b. Three Naval Aviators attended N.W.R.C. at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.

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4. MAINTENANCE

a. The squadron had a daily average of 20.7 aircraft on hand, 64.9% average availability, and averaged 25.0 hours per aircraft for the month for 62.8% utilization.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTSOPERATIONS/UNITS SUPPORTED

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>UNITS</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
Geneva Park	5th Mech	40
Iron Mountain	7th Air Force	17
Victory Dragon	101st Aborne	54
Pipestone Canyon	Americal	47
Norton Falls	7th Marines	10
Fulton Square	5th Marines	22
Republic Square	ROK Marines	8
Nantucket Beach	1st Marines	1
	Special Forces	1
	1st Mar Div	5
	26 Marines	4
	ROK Army	4
	6th ARVN	2

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