

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-314  
 Marine Aircraft Group-13  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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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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Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314  
 Marine Aircraft Group-13  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac

COMMANDER

LtCol. Frank E. PETERSEN Jr.  
 28 July 68 - Present

B. LOCATION

1 - 31 August 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	15May68-05Aug68
Gilbert TANZER	CAPT	S-1 Officer	05Aug68-Present
John M. HERRING	CAPT	S-2 Officer	12Feb68-Present
Carl E. R. BLACK	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	25Jun68-Present
Raymond E. REDFORD	1STLT	S-4 Officer	26Jul68-01Aug68
Gary R. VAN GYSEL	CAPT	S-4 Officer	01Aug68-Present
Frederick J. SCHOBBER	MAJOR	Maintenance Officer	07Jun68-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH1. OFFICERS

a. Naval Aviators	19
b. Naval Flight Officers	16
c. Aviation Ground Officers	5
d. Naval Flight Surgeons	1

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	251
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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314 directed the majority of its operations toward air to ground ordnance delivery during the month of August. Operations supported during August included Houston, Mameluke Thrust, Task Force "H", Jeb Stuart III, Lancaster II, Nevada Eagle, Allen Brook, Somerset Plain, Sherwood Forest, Kentucky, Lancaster West, Mongoose Run I, and Scotland II. Elements of the U. S. Army, Republic of Korea and ARVN forces were supported.

The squadron assumed the air to air hot pad during the weeks of 3-10 and 24-31 August, and the air to ground hot pad during the week of 10-17 August. The squadron flew 568 combatsorties for a total of 620.2 combat hours. Pilots averaged 29 missions and RIO's averaged 35 missions during the month. No BARCAP missions were flown during August.

Included in VMFA-314's bomb damage assessment during August were 120 structures destroyed, 35 structures damaged, 10 hootches destroyed, 2 hootches damaged, 75 bunkers destroyed, 14 secondary explosions, 21 secondary fires, 2 bridges destroyed, 2 bridges damaged, 1 cave destroyed, 11 fighting holes destroyed, 1 automatic weapons position destroyed, 1 truck destroyed, 1 San Pan destroyed, 11 road cuts, 735 meters of trenchline destroyed, and 20 KBMA.

During August, 20 aircraft were assigned to VMFA-314 with an average daily availability of 9 aircraft. Thus each available aircraft averaged 66 sorties for August.

Captains J. P. NOESEN and G. F. PROUDFOOT, and 1stLt. J. E. HANKINS exceeded 100 missions during the month. Major C. E. R. BLACK and Captain E. J. SMITH completed 200 missions during August. Captain K. E. EDELEN completed 300 missions and 1stLt. M. M. JOHNSON exceeded 400 missions in August.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During August VMFA-314 joined 5 Officers and transferred 7. VMFA-314 joined 13 enlisted and transferred 24.
- B. AWARDS. No awards were presented for the month.
- C. CASUALTIES. No casualties were suffered this month.
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The squadron flew 604 sorties and 663.0 hours of which 568 sorties and 620.2 hours were combat.
- E. TRAINING. Two aircrew members attended Sea Survival school at Numazu, Japan and two aircrew members attended the Jungle Survival school at NAS, Cubi Point. Three aircrew members went TAD to FAC school on Okinawa. Two Marines attended the KY-38 school in Danang, RVN while one Marine attended the NBC school at Iwakuni, Japan.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during August was 1422.1 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
MK-117	202
MK-82	3942
MK-81	713
MK-77	309
CBU	8
Zuni Rockets	153
2.75" FFAR	88

- G. PROMOTIONS: TO GUNNERY SERGEANT - 1
- TO SERGEANT - 1
- TO CORPORAL - 2
- TO LANCE CORPORAL - 2