

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
Marine Aircraft Group 33
3d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
MCAS, El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. 92709

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
of
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 223
for the period
1 January - 30 June 1970

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PART I

ORGINIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Attack Squadron 223

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES W. LAZZO
1 January - 30 June 1970

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1 January - 7 February 1970; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
8 February - 30 June 1970; Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Santa Ana, California

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major CHARLES A. DIXON	1 Jan - 9 Feb 70
Executive Officer	Major JOHN H. SNYDER	9 Feb - 30 Jun 70
Operations Officer	Major RONALD R. BOROWICZ	1 Jan - 9 Feb 70
Operations Officer	Captain ANTHONY D. COSTA	17 Feb - 30 Jun 70
Administrative Officer	Captain ROBERT K. LANGE	1 Mar - 30 Jun 70
Material Officer	First Lieutenant L. A. BOLENBARKAR	9 Feb 70
Maintenance Officer	Captain L. ORONA	1 Jan - 30 Jun 70

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>			<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
18	148	1 Jun - 8 Feb 70	1	0
6	22	8 Feb - 30 Jun 70	0	0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From the 1st through the 12th of January 1970, Marine Attack Squadron 223 flew 219 sorties for a total of 275 flight hours, of which 201 sorties and 266 flight hours were flown in direct support of combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. Squadron pilots delivered 248.92 tons of aviation ordnance with the highest daily total delivered being 39.76 tons on 6 January 1970. The "Bulldogs" of Marine Attack Squadron 223 curtailed combat operations in order to prepare for the return to the United States.

Marine Attack Squadron 223 was one of the squadrons that participated in operation "Key Wallop". This operation required the Transpac of 20 VMA-223 aircraft from Chu Lai, Vietnam to MCAS El Toro, Santa Ana, California. On 8 February 1970, operation "Key Wallop" terminated with the arrival of all 20 of Marine Attack Squadron 223 aircraft.

Upon arrival at MCAS El Toro, Marine Attack Squadron 223 was assigned to Marine Aircraft Group 33 and placed in a cadre status. The 20 A-4E aircraft of the squadron were transferred to Marine Attack Squadron 214 during the month of March 1970.

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PART III

DATE

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 - 12 Jan 70

7th Air Force in RUN

27 Jan - 8 Feb 70

Operation "Key Wallop"

Feb 70

VMA-223 Cadre Status

18 Mar 70

20 A-1E to VMA-214

30 Apr 70

Capt. R. K. LANGE received DFC

15 May 70

LtCol J. W. LAZZO received LEGION
OF MERIT

10 Jun 70

Major J. S. SNYDER received DFC
BRONZE STAR

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