

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-314  
Marine Aircraft Group-13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-13 (Attn: S-3)

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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. DESIGNATION

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

1-30 November 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	25Jun68-13Nov68
Richard I. HARRIS	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	13Nov68-Present
Gary R. VAN GYSEL	CAPT.	S-4 Officer	01Aug68-Present
Frederick J. SCHOBER	MAJOR	Maintenance Officer	07Jun68-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

1. OFFICERS

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

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	238
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

For the month of November VMFA-314 flew 522.1 combat hours and 448 combat sorties with aircrews averaging 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  sorties. The bomb damage assessment included 75 structures destroyed, 14 structures damaged, 29 bunkers destroyed, 3 bunkers damaged, 2 secondary explosions, 5 secondary fires, 21 fighting holes destroyed, 13 road cuts and 425 meters of trench line destroyed.

From 5-11 November 38 sorties were flown from the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad, for 41.4 hours.

On 10 November LtCol. PETERSEN led a section of F4 aircraft on the initial BARCAP in support of 7th Fleet operations. These operations are continuing on an extended basis.

On 18, 20 and 22 November VMFA-314 flew 12 sorties of night flak suppression A6 escort missions in support of VMA(AW)-533.

On 26 November VMFA-314 again assumed the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad flying 44 sorties for 49.5 hours.

VW-03 recovered Chu Lai Air Base on 1 November with landing gear malfunction which resulted in a landing on one main gear and nose gear. This was successfully accomplished by Major Carl E. R. BLACK and 1stLt. R. G. SCHMITT with minimal damage to the aircraft (ECHO Damage). "Attaboy" concerning this incident was submitted to CG, 1stMAW on 20 November.

On 28 November Major R. I. HARRIS and 1stLt. K. J. HERR flew the 7000th combat mission for this squadron on present tour.

The following Officers completed the indicated number of combat missions during the month of November:

Major F. J. SCHOBER - 200  
Capt. J. P. NOESEN - 200  
1stLt. S. L. DUBA - 200  
Capt. R. D. KENT - 100  
Capt. G. R. VAN GYSEL - 100

Capt. S. R. McCOMB - 100  
Capt. S. S. HALE - 100  
Capt. G. TANZER - 100  
1stLt. J. F. HALBIG - 100

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During November VMFA-314 joined 1 officer and transferred 3. VMFA-314 joined 15 enlisted and transferred 9.

B. AWARDS. 8 1st Air Medals and 5 Meritorious Masts were presented at Squadron formations during the month of November.

C. CASUALTIES. None.

D. AIR OPERATIONS. The Squadron flew 461 sorties and 534.8 hours of which 448 sorties and 522.1 hours were combat.

E. TRAINING. The following schools were attended during November:

JEST School - 2 Aircrew Members  
Embarkation School - 1 Enlisted  
Corrosion Control School - 1 Enlisted  
KY-28 School - 1 Enlisted

F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during November was 991.6 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
MK-82 SE	1744
MK-82 CON	598
MK-81 SE	582
M117	405
CBU	54
MK-77	265
Zuni Rockets	71
2.75" FFAR	21

G. PROMOTIONS: TO MAJOR - 1  
TO CAPTAIN - 1  
TO SERGEANT - 1  
TO CORPORAL - 2  
TO LANCE CORPORAL - 1