

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

CONFIDENTIAL

- A. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 LtCol Herbert V. LUNDIN
 Marine Aircraft Group 13 14Jan68-Present
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
 1-31 March 1968: Chu Lai Air Base, RVN
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Robert H. SCHULTZ | LTCOL | Executive Officer | 16Sep67-Present |
| Philip M. HINKLE | MAJOR | S-1 Officer | 8Feb68-Present |
| John M. HERRING | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 12Feb68-Present |
| Ronald W. KRON | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 3Sep67-9Mar68 |
| Philip L. ELLIOTT | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 10Mar68-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 | 14 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 14 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 4 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
- | | |
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| a. Marine Corps | 242 |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMFA 314 continued to direct its efforts toward air to ground ordnance delivery during the reporting period. Operations Scotland, Niagara Worth, Napoleon/Saline, Kentucky, Jeb Stuart, Lancaster II, Wheeler/Wallowa and Muscatine were supported, with special emphasis on Scotland and Niagara. Included in this support were elements of the U. S. Army, RVN and ROK forces.

The squadron assumed the air to ground hot pad from 2 to 9 March, the BARCAP responsibility from 9 to 16 March, the air to ground hot pad from 16 to 23 March and the air to air hot pad from 23 to 30 March. The BARCAP was not

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utilized, however, the air to air pad scrambled several times to escort B-52 bombers, fly air cover for transport aircraft and provide air cover off shore for operations in North Vietnam.

The air to ground hot pad scrambled 119 sorties, 28 of which were flown on 21 March. In order to provide the support necessary, 6 aircraft were utilized during daylight operations..

For the third successive month VMFA 314 led the group in sorties and combat hours flown. A total of 689 sorties for 779.4 combat flight hours were flown. Pilots averaged 42 missions; NFO's 48. 1581 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy positions establishing a new record for ordnance delivered in one month by a Phantom Squadron of MAG 13 in the Vietnam war.

Outstanding aircraft availability during March helped to account for the Squadron's achievements. 18 aircraft were assigned and a daily availability of 11 was maintained. During the week of the air to ground pad there were times when 10 aircraft were airborne at the same time! A great effort was made by the entire maintenance and ordnance shops.

LtCol H. V. LUNDIN and Capt Dave O'BRIEN flew 314's 2000th sortie since we returned to RVN in November on 17Mar68.

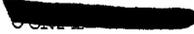
Major G. E. WALSH, Capt Bob FRASER and 1stLt Mel JOHNSON all exceeded 200 missions during March. Captains Don EVANS and Dave O'BRIEN and 1stLt Jim DEVORE passed the 100 mission mark.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During this reporting period VMFA 314 joined 4 officers and transferred 5. 35 enlisted were joined and 42 transferred.
- B. CASUALTIES. No combat casualties occurred during this reporting period.
- C. SCHOOLS. No Squadron personnel attended schools last month.
- D. AWARDS. A total of 69 air medals were awarded Squadron aircrews. The Distinguished Flying Cross was presented to Capt J. F. LASALLE.

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E. PROMOTIONS. Captains K. D. EDELEN and J. M. HERRING were promoted to their present rank during this reporting period.

F. INSPECTIONS. On 8 March MAG 13 conducted an A&M Inspection of the Squadron. This was followed on 27-28 March by an inspection by FMFPac.