

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 period 1-31 May 1969 (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 CHRONOLOGY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

- A. DESIGNATION COMMANDER  
MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON-314 Major J. W. BLACK  
Marine Aircraft Group-13 10 March 1969 - Present  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
- B. LOCATION  
1-31 May 1969, Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam
- C. STAFF OFFICERS
- |                       |        |                     |                 |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Frederick J. SCHOBBER | MAJOR  | Executive Officer   | 06Apr69-15May69 |
| James D. MOODY        | MAJOR  | Executive Officer   | 16May69-Present |
| Donald D. BERGMAN     | MAJOR  | S-1 Officer         | 15Apr69-Present |
| Bobby D. COLE         | CAPT   | S-2 Officer         | 16Apr69-Present |
| Alec GILLESPIE        | MAJOR  | S-3 Officer         | 15Apr69-15May69 |
| James H. VANDEVER     | MAJOR  | S-3 Officer         | 16May69-Present |
| Frank A. HUEY         | MAJOR  | S-4 Officer         | 11Mar69-Present |
| James A. DAVIS        | CAPT   | Maintenance Officer | 06Apr69-15May69 |
| Michael P. SULLIVAN   | MAJOR  | Maintenance Officer | 16May69-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 Officer    | 18 |
| c. Aviation Ground Officer | 6  |
| d. Naval Flight Surgeon    | 1  |
2. ENLISTED
- |                 |     |
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| a. Marine Corps | 265 |
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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

VMFA-314 performance in May was once again highly successful, flying 674 combat sorties and 727 combat hours. The aircrews averaged 28 combat sorties for pilots and 35 combat sorties for RIO's.

Ordnance totaling 1,568.9 tons was delivered resulting in BDA of 194 structures destroyed, 210 bunkers destroyed, 52 huts destroyed, 4 Trucks destroyed, 5 water buffalo KBMA and 40 enemy KBMA.

During May VMFA-314 supported the 3rd Marine Division in operations Purple Martin, Cameron Falls, Virginia Ridge, Massachusettes Bay, and Herkimer Mountain. The squadron supported the 1st Marine Division in operations Oklahoma Hills and Pipestone Canyon. In support of the 101st Airborne VMFA-314 participated in operations Kentucky Jumper, Lamar Plain, Apache Snow and Bristol Boots. In southern I Corps the squadron supported the Americal Division in operations Russell Beach, Iron Mountain, Geneva Park and Frederick Hills. VMFA-314 also supported our Allies, the Republic of Korean Marines, in operation Victory Dragon XI. In support of the 7th Air Force the squadron flew 91 CAS missions for 104.9 hours and 10 air-to-air sorties for 13.8 hours. In the Gulf of Tonkin in support of TASK FORCE 77 we flew 16 BARGAP missions for 38.3 hours.

VMFA-314 flew 18 sorties for a successful participation in the 1st MAW FIREX 1-69 at Cubi Point in the Philippines. While at FIREX 1-69 on 16 May 1969 F-4B Buno. 153037 crashed on takeoff and the crew ejected safely.

On 18 May 1969 while flying a CAP mission, Major J. D. MOODY and 1stLt R. R. GRIFFITHS flying F-4B Buno. 151450 and Major A. GILLESPIE and 1stLt V. R. MADDUX flying F-4B Buno. 152270 were refueling from a KC-130 when it was struck by a VMFA-542 F-4B. Major GILLESPIE's aircraft broke away and returned safely with minor damage. Major MOODY's aircraft crashed due to both engines receiving FOD damage in the mid-air collision. Major MOODY and 1stLt GRIFFITHS ejected safely. No injuries were sustained by the VMFA-314 crewmembers.

The following officers completed the indicated number of combat missions during the month in their current tours:

Major J. D. MOODY	100	Capt J. G. THOMAS	100
Capt S. S. HALE	300	Capt V. M. BERDINE	300
Capt D. A. NICHOLSON	200	Capt J. E. WARD	100
Capt R. S. DEICHL	100	Capt F. L. MASSEY	400
1stLt M. ESTEIA	100	1stLt R. R. GRIFFITHS	300
1stLt W. H. HOLZ	300		

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## PART III

A. Personnel Administration. During May VMFA-314 joined 1 Officer and transferred 4. VMFA-314 joined 25 enlisted and transferred 30.

B. Awards. 6 Meritorious Masts were awarded this month.

C. Casualties. None

D. Air Operations.

## 1. Flight Hours and Sorties:

Hours		Sorties	
Combat	Total	Combat	Total
727.1	796.5	674	728

## 2. Bomb Damage Assessment Breakdown:

Bunkers	210 destroyed, 20 damaged
Secondary Explosions	45
Secondary Fires	50
Structures	194 destroyed, 22 damaged
Trench Line	500 meters destroyed
Trucks	4 destroyed, 1 damaged
Huts	52 destroyed, 1 damaged
KBMA	40
Road	300 meters destroyed
Trail	365 meters destroyed
50Cal. Positions	2 destroyed
Tree Line	950 meters destroyed
Boats	1 destroyed
Bridges	1 damaged
Fighting Holes	14 destroyed
37mm Positions	4 destroyed
Base Camps	1 damaged
Ammo Pouches	1 destroyed
Rocket Sites	1 destroyed
Water Buffaloes	5 KBMA

E. Training. One aircrewmember attended AIO/PAC school. One enlisted man attended embarkation school.

F. Ordnance. Total ordnance dropped for the month was 1568.9 tons. A breakdown of the ordnance follows:

MK-82 Snakeye	3605	CBU/E173	40
MK-82 Conical	887	CBU/E184	15
MK-83 Conical	242	IAU 10/A	39
MK-77	814	5.0" Zuni	329

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G. Promotions: To Captain 1  
To Staff Sergeant 2  
To Sergeant 3  
To Corporal 1  
To Lance Corporal 1

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