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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 1-31 January 1968

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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

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATAA. DESIGNATION

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314
Marine Aircraft Group 13
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COMMANDER

LtCol Frank D. TOPLEY
1Jan-13Jan68
LtCol Herbert V. LUNDIN
14Jan68 - Present

B. LOCATION

1-31January 1968: ChuLai Air Base, RVN

C. STAFF OFFICERS

Robert H. SCHULTZ	LTCOL	Executive Officer	16Sept67	Present
William D. BAUER	MAJOR	S-1 Officer	31Aug67	Present
Richard A. BARTON	CAPTAIN	S-2 Officer	19Jan67	15Jan68
Ronald W. KRON	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	3Sept67	Present
Martin W. MEREDITH	MAJOR	S-4 Officer	15 Dec67	Present
Gerald E. WALSH	MAJOR	Maintenance Officer	12Jun67	Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH1. OFFICERS

a. Naval Aviators	16
b. Naval Flight Officers	14
c. Aviation Ground Officers	4
d. Naval Flight Surgeon	1

1-30 January 1968

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	253
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Squadron efforts for the month of January were directed toward Air to Ground Ordnance Delivery in support of United States Marine and Allied Ground Operations. The Air to Ground Hot Pad was manned 6-12 January and 27-31 January, flying 67 sorties. The Air to Air Hot Pad was manned 1-6 January and 20-26 January. The BARCAP was assigned only on 20 January and three sorties were launched.

Ordnance expenditure for January consisted of 1358.6 tons. The breakdown is as follows: Mk 117 (750lb) expended, 662 tons; Mk 82 (500lb) expended, 2832 tons; Mk 81 (250lb) expended, 1652 tons; Mk 77 (Fire Bomb) expended, 214 tons; LAU 7D with rockets expended, 19.

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Fifteen aircraft were assigned to VMFA 314 during this reporting period. Three aircraft were in PAR, four aircraft in check, and two aircraft in repair at NAS Atsugi. Average daily availability was six aircraft.

Two aircraft were destroyed as a result of the 31 January Rocket attack at Chu Lai; additionally, two aircraft were subjected to extensive shrapnel damage.

VMFA 314 accounted for four KBA, seven KBA probable, twelve road cuts, forty-seven structures destroyed, ten structures damaged, forty-five bunkers destroyed, seventeen bunkers damaged, six secondary explosions and two automatic weapons positions. Approximately one half of the missions were TPQ with no bomb damage assessment available.

The squadron flew 530 combat sorties for 586.5 combat flight hours. Pilots flew an average of 33 missions, RIO's 37.

Awards received in VMFA 314 for the month of January were: one single mission air medal awarded to Capt J. D. WEIDES; four air medals awarded, one each to LtCol R. H. SCHULTZ, Major R. W. KRON, 1st Lt R. JONES and 1st Lt T. T. MACY; one letter of commendation from the Chief of Naval Air Training to Capt D. C. EVANS; two good conduct medals and Cpl T. D. GOSSETT received a meritorious combat promotion to Sergeant.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION During this period VMFA 314 joined five officers and transferred nine. A total of fifty-seven enlisted personnel were joined and forty-nine transferred. One enlisted individual was promoted to GySgt; two personnel were promoted to SSgt, three to Sgt, two to Corporal and two were promoted to Lance Corporal.

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 The squadron had four casualties as the result of a rocket attack at 0400 31 January 1968. One direct hit on a sand-bagged personnel bunker killed the squadron flight surgeon, Lt Stanley Lewis. Capt Charles G. WILLIAMS Jr. and 1st Lt James A. MAYE were seriously wounded and subsequently evacuated to hospitals in the United States. 1st Lt John F. WIRTZ Jr. sustained minor injuries and was returned to light duty.

D. SCHOOLS No squadron personnel attended schools this month and one aircrew attended JEST at NAS Cubi Point, Phillipines.

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