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1. In accordance with provisions set forth in references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1970 to 30 April 1970

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Enclosure (1)

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 314
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac

LTCOL Thomas J. KELLY
 2 December 1969 - Present

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1970: Chu Lai Air Base, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	MAJ J. B. LEONARD Jr.	10 Mar 70 - Present
S-1 Officer	CAPT W. L. ROSBE	20 Mar 70 - Present
S-2 Officer	1/LT W. M. BROWN	1 Mar 70 - Present
S-3 Officer	MAJ J. A. GRESS	20 Mar 70 - Present
S-4 Officer	CAPT A. W. MASSEY	16 Aug 69 - Present
Maintenance Officer	MAJ J. H. TROTTI	13 Dec 69 - Present

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of April again saw the results of the Can Do spirit and tremendous effort exhibited by the Black Knights of VMFA-314 that keep this squadron the number one fighter squadron in the Marine Corps. For the ninth consecutive month VMFA-314 led all other fighter squadrons in MAG-13 in total sorties flown, total combat sorties flown, total time and combat time and in ordnance dropped.

In the month of April VMFA-314's F-4B's flew a total of 736 combat sorties in 733.7 hours of combat flying and dropped 1597.3 tons of ordnance on the enemy and his sanctuaries and supply system. Included in these figures are the 25 sorties and 37.2 hours flown in support of the 7th Air Force and 7th Fleet on BARCAP and MIGCAP missions. Less than half of the squadron's BDA is available due to the restrictions placed on the FAC (A)'s as to what they can tell us on unsecure radio, however our BDA included 28 bunkers, 9 hootches, 4 trucks and one 23MM AAA gun and gun site destroyed, 12 KBMA, 23 secondary fires and 18 secondary explosions.

On 4 April Lt's R. J. CECKA and G. K. BRUCE were flying VW-06 on a CAS mission near the DMZ. As they pulled off the target on their second pass they were hit by enemy ground fire. The aircraft rapidly became uncontrollable and they were forced to eject as they crossed the coast. They were rescued uninjured by a Vietnamese Navy gunboat.

The month of April also saw Maj TROTTI, Capt RICHARDSON and Lt's FRANKLIN, BROWN, DOYLE, RENFRO and HAGEL pass the 200 mission mark on their present tour. Passing the 100 mission mark were Lt's CURD, EVANS, MICHAELSEN, BONATI, SKELDON, and STEWART.

Another first during April for the Black Knights was the beginning of flying missions in II Corps in support of the beleaguered outpost of Dak Saeng and Dak Pek. We also flew many missions in support of the 1st Marine Division, the Army, ARVN, ROK Marines, and 7th Air Force. Operations supported were, Texas Star, Randolph Glen, Geneva Park, Golden Dragon, Iron Mountain and Fredrick Hill.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. Combat Missions Flown: 736
 - b. Significant Operations Conducted:
 - 1. Texas Star
 - 2. Randolph Glenn
 - 3. Geneva Park
 - 4. Golden Dragon
 - 5. Iron Mountain
 - 6. Fredrick Hill
 - c. Administration: Promotions E-2 to E-3 (1)
E-3 to E-4 (5)
E-4 to E-5 (4)
 - d. Personnel Joined: 16
Personnel Transferred: 23
 - e. Bunkers Destroyed: 28
 - f. Hootches Destroyed: 9
 - g. Trucks Destroyed: 4
 - h. Tree Line Destroyed: 3260 meters
 - i. Secondary Explosions: 18
 - j. Secondary Fires: 23
 - k. Tunnels Destroyed: 1
 - l. 23mm Site Destroyed: 1
 - m. KBMA: 12
 - n. 4 April 1970
- A F-4B from VMFA-314 was destroyed when crashed as a result of enemy ground fire.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. No supporting documents submitted.