

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

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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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- A. DESIGNATION
Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
1-29 February 1968: ChuLai Air Base, RVN
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| Robert H. SCHULTZ | LTCOL | Executive Officer | 16Sept67- | Present |
| William D. BAUER | MAJOR | S-1 Officer | 31Aug67- | 7Feb68 |
| Philip M. HINKLE | MAJOR | S-1 Officer | 8Feb68- | Present |
| Richard A. BARTON | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 19Jun67- | 11Feb68 |
| John M. HERRING | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 12Feb68- | Present |
| Ronald W. KRON | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 3Sep67- | 8Mar68 |
| Philip L. ELLIOT | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 9Mar68- | Present |
| Martin W. MEREDITH | MAJOR | S-4 Officer | 15Dec67- | Present |
| Gerald E. WALSH | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 12Jun67- | Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators | 16 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 15 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 4 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
- | | |
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| a. Marine Corps | 245 |
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COMMANDER

LtCol Herbert V. LUNDIN
14Jan68-Present

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Squadron efforts continued to be directed toward air to ground ordnance delivery during February. Emphasis was placed on sorties in support of fellow Marines involved in the defense of Khe Sanh. 65 per cent of the Squadron's combat sorties were flown in the Operation Niagara Area.

The Air to Air and Air to ground Hot Pad duties were assumed by VMFA 314 for one week each during this reporting Period. No BARCAP missions were flown.

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484 combat sorties, expending 1237.1 tons of ordnance, were flown for a total of 507.6 combat hours. In spite of the loss of 4 operational aircraft during the 31 January rocket attack the squadron rebounded and led MAG-13 in combat sorties flown for the second successive month. 17 aircraft were assigned to VMFA-314 during the reporting period. Of that number 2 were in PAR, 3 in check. The average daily availability was 6 Aircraft.

The Squadron accounted for 14 KBA, 70 structures destroyed, 33 structures damaged, 8 bunkers destroyed, 2 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 1 mortar position destroyed, 25 rocket sites destroyed, 2 AAA sites destroyed and 24 secondary fires/explosions. These figures represent only 25% of our sorties since poor weather dictated that 75% of total sorties be TPQ on which no Bomb Damage Assessment was available.

Capt. C. A. PINNEY flew his 303rd F4B combat sortie finishing his tour with 330 total combat sorties. LtCol H. V. LUNDIN exceeded 200 missions. LtCol R. H. SCHULTZ, Majors R. W. KRON and M. W. MEREDITH, Captains L. H. KULLAS, R. E. KAIN and G. M. LOHNES, Lieutenants T. T. MACY, L. R. MARSH, R. J. RIORDAN, D. O. SWANEY and J. F. WIRTZ all exceeded 100 F4B combat missions.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION During this period VMFA-314 joined 7 officers and transferred 5. 17 enlisted were joined and 29 transferred.
- B. CASUALTIES Major G. E. WALSH received minor wounds to the neck when a .30 round pierced his canopy during an air to ground mission on 17 Feb 68. He was returned to full duty the following day.
- C. SCHOOLS One Sergeant attended NCO Leadership School, Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
- D. ORDNANCE Ordnance continued to do an outstanding job compiling a 98.7% drop average. VMFA 314's ordnance shop conceived the idea of loading 5in. Zuni rockets on the inboard sidewinder stations utilizing the LAU3A launcher. This gives the F4B an additional forward firing ordnance delivery capability at no expense to existing MER & TER STATIONS. Our sister Squadrons have followed our lead and the rocket launchers are on nearly all group aircraft. The importance of this innovation is significant since aircraft have been diverted from primary missions

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to act as escorts for helicopters, cargo aircraft or rescap for downed aircraft. These rockets give the aircraft the ability to perform these missions satisfactorily in the absence of guns.

E. PROMOTIONS One Marine was promoted to Sergeant. Lance Corporal C. E. CARBINE was meritoriously promoted to his present rank on 24Feb68.