

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 (S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 30 April 1968
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(b) WgO 5750.1C
(c) GruO 5750.1D

Encl: (1) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

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

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Command ChronologyPART IORGANIZATION DATA

- A. DESIGNATION Commander
- Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 LtCol Herbert V. LUNDIN
 Marine Aircraft Group 13 14 Jan 1968 - Present
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
- 1 - 30 April 1968: Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------------------|------------------|
| Robert H. SCHULTZ | LTCOL | Executive Officer | 16Sep67-Present |
| Philip M. HINKLE | MAJOR | S-1 Officer | 8Feb68-23Apr68 |
| James R. DEVORE | LSTLT | S-1 Officer | 24Apr68-Present |
| John M. HERRING | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 12Feb68-Present |
| Philip L. ELLIOTT | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 10Mar68-23Apr68 |
| Philip M. HINKLE | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 24Apr68-Present |
| Martin W. MEREDITH | MAJOR | S-4 Officer | 15Dec67-Present |
| Gerald E. WALSH | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 12 Jun67-Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators | 12 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 13 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 4 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
- | | |
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| a. Marine Corps | 250 |
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 continued to direct its efforts toward air to ground ordnance delivery during the month of April. Operations supported were Pegasus, Scotland II, Kentucky, Jeb Stuart II, Lancaster II, Wheeler Wallowa, Burlington Trail, Ashau Valley, Eradicate, Kimche Hawk, Baxter Garden, Brilliant Dragon, Delaware Valley, Rice, Napoleon Saline, Houston, Samurai V, Carentan II and Ballard Valley, with special emphasis placed on Pegasus. Included in this support were elements of the U.S. Army, RVN and

ROK forces. The squadron assumed the air-ground hot pad from 6 to 13 April, and from 27 to 30 April with 107 sorties being scrambled. The BARCAP was not employed during this period.

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 led Marine Aircraft Group 13 for the fourth successive month by flying 808 sorties for 883.1 hours, of which 793 were combat sorties for 861.4 combat hours. The 793 combat sorties established a new record for combat sorties flown in one month by a Phantom Squadron of MAG-13 in Vietnam. Pilots averaged 55 missions and NFO's 62. 2,246 tons of ordnance were expended on enemy positions establishing a new record for ordnance delivered in one month by a MAG-13 Squadron.

The squadron accounted for 50 KBA, 227 structures destroyed, 83 structures damaged, 129 bunkers destroyed, 20 bunkers damaged, 34 secondary explosions/fires, 1060 meters of trenchline destroyed/damaged, 54 fighting holes destroyed/damaged, 7 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 1 mortar position destroyed, 1 bridge destroyed, 1 storage area destroyed, and 1 AA weapon destroyed. 205 of the total of 207 night missions were TPQ's while 35% of the day missions were TPQ's due to target weather or lack of controllers. No bomb damage assessment was available for these missions.

Outstanding aircraft availability during April helped to account for the Squadron's achievements with 17 aircraft on hand, and a daily availability of 11 maintained. A great effort was made by the entire Squadron to fulfill it's combat commitments.

On 24 April Capt. R. A. FRASER and 1stLt. M. M. JOHNSON flew VMFA-314's 3000th combat sortie since returning to RVN on 15 November 1967.

LtCol. H. V. LUNDIN exceeded 300 missions during April. Capt. G. M. LOHNES, Capt. D. F. O'BRIEN, 1stLt. D. O. SWANEY, and 1stLt. J. F. WIRTZ completed over 200 missions, and Maj. P. M. HINKLE, Capt. G. E. FRANKLIN, Capt. W. C. MANLEY, Capt. R. L. KLOSE, Capt. J. M. HERRING, Capt. K. D. EDELEN, 1stLt. I. F. HUNSAKER, and 1stLt. J. M. KELLY passed the 100 mission mark.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During this reporting period VMFA-314 joined 2 officers and transferred 4. A total of 38 enlisted men were joined and 18 transferred.
- B. CASUALTIES. No combat casualties occurred during this reporting period.
- C. SCHOOLS. Maj. HINKLE, Capt. KLOSE, and 1stLt. MACY attended ALO/FAC school at Okinawa.
- D. AWARDS. A total of 16 air medals were awarded squadron aircrews.

Enclosure (1)


CONFIDENTIALE. PROMOTIONS. The following promotions took place during April:

2ndLt John F. WIRTZ to 1stLt.
Cpl Walter N. ESKILDSEN Jr. to Sgt
Cpl Joseph P. MACMINN to Sgt
Cpl Harry M. GREEN to Sgt
Cpl Ferdinand W. VOLOSKY to Sgt
L/Cpl John P. THORNTON to Cpl
L/Cpl Vance A. FALSTREAU to Cpl
PFC Robert J. CIVITELLO to L/Cpl
PFC Vincent GIAIME to L/Cpl
PFC Robert J. CORNEAU to L/Cpl
PFC Albert R. HOOK Jr. to L/Cpl
PFC Dennis KERSTNER to L/Cpl
PFC Daniel R. RIESENBECK to L/Cpl
PFC Terrance J. ROZMAN to L/Cpl
PFC Jimmy R. STACY to L/Cpl
PFC Ronald L. STRAITIFF to L/Cpl
PFC Richard G. TYSER to L/Cpl

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