

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 314
Marine Aircraft Group 13
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(c) GruO 5750.1D

Encls (1) VMFA-314 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 December 1969.
2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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PART IA. DESIGNATION

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON 314
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
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COMMANDER

LTCOL Charles G. FREDERICK
 26 June 1969 - 1 December 1969
 LTCOL THOMAS J. KELLY
 2 December 1969 - Present

B. Staff Officers

Donald WOJCIK	Maj.	Executive Officer	15Aug69-1Dec69
Robert C. JOHNSON	Maj.	Executive Officer	2Dec69-Present
Terril J. RICHARDSON	Capt.	S-1 Officer	29Nov69-Present
Howard E. KERR	Capt.	S-2 Officer	25Aug69-10Dec69
John E. SHARKEY	Capt.	S-2 Officer	11Dec69-Present
Robert C. JOHNSON	Maj.	S-3 Officer	14Aug69-6Dec69
James B. LEONARD	Maj.	S-3 Officer	6Dec69-Present
Allen W. MASSEY	Capt.	S-4 Officer	16Aug69-Present
Byron H. HOGUE	Maj.	Maintenance Officer	30Sept69-12Dec69
John H. TROTTI	Maj.	Maintenance Officer	13Dec69-Present
Rodney R. BURNS	SgtMaj.	Sergeant Major	20July69-Present
Jack L. PHILLIPS	MSgt.	Maintenance Chief	5Sept69-Present
James M. TALCOTT	Lt.	Flight Surgeon	10July69-Present

C. Task Organization and Date

VMFA-314, CHU LAI Air Base, RVN, 1-31 December 1969

D. Average Strength

1. Marine Officers	45
a. Naval Aviators	20
b. Naval Flight Officers	19
c. Aviation Ground Officers	6
2. Naval Officers	1
3. Marine Enlisted	210
4. Naval Enlisted	0
5. Total	<u>256</u>

PART II

During the month of December the "Black Knights" of VMFA-314 again demonstrated their superb "Can Do" attitude in another outstanding 1st Team "Effort". This exemplary effort has again placed the "Black Knights" on top, by leading MAG-13 in all categories of sorties, hours, and ordnance expended for the month.

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(C) The squadron supported the 1st Marine Division, 101st Airborne, Americal Division, 7th Fleet, 7th Air Force, ROK Marines, and the ARVN. The squadron participated in operations: Randolph Glen, Pipestone Canyon, Frederick Hill, Geneva Park, Iron Mountain, Victory Dragon XV, and flew numerous sorties in the Steel Tiger area.

During a formal Change of Command Ceremony LtCol Thomas J. KELLY assumed command from LtCol Charles G. FREDERICK on 1 December 1969. Notable guests that attended the ceremony were Brigadier General SPANJER, Asst. Wing Commander, and Colonel Murphree, Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13.

On 13 December 1969 LTCOL KELLY and 1/LT LARSON flew the 27,000 combat hour for WMFA-314.

(C) The Battle Damage Assessment for the month is as follows and includes operations both in and out of country.

BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Bunkers Destroyed	37
Bunkers Damaged	4
Structures Destroyed	31
Structures Damaged	7
Hootches Destroyed	11
Treeline Destroyed	4,950 Meters
Trenchlines Destroyed	145 Meters
Secondary Explosions	28
Secondary Fires	43
Gun Installations Destroyed	4
Tunnels Destroyed	6
Fighting Positions Destroyed	5
Trails and Road Cuts Destroyed	6
Killed By Marine Air	27
Trucks Destroyed	3
Barages Destroyed	1

(C) Noteworthy also is the following message received from Commander 7th Air Force. "On 24 December 1969, reveal that Manual 41, composed of two F-4s, did an outstanding job of ordnance delivery on mission 0486 by scoring two direct hits on a camouflaged truck. Work such as this is highly encouraged and noted by the Commander of Seventh Air Force. Please extend congratulations to Major JOHNSON, Capt MASSEY, 1/LT FRANKLIN, AND Capt KERR."

(C) Total ordnance expenditure for the month was 914.8 tons.

PART III

1. Personnel. The "Black Knights" gave a hardy fare-well and congratulations for a job well done to LtCol FREDERICK, MAJ WOJCIK, AND 1/LT HOLDEN along with 30 enlisted men, as they departed for CONUS.

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 Enclosure (1)

b. Promotions:

E-2 to E-3	4
E-3 to E-4	2
E-4 to E-5	6

2. Awards. The squadron presented 12 Air Medals, 1 Navy Commendation Medal, 1 Navy Achievement Medal, and 3 Meritorious Mastts at various squadron formations during the month.

3. (C) The following officers completed the indicated number of missions during the month of December 1969 on their current tour.

MAJ LEONARD	100	CAPT MASSEY	200
CAPT RICHARDSON	100	CAPT WARD	300
CAPT RINDT	100	1/LT COON	100
1/LT FRANKLIN	100	1/LT FACIOLLI	100
1/LT LEWIS	100	1/LT MEYER	100
1/LT VAN HORNE	100	1/LT ROSSI	100

a. Statistics

Total Hours	631.4
Total Sorties	540
Combat Hours	561.6
Combat Sorties	477
Average Pilot Hours	31.6
Average Pilot Sorties	27
Average RIO Hours	33.2
Average RIO Sorties	28
High Day Hours	38.5
High Day Sorties	28

4. (C) Air Defense. In response to the task laid down by the 7th Air Force and 7th Fleet, the squadron flew 84 Steel Tiger sorties for 112.1 hours, and 58 BARCAP and MIGCAP sorties for 96.8 hours.

5. Training. Squadron personnel attended the following courses: 3M course, PACAF course, JEST course, Gas Chamber exercise, and Basic Training.

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