

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 224  
 Marine Aircraft Group 12  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO San Francisco, Calif., 96602

3/TGT/wrr  
 31 Oct 1966

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Part One

1. Organizational Data

John BROWNE	Lieutenant Colonel	Commanding Officer
James F. LLOYD	Major	Executive Officer
Robert J. NEWMAN	Captain	Administration Officer
Alfonso OSEGUERA	Major	Operations Officer
Patrick H. RUPERTUS	Captain	Logistics Officer
John M. KRETSINGER	Captain	Maintenance Officer
Dean C. PUCKETT	Captain	Aviation Safety Officer

2. Task Organization

Marine Attack Squadron 224, 1-31 October 1966, MCEF, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	23	USN Officer	1
USMC Enlisted	140	USN Enlisted	1

Part Two

1. Narrative Summary

During this reporting period VMA-224 went from a ready combat squadron flying missions right up to the changeover to VMA-211 was complete. VMA-224 pilots flew with VMA-211's less experienced pilots on the wing. The transition for the new pilots was carried out safely and expeditiously. By the 29th of this month most of the Top Guns pilots had phased out of the picture and transferred to the other squadrons.

Captain T. G. TAYLOR flew his 200th combat mission in Vietnam on the 13th.

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During the last six (6) days of the reporting period the remaining A4E were being transferred from squadron records to the Navy at NAS Atsugi.

### Part Three

#### 1. Administration/Personnel

On board strength at beginning of the period was 23 officers (19 NA's and 4 AG's) and 140 enlisted.

SSgt E. P. REAM accepted temporary appointment to Second Lieutenant.

Major F. T. SULLIVAN transferred to MABS-12.

Six (6) P.F.C.'s promoted to Lance Corporal.

Maj. C. W. CHAIN, Captain B. E. JOBE and Captain D. C. PUCKETT were promoted to their present rank.

First Lieutenant S. J. MOCK accepted Regular Commission.

MSgt R. A. PALMER promoted to his present rank as well as SSgt's C. C. FRANK, L. F. HOLCOMB and J. F. MASSIE.

Sgt C. F. HATMAKER transferred by Service Record While sick.  
Major A. OSEGUERA and Sgt. S. D. HALE rotated to CONUS.

Sgt's T. F. SLATTERY and J. C. STORY meritoriously promoted to present rank.

Cpl. P. SCARDINO reenlisted for four (4) years.

One hundred and thirty six (136) enlisted personnel transferred to various squadrons within the group on 25 Oct 1966.

Twenty one (21) officers were transferred within the group or to CONUS by 31 Oct 1966.

Ended the reporting period with the C. O. as the last member on board, with an effective transfer date of 1 Nov to MWHG-1.

#### 2. Operations

a. Air Operations. VMA-224 pilots flew 416 sorties totaling 544.4 flight hours. Non-squadron pilots flew 140 sorties totaling 179.4 flight hours. Total combat sorties flown were 386 for 510.2 flight hours. During this period 1,034,564 pounds of ordnance was

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delivered by squadron aircraft on the Viet Cong.

b. Training. During October two (2) officers completed the Low Pressure/Seat Ejection refresher at Okinawa. One (1) officer attended Sea Survival School at Numazu, Japan for three (3) days instruction.

3. Logistics.

4Oct66 - The squadron materiel officer attended 1stMAW Individual Materiel Readiness List Conference on IMRL transfer.

10-19Oct66 - Transfer of property to VMFA-314 and VMA-211.

12-28Oct66 - Transfer of property to VMA(AW)-242.

25-30Oct66- Closed out and shipped squadron records, colors and files to Sub-Unit One Cherry Point, North Carolina.

31Oct66 - Close out of Fiscal Account and Transfer of funds.



JOHN BROWNE