

MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO THREE FIVE  
Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade  
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Encl: ✓(1) Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 235 Command Chronology for December 1966 (S)  
-(2) Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 235 completed flight schedules 1-31 December 1966 (U) - *NIE, A030-42*

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

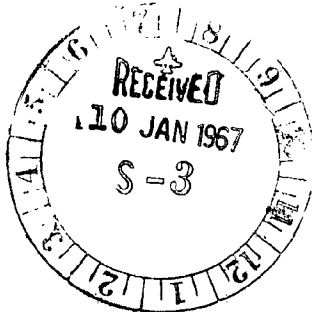
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7 Jan 1967Part I - Organizational Data

a. Designation Location  
VMF(AW)-235 MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

b. Period Covered  
16 Nov - 31 Dec 1966

c. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
ROGAL, E. R.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
OLSEN, C. B.	XO	MAJ	MAJ
DILLEY, D. E.	Ops O	MAJ	CAPT
WITTER, H. F.	Maint O	MAJ	CAPT
PLANT, R.	Admin O	MAJ	CAPT
RUTHVEN, C. J.	Log O	MAJ	CAPT
RUTLEDGE, B. G.	Safety O	CAPT	MAJ
JACKSON, W.	Intell O	1stLt.	Lt.

d. Average Strength

NA - 27  
AG - 8  
NMC - 1  
MAR ENL - 168

Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

On 15 November 1966, VMF(AW)-235 departed Da Nang AB, RVN on the first leg of their flight to MCAS Iwakuni Japan. After stops at NAS, Cubi Point, Phillipines, Naha AB, Okinawa, the squadron arrived at their destination. On 17 November 1966, the squadron was chopped to MAG-15 (Rein), Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade. On 2 December 1966, the first elements of the squadron training detachment departed for Naha AB, Okinawa for two months of extensive air to ground ordnance training. On 7 December 1966, two planes from the squadron's Naha detachment participated in a flyover for Lieutenant General Leonard CHAPMAN, Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps at Camp Schwab, Okinawa.

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On 16 December 1966, the squadron actively participated in Operation Happy Face at Iwakuni, Japan with a flight demonstration and static display. On 31 December 1966, VMF(AW)-235 remained with its training detachment in Okinawa, supporting an intensive training schedule in preparation for the squadron's return to the Republic of Viet Nam.

a. Personnel - The squadron joined 8 officers and 74 enlisted personnel during the period covered. The squadron transferred 8 officers and 75 enlisted. This excessive turnover of personnel was brought about by the large number of squadron personnel who were in the squadron, but ineligible to return in country, due to early CONUS rotation dates.

b. Administration - Published 8 squadron bulletins and 1 squadron order. Fifteen promotions effected. One to Major, one to Sgt. Maj., and 13 to Sgt. Completed phases I and II of a three phase personnel turnover program in preparation for the squadron's re-deployment to RVN.

Major F. J. VANOUS 068316/7302, Major W. H. RIDINGS 073966/7302 and Captain D. R. DUFFER 089099/7302 received gold stars in lieu of their 4th, 4th and 2nd air medal respectively.

c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - The officers and men of VMF(AW)-235 participated actively in the Japanese orphans Christmas program on 16 December 1966. The program sponsored by MCAS Iwakuni was called "Operation Happy Face". It was a successful operation as far as the squadron was concerned. Many squadron members acted as "Father for a Day" for the orphans. In addition, the squadron provided one aircraft for a flight demonstration and one aircraft for a static display.

d. Morale/Welfare Programs - N/A

e. Public Information - The squadron conducted an active informational service program during the period covered. Numerous hometown news releases were sent out concerning the members of the squadron and squadron activities.

f. Casualties - N/A

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g. Intelligence and Counter Intelligence - VMF(AW)-235 joined a new intelligences officer, First Lieutenant William JACKSON 091803/0202 vice Captain Henry PERZINSKAS 087373/7305/0202 relieved.

h. Air Operations - Flight Operations for the period covered consisted of a refresher program designed to re-familiarize the newly joined pilots in the F8 aircraft and an ordnance deployment to Naha AB to practice air to ground ordnance delivery tactics. In support of these two programs the squadron flew 306 sorties for 379.5 hours. These sorties consisted of Familiarization, Navigation training, MK-76 bombing, Rocket and Strafing, GCI and TPQ, Test, FMLP, Night Familiarization and Night Ordnance flights.

i. Air Defense - N/A

j. Ground Defense - N/A

k. Special Operations - N/A

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - N/A

n. Command and Control - Major C. B. OLSEN was assigned as the new squadron executive officer vice Major D. E. DILLEY relieved. Major DILLEY assumed the duties as Operations Officer relieving Major H. F. WITTER, who assumed the duties as the squadron Maintenance Officer.

o. Training - As soon as the squadron arrived at MCAS Iwakuni an intensive re-training program was instituted for both pilots and enlisted personnel. Fourteen new pilots were refreshed in the F-8E and two pilots attended survival school at Clark AFB in the Phillipines.

Each Marine participated in technical training in his MOS and attended weekly basic training lectures sponsored by MAG-15.

p. NBC Warfare - N/A

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q. Logistics and Supply - The Material section submitted a total of 689 requisitions, completed 1 survey and 127 turn-ins into the supply system for a total of 817 supply transactions. A breakdown of requisitions submitted consisted of: 489 Project 50 requisitions, 20 Project 40 requisitions, 79 (NSA) Project 01 requisitions, 97 (APA) Project 01 requisitions, 4 Project 51 requisitions and 0 Project 10 requisitions.

Initiated action on new IMRL Cards.

The Marine Corps property section submitted 80 requisitions, held a complete inventory and completed packing and crating of mount-out gear.

r. Motor Transport - N/A

s. Engineering - N/A

t. Maintenance - The squadrons average availability for the period covered was 68%. Six aircraft were in PAR during the period and 15 aircraft have complete the Phase 1 Shoehorn modification at NAS, Atsugi. In addition, the squadron maintenance department instituted a corrosion control program on all squadron aircraft, cleaning and re-painting each aircraft as needed.

u. Comm/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - N/A

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