

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 314  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFAC  
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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## A. DESIGNATION

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 324  
 Marine Aircraft Group 13  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FVEFAO

## COMMANDER

USO1 Charles C. FREDERICK  
 26 June 1969 - Present

## B. LOCATION

1-30 September 1969, Chu Lai Airbase, Republic of Vietnam

## C. STAFF OFFICERS

Donald WOJCIK	Maj	Executive Officer	15Aug69-Present
Ferril J. RICHMONSON	Capt	S-1 Officer	15Aug69-30Sept69
Lyle P. CREANDEK	Maj	S-1 Officer	15Sept- Present
Howard E. KERR	Capt	S-2 Officer	25Aug69-Present
Robert C. JOHNSON	Maj	S-3 Officer	14Aug69-Present
Allen W. MASSEY	Capt	S-4 Officer	16Aug69-Present
Michael P. SULLIVAN	Maj	Maintenance Officer	16May69-Present
Rodney R. BURNS	SgtMaj	Sergeant Major	20July69-Present
Edwin L. STOLTZ	MSgt	Maintenance Chief	17Sept69-5Sept69
Jack L. PHILLIPS	MSgt	Maintenance Chief	5Sept69-Present

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH1. OFFICER

a. Naval Aviator	24
b. Naval Flight Officer	24
c. Aviation Ground Officer	5

2. ENLISTED

a. Marine Corps	250
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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Once again the "Black Knights" clearly led Marine Aircraft Group 19 in all flying categories including total sorties flown, total combat sorties and total ordnance expended. This fine effort was again made possible by the hustle and can do spirit exhibited by all hands, a team spirit which has become synonymous with the words "Black Knights".

A total of 553 sorties were flown of which 524 were combat missions. A total of 1,127.1 tons of ordnance was expended on enemy forces resulting in 144 bunkers, 29 hootches, 60 structures, 3 gun positions, 28 tunnel exits and 1 base camp being destroyed. A total of 10 bunkers and 24 structures were damaged along with 32 secondary fires, and 4 secondary explosions. Interdiction strikes against suspected enemy positions destroyed 2,310 meters of treelines, 605 meters of trenchlines and 325 meters of trails. Enemy KBMA for the month was 11. Last but not least of the credited BDA was one movie screen at a training camp.

During the month of September, the Black Knights supported the following Marine Operations: Pipestone Canyon, and Idaho Canyon.

While the majority of the squadrons efforts were in support of Marines Divisions we also found time to lend support to the Army Americal and 101st Airborne Divisions in Operations: Frederick Hill, Iron Mountain, Geneva Park, Republic Square, Richland Square, and Louisiana Lee.

Working around the clock the Black Knights further provided fighter Barrier Cap support to the Seventh Fleet in the Tonkin Gulf amounting to 33 sorties and 82.9 hours of which 95% was at night. Unfortunately, there was no BDA from these missions.

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

CAPT HOLBEIN	200	CAPT MASSEY	100
CAPT DEICHAL	200	1stLT DOLAN	100
CAPT ESTELA	200	1stLT LARSON	100
1stLT REITSCH	400	1stLT QUINONES	100

The squadron mourned the loss of Capt W. V. LEMMOND AND 1stLt R. E. LAVENDER, killed in action on 20 September 1969. when their F-4B crashed on combat mission.

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PART III

A. Personnel Administration. During the month of September 1969 VMFA-314 joined 3 Officers and transferred 3. The squadron joined 20 enlisted and transferred 18.

B. Awards. The squadron awarded 2 Bronze Stars, 5 Meritorious Medals.

C. Casualties.

Combat: 2 Non-Combat: NONE

2. Bomb Damage Assessment Breakdown:

BUNKERS	144 Destroyed, 10 Damaged
HOOTCHES	29 Destroyed
STRUCTURES	30 Destroyed, 24 Damaged
PACK ANIMALS	None
BRIDGES	None
TREELINE	2,320 Meters Destroyed
TRENCHLINES	885 Meters Destroyed
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	4
SECONDARY FIRES	32
50 CAL MACHINE GUN/MORTAR	8 Destroyed
TUNNEL EXITS	28 Destroyed
TRAILS	225 Meters Destroyed
TRUCKS	None
STORAGE AREAS	None
KBMA	11
MOVIE SCREEN	1 Destroyed
BASE CAMP	1 Destroyed

D. Air Operations

1. Flight Hours and Sorties

HOURS		SORTIES	
COMBAT	TOTAL	COMBAT	TOTAL
624.4	655.2	534	553

E. Training. JEST Course, PJSS Course were attended by squadron personnel.

F. Ordnance. Total ordnance dropped for the month was 1,127.1

G. Promotions. During the month of October 1969 the squadron promoted 13 Lance Corporals.

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