

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)

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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 DATA

- A. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
- Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-314 Major John W. BLACK  
 Marine Aircraft Group-13 10 March 69 - Present  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION
- 1-30 April 1969; Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- |                       |        |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Kenneth H. STOVER     | MAJOR  | Executive Officer   | 10Mar69-05Apr69 |
| Frederick J. SCHOBBER | MAJOR  | Executive Officer   | 06Apr69-Present |
| Virgil M. BERDINE     | CAPT   | S-1 Officer         | 26Feb69-14Apr69 |
| Donald D. BERGMAN     | MAJOR  | S-1 Officer         | 15Apr69-Present |
| Bobby D. COLE         | CAPT   | S-2 Officer         | 16Apr69-Present |
| Richard I. HARRIS     | MAJOR  | S-3 Officer         | 13Nov68-14Apr69 |
| Alec GILLESPIE        | MAJOR  | S-3 Officer         | 15Apr69-Present |
| Frank A. HUEY         | MAJOR  | S-4 Officer         | 11Mar69-Present |
| Frederick J. SCHOBBER | MAJOR  | Maintenance Officer | 07Jun68-05Apr69 |
| James A. DAVIS        | CAPT   | Maintenance Officer | 06Apr69-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           | 24 |
| b. Naval Flight Officers    | 17 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officers | 06 |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeons    | 01 |
2. ENLISTED
- |                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| a. Marine Corps | 280 |
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PART INARRATIVE SUMMARY

The "Black Knights" performance in April was once again highly successful. Flying 741 combat sorties and 781.9 hours, VMFA-314 led the Air Group and also showed an increase over the previous months totals. Pilots averaged 31 missions while RIOs balanced at 44.

Ordnance totaling 1613.8 tons was delivered resulting in BDA of 110 structures destroyed, 16 damaged, 180 bunkers destroyed, 58 damaged, 2 tunnel complexes collapsed, 3 caves wiped out, 7 military pack train units annihilated, 420 meters of trail destroyed, 450 meters of trench line destroyed, 375 meters of trail destroyed, 14 road cuts, 5 trucks destroyed, 100 meters of road wiped out, 2 acres of minefield destroyed, 20 graves uncovered resulting in an estimated 30-50 105 rounds being cooked off, 1 dual mounted ZPU destroyed, 2 50cal. positions destroyed, 1 23mm gun position destroyed, 2 37mm gun positions destroyed, 1 damaged, 24 secondary explosions, 121 secondary fires and 53 KBA.

The bomb damage assessment was accumulated while supporting operations Kentucky Jumper, Fredrick Hills, Bristol Boots, Purple Martin, Oklahoma Hills, Victory Dragon, Cass Park, Mass Striker, and other Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, ARVN, and ROK Marine operations. Task Force 77 received VMFA-314 support through 12 BARCAP sorties for 23.1 hours.

The Air to Ground and Air to Air Hot Pad from 1-7 April flew 116 sorties and 121.0 hours and on 29 and 30 April flew 60 sorties and 62.1 hours.

On 28 April, while on a close air support mission in SVN, F4B 148427 was shot down by AA gun fire, caliber unknown. Capt. GARZIK and Capt. MASSEY ejected safely and were picked up within minutes by members of the 101st Airborne. The aircraft was completely destroyed.

1stLt. RICHARDSON and 1stLt. KINDSFATER returned in the afternoon of 29 April from a CAS mission for VMFA-314's 10,000th combat mission on this current tour in Vietnam.

VMFA-314 flew 11 sorties for a very successful participation in FIREX 1-69 in the Philippines. One Sparrow missile hangfire was caused by an electrical malfunction.

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

Major J. H. VANDEVER	400	Capt J. R. BRYAN	300	1stLt. K. J. HERR	300
1stLt. R. C. KINDSFATER	300	Capt B. J. FLOYD	200	1stLt. M. A. RIETSCH	200
Capt G. F. PROUDFOOT	200	1stLt. V. R. MADDUX	100		

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION. During April VMFA-314 joined 7 Officers and transferred 6. VMFA-314 joined 19 Enlisted and transferred 13.

B. AWARDS. 2 DFC, 10 1st Air Medals, 1 Navy Achievement Medal, 17 Meritorious Mast were awarded squadron personnel during a formation in April. VMFA-314 Marine of the Month was L/Cpl J. A. SALTER.

C. CASUALTIES. None

D. AIR OPERATIONS. The squadron flew 775 sorties and 830.2 hours of which 741 sorties and 781.9 hours were combat. One aircraft was shot down on 28 April. Aircrew recovered.

E. TRAINING. Four aircrew members attended the ALO/FAC school, two aircrew members attended SERE school, and one aircrew member attended the JEST course.

F. ORDNANCE. Total ordnance dropped for the month was 1613.8 tons. A breakdown of the ordnance is as follows:

MK-83 CON	195
MK-82 SE	4326
MK-81 SE	397
MK-81 CON	20
MK-77	866
CBU, E173	31
CBU, E184	23
5.0" ZUNI	291

G. PROMOTIONS: TO STAFF SERGEANT 2  
 TO SERGEANT 6  
 TO CORPORAL 3  
 TO LANCE CORPORAL 2