

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 December 1968 (U)

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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 DATAA. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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 December 1968; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

C. STAFF OFFICERS

Harry H. ZIEGLER	LTCOL.	Executive Officer	25Jun68-09Dec68
Kenneth H. STOVER	MAJOR	Executive Officer	09Dec68-Present
Gilbert TANZER	CAPT.	S-1 Officer	05Aug68-Present
John P. NOESEN	CAPT.	S-2 Officer	01Sep68-Present
Richard I. HARRIS	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	13Nov68-Present
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	15
B. Naval Flight Officers	15
C. Aviation Ground Officers	5
D. Naval Flight Surgeons	1

2. ENLISTED

A. Marine Corps	221
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December, VMFA-314 flew 713.7 combat hours and 538 combat sorties with aircrews averaging 36 sorties. The reported bomb damage assessment included 45 structures destroyed, five damaged, 50 bunkers destroyed, 11 bunkers damaged, 37 enemy NVA KBA, two trucks destroyed, one truck damaged, 3 boats destroyed, 9 road cuts, 7 secondary explosions, 25 secondary fires, 6 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 5 fighting holes and 295 meters of trenchline destroyed.

During the period 1-2 December VMFA-314 assumed the Air-Ground Hot Pad. 40 sorties were flown for 42.2 hours.

86 BARCAP missions were flown in support of Seventh Fleet operations.

The Air-Ground Hot Pad was again assumed 17-23 December and 49 sorties for 53.7 hours were flown.

On 18 and 23 DECEMBER VMFA-314 provided support for 7th Air Force operations in the form of B-52 escort. 8 missions and 11.9 hours were flown.

On 20 December VW-12, piloted by CAPT. R. D. KENT with RIO, 1STLT. R. G. MORIN failed to return from mission M-22. Extensive reconnaissance of the operating area was inconclusive. The crew continues to be listed as Missing in Action.

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

Capt. K. D. EDELSON - 400	1stLt. R. R. GREENFIELD - 100
Capt. R. L. KLOSSE - 200	1stLt. W. H. HOLZ - 100
Capt. V. H. BREDDINE - 100	1stLt. R. C. KINDESTATER - 100
1stLt. H. J. RICHARDSON - 100	1stLt. K. J. FEHR - 100

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During DECEMBER VMFA-314 joined 2 Officers and transferred 3. VMFA-314 joined 29 enlisted and transferred 30.
- B. AWARDS. 4 1st Air Medals, 1 Single Mission Air Medal, 1 Navy Achievement Medal and 2 Meritorious Wasts were presented at Squadron formations during the month.
- C. CASUALTIES. 2 aircrewmembers MIA.
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The Squadron flew 546 sorties and 719.6 hours of which 536 sorties and 713.7 hours were combat.
- E. TRAINING. Three aircrewmembers attended JWSF school while one enlisted attended the Maintenance Management course.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during December was 925 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
MK-82 SW	2386
MK-82 CON	423
MK-81 SW	520
M117	16
MK-77	233
5.0" FUMI	100
2.75" FFAR	8

- G. PROMOTIONS: TO LANCE CORPORAL - 1
 TO CORPORAL - 4
 TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS - 2