

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

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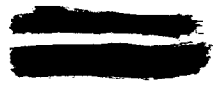
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGYPART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- 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 January 1969; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS**
- |                      |       |                     |                 |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Kenneth H. STOVER    | MAJOR | Executive Officer   | 09Dec68-Present |
| Gilbert TANZER       | CAPT  | S-1 Officer         | 05Aug68-11Jan69 |
| Anthony F. CAPUTO    | CAPT  | S-1 Officer         | 12Jan69-Present |
| Richard I. HARRIS    | MAJOR | S-3 Officer         | 13Nov68-Present |
| Gary R. VAN GYSEL    | CAPT  | S-4 Officer         | 01Aug68-Present |
| Frederick J. SCHORER | MAJOR | Maintenance Officer | 07Jun68-Present |
- D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH**
- 1. OFFICERS**
- |                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| a. Naval Aviators           | 19 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers    | 15 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 05 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeons    | 01 |
- 2. ENLISTED**
- |                 |     |
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| a. Marine Corps | 221 |
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Despite a week long period of tropical monsoon conditions, VMFA-314 flew 617.3 hours and 546 combat sorties. There were 31 non-combat sorties and 24 hours flown for ferry and maintenance check purposes. Aircrew members averaged 32 combat sorties.

Operations supported during the month included Taylor Comm, Nevada Eagle, Bold Mariner, Dawson River, Russell Beach, Scotland II, Kentucky, Linn River, Task Forces Yankee and Alpha. Elements of the U. S. Navy, U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force, Republic of Korea and ARVN Forces were supported.

Bomb damage assessment reported by airborne and ground FAC's included 97 structures destroyed, 23 structures damaged, 3 37mm AA positions silenced, 54 bunkers destroyed, 9 bunkers damaged, 2 50 Cal. positions destroyed, 3 NVA KBA, five road cuts, 300 meters of trenchline and 200 meters of trail destroyed, 36 secondary fires and 3 secondary explosions, 13 fighting holes destroyed, 3 trucks destroyed and one cave destroyed.

BARCAES were flown on 2 January and 26-31 January in support of the 7th Fleet totaling 35 sorties and 84.6 hours.

On 12 January 1969, the Commanding Officer of VMFA-314 received the Fiscal Year 1968 CWO Aviation Safety Award from the Commandant of the Marine Corps during a formal squadron formation. During the same formation CMC also presented 1st Air Medals to Capt. J. E. SHARKEY, Capt. B. J. FLOYD, 1stLt. M. C. STILL and 1stLt. W. H. HOLZ.

The Air-to-Ground Hot Pad from 7-14 January flew 62 sorties and 60.6 hours in support of I Corps ground forces.

61.5 hours and 68 sorties were flown from the Air-to-Ground Hot Pad from 28-31 January.

On 24 January Capt. B. J. FLOYD and 1stLt. S. L. DUBA flew the 8000th combat sortie on VMFA-314's present deployment and four days later Capt. S. R. McCOMB and 1stLt. T. R. JOHNSON flew the 9000th combat hour.

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

Capt. J. E. HANKINS - 300	Capt. J. E. SHARKEY - 100
1stLt. R. G. SCHMITT - 300	1stLt. M. A. RIETSCH - 100
1stLt. H. W. GNEERJr. - 200	1stLt. M. C. STILL - 100
Major R. I. HARRIS - 100	1stLt. J. A. NOLEN - 100
Capt. B. J. FLOYD - 100	

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During January VMFA-314 joined 3 Officers and transferred 4. VMFA-314 joined 32 Enlisted and transferred 33.

B. AWARDS. The FY-68 CNO Aviation Safety Award, 4 1st Air Medals, 1 Squadron Marine of the Month and 2 Meritorious Mastts were presented at Squadron formations during the month.

C. CASUALTIES. None

D. AIR OPERATIONS. The Squadron flew 567 sorties and 644.3 hours of which 546 sorties and 617.3 hours were combat.

E. TRAINING. 1 aircrewmember attended JEST school, 1 aircrewmember attended the Maintenance Management course and 1 enlisted attended the KY-28 school.

F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during January was 1069.6 tons. The breakdown is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
MK-82 SE	2562
MK-82 CON	289
MK-81 SE	878
MK-77	401
MK-83 CON	12
M-117	16
CBU	22
E144/K764	101
5.0" Zuni	109
LAU-10	27
2.75" FYAR	1

G. PROMOTIONS: TO CAPTAIN - 2  
 TO SGTMAJ - 1  
 TO CORPORAL - 10  
 TO LANCE CORPORAL - 2