


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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314	LtCol. Frank E. PETERSEN Jr.
Marine Aircraft Group-13	28 July 68 - 24 February 69
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac	LtCol. Thomas R. MORGAN
	24 February 69 - Present

B. LOCATION

1-28 February 1969; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

C. STAFF OFFICERS

Kenneth H. STOVER	MAJOR	Executive Officer	09Dec68-23Feb69
John W. BLACK	MAJOR	Executive Officer	23Feb69-Present
Anthony F. CAPUTO	CAPT	S-1 Officer	12Jan69-26Feb69
Virgil M. BIRDINE	CAPT	S-1 Officer	26Feb69-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
Richard L. KNERR	SGTMAJ	Sergeant Major	01Jun68-Present
Edwin L. STOLTZ	MSGT	Maintenance Chief	12Sep68-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

1. OFFICERS

a. Naval Aviators	19
b. Naval Flight Officers	14
c. Aviation Ground Officers	05
d. Naval Flight Surgeons	01

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	218
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMFA-314 flew 576.2 hours and 508 combat sorties during the month of February. Weather conditions significant to flight operations were encountered in the early part of the month and decreased visibility due to haze prevailed over the entire I Corps area for the month. 15 sorties and 14.4 hours were flown for ferry and maintenance flights. Pilot's averaged 28 missions and RIO's averaged 42 missions.

Among operations supported were Dewey Canyon, Taylor Common, Scotland II, and Nevada Eagle. Close air support was flown for the U. S. Army, U. S. Air Force, Republic of Korea and ARVN forces. BARCAPS were flown on 10, 11 and 12 February in support of U. S. Navy 7th Fleet operations.

The Air-Ground Hot Pad from 1 February to 3 February flew 17 sorties and 13.1 hours in support of I Corps ground forces. Severe monsoon weather was encountered during this period.

Flight operations were suspended on 17 February in observance of the Vietnamese Tet holiday truce.

Bomb damage assessment report by airborne and ground FAC's included 97 structures destroyed, 32 structures damaged, 95 bunkers destroyed, 19 bunkers damaged, 14 secondary explosions, 52 secondary fires, 6 automatic weapons positions destroyed, 5 trucks destroyed, 30 meters of trail, 80 meters of tree line, 395 meters of trenchline, 5 road cuts, 18 foxholes, 18 KBA, 1 20 foot flag pole and 1 NVA flag.

LtCol. F. E. PETERSEN Jr. was relieved by LtCol. T. R. MORGAN during a formal Change of Command Ceremony on 24 February 1969. During the ceremony BGen. H. W. HISE, Asst. Wing Commander, 1stMAW, presented the Minuteman Flag to LtCol. PETERSEN for the squadron's participation in the U. S. Savings Bond program. BGen. HISE also presented 1st Air Medals to 1stLt. M. A. REITSCH, 1stLt. H. J. RICHARDSON, 1stLt. J. A. NOLEN and 1stLt. T. R. JOHNSON and a Certificate of Commendation from the CG, 1stMAW to Cpl. N. A. OLSSON.

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

Major F. J. SCHOBBER - 300  
 1stLt. S. L. DUBA - 300  
 Capt. S. S. HALE - 200  
 Capt. G. R. VAN GYSEL - 200  
 Capt. S. R. McCOMB - 200  
 Capt. J. S. GARZIK - 200

Capt. V. M. BIRDINE - 200  
 1stLt. K. J. HERR - 200  
 Major K. H. STOVER - 100  
 Capt. R. E. HOLBEIN - 100  
 1stLt. T. R. JOHNSON - 100

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During February VMFA-314 joined 3 Officers and transferred 3. VMFA-314 joined 11 Enlisted and transferred 17.
- B. AWARDS. 4 1st Air Medals and a Certificate of Commendation were presented during a squadron formation in February.
- C. CASUALTIES. None.
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The Squadron flew 523 sorties and 590.6 hours of which 508 sorties and 576.2 hours were combat.
- E. TRAINING. 1 aircrew member received SERE training, 1 enlisted to KY-28 school, 1 enlisted to Corrosion Control school.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during February was 1124.4 tons.
- G. PROMOTIONS: TO STAFF SERGEANT - 1  
TO CORPORAL - 3  
TO LANCE CORPORAL - 2