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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 (S-3)  
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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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATAA. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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 - 31 May 1968: Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

C. STAFF OFFICERS

Robert H. SCHULTZ	LTCOL	Executive Officer	16Sep67-30May68
Carl E. R. BLACK	MAJOR	Executive Officer	31May68-Present
James R. DEVORE	1STLT	S-1 Officer	24Apr68-14May68
Bernard D. SCHMIDT	CAPT.	S-1 Officer	15May68-Present
John M. HERRING	CAPT.	S-2 Officer	12Feb68-Present
Philip M. HINKLE	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	24Apr68-Present
Martin W. MEREDITH	MAJOR	S-4 Officer	15Dec67-Present
Gerald E. WALSH	MAJOR	Maintenance Officer	12Jun67-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH1. OFFICERS

a. Naval Aviators	13
b. Naval Flight Officers	15
c. Aviation Ground Officers	4
d. Naval Flight Surgeon	1

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	265
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of May, Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 continued to direct its efforts toward air to ground ordnance delivery. Operations Gold Lemon 14, Mameluke, Kentucky II, Britan, Houston, Allen Brock, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Kimchi Hawk, Carentan II, Gunsmoke 14, Vesper Belts 14G, Nevada Eagle, Delaware, High Rise, Cossack 14, Napoleon Saline Burlington Trail, and Pueblo were supported, with special emphasis on operation Houston. Included in this support were elements of the U. S. Army, Republic of Korea, and ARVN forces.

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The squadron assumed the air to ground hot pad from 1 to 4 May and from 18 to 25 May. The air to air<sup>oac</sup> was assumed during the weeks of 4 to 11 May and 25 to 31 May. No BARCAP missions were flown.

696 combat sorties were flown for a total of 754.5 combat hours. Thus Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314 led Marine Aircraft Group 13 in combat sorties flown for the fifth consecutive month. Pilots averaged 54 missions and Naval Flight Officers 43.

The squadron accounted for 81 KBMA, 233 structures destroyed, 110 structures damaged, 166 bunkers destroyed, 42 bunkers damaged, 12 anti-aircraft positions destroyed, 1740 meters of trenchline destroyed or damaged, 250 meters of hedgerow destroyed, 31 secondary fires, 6 secondary explosions, 18 rockets and two launchers destroyed, 17 fighting holes destroyed, 6 boats destroyed, 6 automatic weapons positions and four mortar positions destroyed, 3 .50 caliber positions destroyed, and 1 truck destroyed. 25% of the squadron missions were TFQ-10 missions and no BDA was available.

Aircraft availability during May contributed materially to the squadron's accomplishments. 18 aircraft were assigned during May, and a daily availability of 11 aircraft was maintained.

On 1 May 1968, Capt. D. C. EVANS and 1stLt. I. F. HUNSAKER were shot down and ejected safely. The rocket attack of 14 May killed Cpl. J. A. BAKER and L/Cpl. M. R. NIEMI while 4 serious and 6 minor wounds were reported.

Major G. E. WALSH and 1stLt. M. M. JOHNSON, exceeded 300 missions during May. Completing 200 missions were LtCol. R. H. SCHULTZ, Major M. W. MEREDITH, Capt. G. E. FRANKLIN, Capt. K. D. EDELEN, and 1stLt. R. J. RIORDAN. Capt. M. F. WALSH, Capt. E. J. SMITH, Capt. G. H. ROBINSON, and 1stLt. L. S. LARSON passed the 100 mission mark.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During this period VMFA-314 joined 5 officers and transferred 2. 21 enlisted men were joined and 11 transferred, including 3 Medevacs that were dropped from the rolls.

B. CASUALTIES. Capt. D. C. EVANS suffered second degree burns of the left hand and neck and 1stLt. I. F. HUNSAKER suffered a strained neck due to the ejection from VW-6 on 1 May. The rocket attack of 14 May resulted in the deaths of Cpl. J. A. BAKER, and L/Cpl M. R. NIEMI and the wounding of Sgt. J. M. HESS, Cpls M. L. HALE, H. R. ANDERSON, J. S. CACACE, J. D. COX, B. D. KING, and J. A. SHIPEK, L/Cpls S. R. LAURENCE and R. D. JACKSON, and P. F. C. J. L. RUSSELL.

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- C. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended in May was 1819.0 tons.
- D. AWARDS. A total of 5 air medals and 2 Purple Hearts were awarded squadrons aircrews.
- E. PROMOTIONS. The following promotions were made during May:

Lance Corporal to Corporal

MCILROY, J. P.  
SCHUBERT, M. A.  
UNGER, M. L.  
CHERRY, S. C.  
HARBOUR, G. D.

Private First Class to Lance Corporal

GERARDE, J. W.  
PARKER, R. M.  
WEBB, H. R.  
BERGMAN, S. M.  
RUSSELL, J. L.  
SUMARA, R. S.  
TURNAGE, S. A.  
WICKLAND, T. J.  
JONES, J. M.