

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 314
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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From: Commanding Officer
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Encl: ✓(1) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 LtCol Frank D. TOPLEY
 Marine Aircraft Group 13 16Jun67 - Present
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
 1-31 December 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 |
| Martin W. MERIDETH | MAJOR | S-4 Officer | 15Dec67 | Present |
| Gerald E. WALSH | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 12Jun67 | Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators | 18 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 17 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 5 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
- | | |
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| a. Marine Corps | 256 |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Squadron efforts for the month of December continued to be directed toward Air to Ground Ordnance Delivery in support of United States Marine and Allied Ground Operations. However the Squadron assumed a larger portion of the Air to Air mission, flying ten Barcap missions and standing the Air to Air Hot Pad for one week.

VMFA-314 manned the Air to Ground Hot Pad during the period 16 thru 23 Dec. The fact that six Aircraft were required and maintained for this Hot Pad attests to the ability and hard work of our Maintenance Officers and Men. A total of 92 sorties were flown during that week averaging 13 per day.

1010.5 tons of Ordnance were expended on enemy positions. The breakdown is as follows: 72 tons, Mark 77 Napalm; 138.9 tons, Mark 81 Bombs; 691 tons, Mark 82 Bombs; 2.9 tons, Mark 83 Bombs; 58.3 tons, Mark 117 Bombs; and 9.5 tons, CBW 24.

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18 Aircraft were assigned to VMFA-314 during this reporting period of which three were in PAR, one in check and two in repair at Cub Point. The average daily availability was six Aircraft.

VMFA-314 accounted for 35 KBA, 20 KBA probable, 14 Road Cuts, 66 Structures destroyed, 19 Structures damaged, 2 Bridges destroyed, 13 Bunkers destroyed and 2 Automatic Weapons positions destroyed. BDA was not available on TPQ missions which comprised roughly half of the Squadron's sorties.

The Squadron flew 428 combat sorties for 540.5 combat flight hours. Pilots flew an average of 27 missions; RIO's 30. Capt W. D. WEIDES exceeded 100 combat missions this month.

Major W. D. BAUER was awarded his first Air Medal and Capt W. D. WEIDES was presented with the Distinguished Flying Cross for his actions during a Hot Pad mission in March 1967.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During this period VMFA-314 joined three Officers and transferred 3. A total of 25 enlisted personnel were joined and 32 transferred. Ten enlisted men were promoted to Sergeant.
- B. INTELLIGENCE/TRAINING. The S-2 Officer conducted briefings for aircrews as current intelligence became available. Prior to all flights, all aircrews received briefings on current developments and on specific information concerning assigned target areas.
- C. CASUALTIES. No combat casualties occurred during this reporting period.
- D. SCHOOLS. No Squadron personnel attended schools and no aircrews attended JEST during the month.

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