

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 (Attn: S-3)
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1968 (U)
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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.
2. This letter is downgraded to Unclassified upon removal of Enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314 | LtCol. Herbert V. LUNDIN |
| Marine Aircraft Group-13 | 14 Jan 1968 - 28 Jul 1968 |
| 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac | LtCol. Frank E. PETERSEN |
| | 28 Jul 1968 - Present |
- B. LOCATION
- 1 - 31 July 1968: Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | | |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Harry H. ZIEGLER | MAJOR | Executive Officer | 25Jun68-Present |
| Bernard D. SCHMIDT | CAPT. | S-1 Officer | 15May68-Present |
| John M. HERRING | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 12Feb68-Present |
| Carl E. R. BLACK | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 25Jun68-Present |
| Philip M. HINKLE | MAJOR | S-4 Officer | 25Jun68-26Jul68 |
| Raymond E. REDFORD | 1STLT. | S-4 Officer | 26Jul68-Present |
| Frederick J. SCHOBER | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 07Jun68-Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators | 16 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 17 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 4 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeons | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
- | | |
|-----------------|-----|
| a. Marine Corps | 260 |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314 directed the majority of its operations toward air to ground ordnance delivery during the month of July. Operations supported during July included Napoleon Saline, Scotland II, Lancaster II, Lancaster West, Mameluke Thrust, Dodge City, Dragon Palace II, Allen Brook, Jeb Stuart III, Houston, Nevada Eagle, Lam Son, Canton II, Thor, Kentucky, Mongoose Run, and Pocahontas. Special emphasis was placed on operations Scotland II and Mameluke Thrust. Elements of the U. S. Army, Republic of Korea and ARVN forces were supported.

The squadron assumed the air to ground hot pad during the weeks of 1-6 and 20-27 July. The hot pad hops were a large part of the squadron's 545 combat sorties. 579.0 combat hours were flown in July. Pilots averaged 30 missions and RIO's averaged 34 missions during the month. No BARCAP missions were flown during July.

Included in VMFA-314's bomb damage assessment during July, 1968 were 138 structures destroyed, 25 Structures damaged, 9 hootches destroyed, two hootches damaged, 8 secondary explosions, 25 secondary fires, 107 bunkers destroyed, 10 bunkers damaged, 295 meters of trenchline destroyed, 2 bridges damaged, 18 KBMA, 3 boats destroyed, 15-20 spider holes destroyed, 4 road cuts, and 7 weapons pits destroyed.

During July, 18 aircraft were assigned to VMFA-314 with an average daily availability of 10 aircraft. Thus each available aircraft averaged almost 55 sorties in July.

Captains R. A. FRASER and G. M. LOHNES exceeded 300 missions during the month. Captain M. F. WALSH and 1stLt. L. S. LARSON completed 200 missions. Major F. J. SCHONER passed the 100 mission mark.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During July VMFA-314 joined 10 officers and transferred 2 officers while joining 10 enlisted and transferring 20.
- B. AWARDS. 3 Air Medals were awarded squadron aircrews. 6 Meritorious Masts were given squadron enlisted personnel.
- C. CASUALTIES. No casualties were suffered this month.
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The squadron flew 545 combat sorties for 579.0 combat hours.
- E. TRAINING. Two aircrew members attended Sea Survival School at Numazu, Japan and three aircrew members attended Jungle Survival School at NAS, Cubi Point.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during July was 1391.0 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
MK-117	136
MK-82	4032
MK-81	523
MK-77	332
CBU	16
Zuni Rockets	132
IAU-60/A	41

- G. PROMOTIONS: TO STAFF SERGEANT - 1
- TO SERGEANT - 1
- TO CORPORAL - 5
- TO LANCE CORPORAL - 2