

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-314
Marine Aircraft Group-13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

A. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314
 Marine Aircraft Group-13
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac

LtCol. Thomas R. MORGAN
 24 February 69 - 9 March 69
 Major John W. BLACK
 10 March 69 - Present

B. LOCATION

1-31 March 1969; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

C. STAFF OFFICERS

John W. BLACK	MAJOR	Executive Officer	24 Feb 69-09 Mar 69
Kenneth H. STOVER	MAJOR	Executive Officer	10 Mar 69-Present
Virgil M. BERDINE	CAPT	S-1 Officer	26 Feb 69-Present
Richard I. HARRIS	MAJOR	S-3 Officer	13 Nov 68-Present
Gary R. VAN GYSEL	CAPT	S-4 Officer	01 Aug 68-10 Mar 69
Frank A. HUEY	MAJOR	S-4 Officer	11 Mar 69-Present
Frederick J. SCHOBBER	MAJOR	Maintenance Officer	07 Jun 68-Present
Richard L. KNERR	SGTMAJ	Sergeant Major	01 Jun 68-Present
Edwin L. STOLTZ	MSGT	Maintenance Chief	12 Sep 68-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

1. OFFICERS

a. Naval Aviators	22
b. Naval Flight Officers	15
c. Aviation Ground Officers	05
d. Naval Flight Surgeons	01

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	218
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of March was highly successful and extremely rewarding for VMFA-314. Successful because of the 732 sorties flown and 807 flight hours logged and the "Black Knights" were presented the ROBERT M. HANSON Award signifying VMFA-314 as the "Most Outstanding Marine Fighter Squadron". On 21 March the news was released that VMFA-314 was the first recipient of the award. LtCol. Herbert V. LUNDIN and LtCol. Frank E. PETERSEN, "Black Knight" Commanding Officers during 1968, accepted the award at the American Fighter Pilots Associations Annual Convention.

The combat sorties flown during March were the highest total within Marine Aircraft Group-13 and an increase over the missions flown for the first two months of 1969. Ordnance totaling 1257.6 tons was delivered resulting in BDA of 169 structures destroyed, 38 damaged, 85 bunkers destroyed, 25 damaged, 4 fighting holes destroyed, 4 trail cuts, 9 road cuts, 85 meters of trench line destroyed, 19 secondary explosions, 58 secondary fires, 21 hootches destroyed, 320 meters of tree line destroyed, 45 meters of trail destroyed, 40 meters of tunnels collapsed, 1 active mortar position destroyed, 11 KBA's, 1 cave destroyed, 1 23mm gun destroyed, 1 truck destroyed, and 1 automatic weapon destroyed.

The bomb damage assessment was accumulated while supporting operations Heritage Echo, Kentucky Jumper, Maine Crag, Mass Striker, Purple Martin, Dewey Canyon, Scotland II, Victory Dragon, Taylor Common, and other Army, Marine, and ROK Marine operations. Task Force 77 received VMFA-314 support through 51 BARCAP sorties totalling 75.1 hours.

On 16 March, Major F. A. HUEY and Capt. J. L. WENRICH flew the 10,000th combat hour for VMFA-314 on this current tour.

On 21 March, 1stLt. K. O. BOSTROM and 1stLt. J. A. NOLEN flew the 9,000th combat sortie for VMFA-314 on this current tour.

The month of March ended with a "New Skipper" taking over the leadership of the squadron. On 9 March, Major J. W. BLACK relieved LtCol. T. R. MORGAN as Commanding Officer.

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

Capt. J. E. HANKINS - 400	1stLt. H. J. RICHARDSON - 200
1stLt. R. G. SCHMITT - 400	1stLt. R. R. GRIFFITHS - 200
Capt. E. J. SMITH - 300	1stLt. M. C. STILL - 200
1stLt. H. W. GREER - 300	1stLt. W. H. HOLZ - 200
Capt. B. D. SCHMIDT - 200	1stLt. R. C. KINDSFATER - 200
Capt. J. A. DAVIS - 200	Major D. D. BERGMAN - 100

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During March VMFA-314 joined 10 Officers and transferred 2. VMFA-314 joined 80 Enlisted and transferred 14.
- B. AWARDS. The Squadron received the Robert M. HANSON Award during the month. 6 Meritorious Masts and 4 Good Conduct Medals were awarded squadron personnel. VMFA-314 Marine of the Month was LCpl. R. G. TYSER.
- C. CASUALTIES. None
- D. AIR OPERATIONS. The squadron flew 732 sorties and 807.3 hours of which 703 sorties and 775.9 hours were combat.
- E. TRAINING. Two aircrew members attended SERE training at Clark AFB during the month of March.
- F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance expended during March was 1257.6 tons.
- G. PROMOTIONS : TO FIRST LIEUTENANT - 1
TO SERGEANT - 3
TO CORPORAL - 3
TO LANCE CORPORAL - 2