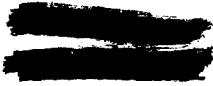


MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-314
Marine Aircraft Group-13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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Encl: (1) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), 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. Frank E. PETERSEN Jr.
 Marine Aircraft Group-13 28 July 68 - Present
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
- 1-31 October 1968; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Harry H. ZIEGLER | LTCOL. | Executive Officer | 25Jun68-Present |
| Gilbert TANZER | CAPT. | S-1 Officer | 05Aug68-Present |
| John P. NOESEN | CAPT. | S-2 Officer | 01Sep68-Present |
| Carl E. R. BLACK | MAJOR | S-3 Officer | 25Jun68-Present |
| Gary R. VAN GYSEL | CAPT. | S-4 Officer | 01Aug68-Present |
| Frederick J. SCHOBBER | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 07Jun68-Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH
1. OFFICERS
- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators | 22 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers | 19 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 7 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeons | 1 |
2. ENLISTED
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| a. Marine Corps | 238 |
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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 October. Operations supported during October included Jeb Stuart III, Task Force Hotel, Vernon Lake I, Scotland II, Dragon Victory III, Nevada Eagle, Gerard Bay, Maui Peak, Dodge City. Elements of the U. S. Navy, U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force, Republic of Korea and ARVN Forces were supported.

The Squadron assumed the Air to Air Hot Pad during 8-15 October and on 30 October. The Air to Ground Hot Pad was assumed during 15-22 October. The Squadron flew 542 sorties and 583.2 hours of which 523 sorties and 564.0 hours were combat. Pilots averaged 24 sorties and RIO's averaged 29 sorties during the month. No BARCAP missions were flown during the month.

Included in VMFA-314's bomb damage assessment during October were 39 structures destroyed, 12 structures damaged, 118 bunkers destroyed, 1 bunker complex destroyed, 33 bunkers damaged, 1 bridge destroyed, 4 bridges damaged, 1 boat destroyed, 2 Artillery positions destroyed, 2 50 cal. machine gun positions destroyed, 1 ammo dump destroyed, 1 truck destroyed, 6 road cuts, 14 secondary fires, 2 secondary explosions, 760 meters of trenchline destroyed and 150 lbs. of rice destroyed.

From 1-7 October 18 aircraft were assigned. On 8 October 1 aircraft was transferred to VMFA-115 bringing assigned aircraft to 17 for the duration of October. Average daily availability of 8 aircraft was maintained. An average of 68 sorties per available aircraft was flown for October.

Capt. W. C. MANLEY completed 300 missions during October. 1stLt. R. G. SCHMITT and 1stLt. J. E. HANKINS completed 200 missions during the month. LtCol. F. E. PETERSEN Jr., Capt. J. S. GARZIK, 1stLt. R. J. CARSON, and 1stLt. H. W. GREER completed 100 missions.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During October VMFA-314 joined 2 officers and transferred 4. VMFA-314 joined 16 enlisted and transferred 14.
- B. AWARDS. 7 1st Air Medals, 2 Purple Hearts, 2 Navy Achievement Medals and 2 Single Mission Air Medals were presented at Squadron Formations during the month of October.
- C. CASUALTIES. None.
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The Squadron flew 542 sorties and 583.2 hours of which 523 sorties and 564.0 hours were combat.
- E. TRAINING. Four aircrew members attended the Jungle Survival School at NAS, Cubi Point. One aircrew member attended the Sea Survival School at Numazu, Japan. One enlisted Marine to Corrosion Control School, one enlisted Marine to NCO Leadership School, one enlisted Marine to KY-38 School, one enlisted Marine to ALQ-51A School.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during October was 1320.4 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
M-117	351
MK-82 SE/CON	3162/592
MK-81 SE/CON	207/63
MK-77	154
CEU	16
LAU-10	18
Zuni Rockets	118
2.75" FEAR	37

- G. PROMOTIONS: TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL - 1
 TO FIRST LIEUTENANT - 2
 TO CORPORAL - 3
 TO SERGEANT - 1