

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 314  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 16-30 November 1967

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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. DESIGNATION  
 Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314  
 Marine Aircraft Group 13  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- COMMANDER  
 LtCol Frank D. TOPLEY  
 16Jun67 - Present
- B. LOCATION  
 16-30 November 1967: Chu Lai Air Base, RVN
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- |                      |         |                     |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Robert H. SCHULTZ    | LTCOL   | Executive Officer   | 16Sep67 | Present |
| William D. BAUER     | MAJOR   | S-1 Officer         | 31Aug67 | Present |
| Richard A. BARTON    | CAPTAIN | S-2 Officer         | 19Jun67 | Present |
| Ronald W. KRON       | MAJOR   | S-3 Officer         | 3Sep67  | Present |
| Robert L. BAINBRIDGE | MAJOR   | S-4 Officer         | 31Aug67 | Present |
| Gerald E. WALSH      | MAJOR   | Maintenance Officer | 12Jun67 | Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- |                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators           | 21 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers    | 19 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 5  |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon     | 1  |
2. ENLISTED
- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| a. Marine Corps | 285 |
|-----------------|-----|

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 15 November 1967, VMFA-314 deployed from MCAS Iwakuni, Japan to Chu Lai Air Base, RVN. A very smooth transition was effected with VMFA-342 as evidenced by the fact that beginning on the morning of 16 November full air operations were begun with VMFA-314 flying fifteen combat sorties for the day.

Squadron efforts were directed toward Air to Ground ordnance delivery in the I Corps, Steel Tiger and Tally Ho areas supporting United States Marines and Allied ground operations. CAS/DAS, Helo Escort, LZP & TPQ missions were flown on an around-the-clock basis.

The Squadron occupied the Air to Ground Hot Pad from 25 through 30 November. Operations off the Hot Pad were restricted during this period by adverse weather.

606.0 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy positions. The breakdown is as follows: 34.3 tons, Mark 77 Napalm; 49.6 tons, Mark 81 Bombs; 389.8 tons, Mark 82 Bombs; and 131.8 tons, Mark 117 Bombs.

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18 Aircraft were assigned to VMFA-314 during this reporting period of which two were in PAR, two in Check, one in Shohorn, one in Corrosion Control and one at Cubi Point for maintenance. The average availability was six Aircraft.

VMFA-314 accounted for six KBA, 19 probable KBA, 77 structures destroyed, 29 structures damaged, three boats destroyed, four automatic weapons positions destroyed, 240 meters of trench line destroyed and ten secondary fires.

The Squadron flew 230 combat sorties for 265.9 combat flight hours. Both pilots and RIO's flew an average of 15 missions each. Captains P.H. DAVIES and J.F. LASALLE flew their 200th combat mission and Major G.E. WALSH and Captain C.C. ACREY exceeded 100 combat missions during this reporting period.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During this period, VMFA-314 joined three officers and transferred eight. A total of 56 enlisted personnel were joined and 27 were transferred. Six officers and two enlisted were promoted. The breakdown is as follows: one Major, four Captains, one First Lieutenant, one Corporal and one Lance Corporal.

B. INTELLIGENCE/TRAINING. The S-2 Officer conducted briefings for Aircrews as current intelligence became available. Prior to all combat flights, each Aircrew received an S-2 briefing on current developments and on specific information concerning the target areas.

C. AWARDS. Aircrew members of VMFA-314 received no awards during this reporting period.

D. CASUALTIES. No combat casualties occurred during this reporting period.

F. SCHOOLS. No Squadron personnel attended schools and no Aircrews attended Jungle Survival School from 16 to 30 November 1967.

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)  
 Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 to 15 November 1967

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. Designation Commander
- Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 LtCol Frank D. TOPLEY  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac 16 June 1967 - Present
- B. Location
- 1-15 November 1967 - MCAS Iwakuni, Japan.
- C. Staff Officers
- |                      |       |                     |                 |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Robert H. SCHULTZ    | LtCol | Executive Officer   | 16Sep67-Present |
| William D. BAUER     | Major | S-1 Officer         | 31Aug67-Present |
| Richard A. BARTON    | Capt  | S-2 Officer         | 19Jun67-Present |
| Ronald W. KRON       | Major | S-3 Officer         | 3Sep67-Present  |
| Robert L. BAINBRIDGE | Major | S-4 Officer         | 31Aug67-Present |
| Gerald E. WALSH      | Major | Maintenance Officer | 12Jun67-Present |
- D. Average Monthly Strength
1. Officers
- |                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators           | 21 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers    | 19 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 5  |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon     | 1  |
2. Enlisted
- a. Marine Corps 277

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1-14 November 1967, VMFA-314 conducted air operations based at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. Squadron efforts were devoted to air-to-air familiarization, air-to-ground ordnance delivery, instrument navigation training and area familiarization flights.

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Advance Party elements departed MCAS Iwakuni, on 30 October, via MARLOG, to arrive at Chu Lai Air Base on 31 October. The Advance Party consisted of ten officers and fifty-five enlisted personnel. The Executive Officer and S-3 Officer were TAD with the Advance Party, returning to MCAS Iwakuni on 7 November to coordinate the deployment of the Main Body.

Two air crews arrived at Chu Lai Air Base on 7 November and one crew arrived on 9 November. The Main Body arrived at Chu Lai Base on 15 November to commence combat air operations attached to MAG-13.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. Personnel Administration. During this period VMFA-314 joined three officers and transferred five. A total of 25 enlisted personnel were joined and 15 were transferred. Four officers were promoted to Captain in November.
- B. Intelligence/Training. The S-2 Officer conducted briefings for aircrews as current intelligence became available. All aircrews received the "In-Country Brief" from the MAG-13 S-2 as they arrived at MCAS Chu Lai.
- C. Awards. One aircrew member of VMFA-314 received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.
- D. Casualties. No combat casualties occurred this month.
- E. Air Operations. The squadron flew 61 sorties for 90.6 flight hours during 1 to 15 November. Sixteen sorties were combat sorties for 20.1 combat hours.
- F. Schools. No squadron personnel attended schools this month. No aircrew members attended either of the Jungle Survival Schools.
- G. Aircraft Maintenance. During 1 to 15 November, 24 aircraft were assigned to this Squadron. Three were in PAR at NAS Atsugi, Japan.
- H. Ordnance. Total ordnance expended during this reporting period was 7.25 tons.

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