

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-323

Marine Aircraft Group-11

1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco 96601

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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-11

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) WgO 5750.1A  
(c) GruO 5213.2H

Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 through 31 January 1966.

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VMFA-323

ENCLOSURE (28)

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-323

Location: DaNang AB, Republic of Viet-Nam

Period: 1 through 31 January 1966

Organizational Data:

1.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Dates</u>
	Andrew W. O'DONNELL	Commanding Officer	LtCol	1-31
	Walter R. LIMBACH	Executive Officer	Major	1-31
	Robert C. BAUGHMAN	Operations Officer	Major	1-31
	Jerry C. ROBINSON	Administrative Officer	1stLt	1-31
	John M. ROSE	Logistics Officer	Capt	1-31
	Claude D. HILLIS	Aviation Safety Officer	1stLt	1-31

2. Average Monthly Strength:

a. Officers

(1) Naval Aviators.....20  
 (2) Naval Flight Officers.....20  
 (3) Aviation Ground Officers.... 3  
 (4) Naval Flight Surgeons..... 1  
 (5) Total.....44

b. Enlisted

(1) Marine Corps.....277  
 (2) Navy Corpsmen..... 2  
 (3) Total.....279

### 3. Summary of Significant Events

#### a. Personnel

(1) On 28 January this squadron made a scheduled exchange of personnel with VMFA-542.

(2) One First Lieutenant promoted to Captain.

(3) One Staff Sergeant promoted to Gunnery Sergeant.

(4) Four Sergeants promoted to Staff Sergeant.

(5) Five Corporals promoted to Sergeant.

#### b. Casualties

(1) On 10 January, 1stLt George E. PERRY Jr. suffered a broken left leg and right ankle as a result of landing in a rocky area after ejecting from his aircraft. 1stLt Richard T. MORRISSEY, The Naval Flight Officer of that aircraft, received cuts and bruises on ejection but no major injuries.

(2) On 25 January, 1stLt Dudley M. WEATHERS was wounded during a bombing mission. He received broken bones and tendons in his hand and pieces of plexiglas in his chest as a result of a round striking the front cockpit canopy and entering the rear cockpit.

(3) All the above mentioned men have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal; Lieutenants PERRY and WEATHERS have been evacuated from Viet-Nam.

#### c. Intelligence

(1) Updating of all situation maps was accomplished.

(2) Access and clearances were processed for personnel joined from VMFA-542.

(3) The following training lectures were given:

(a) General Intelligence (Laos)

(b) Jungle Survival

(c) E&E, North/South Viet-Nam & Laos

(d) Political Situation, North/South Viet-Nam (Past and Present)

(e) Local Customs Lecture

d. Maintenance

- (1) The squadron received a new aircraft from the F-4B pool at NAS Cubi Point, P. I.
- (2) One aircraft was delivered to the Progressive Aircraft Repair facility at NAS Atsugi, Japan.
- (3) One aircraft was lost as the result of battle damage.
- (4) Two aircraft received battle damage, one requiring replacement of both canopies, the other requiring extensive rudder and stabilator repairs.
- (5) Four aircraft received minor battle damage from ground fire.

e. Air Operations. The squadron flew 622 sorties for 843 hours. Of these totals, 557 combat sorties accounted for 751 hours. The squadron continued to fly Interdiction/Blue Blazer and other classified missions as well as the Fire-cracker Combat Air Patrols in support of VMCF-1.

f. Ordnance. During the month of January, the squadron expended 2045 bombs and 124 napalm bombs for a total of 650 tons of bombs. 5331 2.75" rockets were also expended.