

MARINE FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRON-323
Marine Aircraft Group-11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-11

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(b) WgO 5750.1B

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 - 30 September 1966.


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b. Enlisted: 226

(1) Marine Corps226

(2) Attached 0

(3) Total.226

4. Important Visitors:

a. Lieutenant General V. E. KRULAK, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, visited the squadron flight line area on 3 September.

b. On ¹³ September, Vice Admiral C. E. CONNERLY visited the squadron flight line area.

c. The 1st MAW Assistant Wing Commander, Brigadier General H. M. ELWOOD, flew with VMFA-323 on a Close Air Support mission on 16 September.

PART TWO - Significant Highlights:

1. Squadron aircraft contributed significantly to operation PRAIRIE during September. A few of the more noteworthy dates were:

a. 19 September - 8 structures and 4 dams destroyed.

b. 21 September - 4.5 tons of ordnance delivered, 6 structures destroyed.

c. 27 September - 62.5 tons of ordnance delivered, 20 structures confirmed destroyed, one secondary explosion observed.

PART THREE - Significant Events:

1. Personnel:

a. During September 1966, the following personnel changes occurred:

(1) Joined: 4 officers/43 enlisted

(2) Detached: 7 officers/43 enlisted

b. Total personnel on board as of:

(1) 1 September 1966: 44 officers/225 enlisted/1 Navy officer

(2) 30 September 1966: 41 officers/225 enlisted/1 Navy officer

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron-323

Location: DaNang Air Base, RVN

Period: 1 - 30 September 1966

PART ONE - Organizational Data:

1. <u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Aubrey W. TALBERT	Commanding Officer	LtCol	1-30
Billy D. FRITSCH	Executive Officer	Maj	1-30
Robert J. DIVOKY	Operations Officer	Maj	1-30
Carey B. CONNELL	Administrative Officer	Capt	1-30
Richard J. SKELTON	Logistics Officer	Capt	1-30
Carroll M. LACROIX	Aviation Safety Officer	Capt	1-30
Dayton A. LEWIS	Maintenance Officer	Capt	1-30

2. Unit Location and Inclusive Dates:

DaNang Air Base, RVN

1 - 30 September

3. Average Monthly Strength:

a. Officers: 39

(1) Naval Aviators15
(2) Naval Flight Officers15
(3) Aviation Ground Officers	8
(4) Naval Flight Surgeons	1
(5) Total39

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c. Ninety-seven personnel changes occurred during the month, with the squadron gaining almost as many new people as were lost through normal rotation; however, the experience levels of the new joiners were considerably below those of the detached personnel.

d. Total promotions for the month:

(1) Officers 3 (Staff NCO's accepting officer commissions)

(2) Enlisted 57

2. Administration: Activities were normal during September. The normal processing in and out of turnover personnel was effected efficiently and without additional cost in manpower or overtime. The required paperwork for promotions during the month proved to be no burden. Many hours were spent in preparation for the annual SRB audit.

3. Flight Operations: Excellent aircraft availability and favorable weather continued throughout September, allowing the squadron to compile 892.3 flight hours and 726 sorties. Pilots averaged 46.6 combat hours, 37 combat sorties; NFO's averaged 51.0 combat hours, 41 combat sorties. Total ordnance dropped during September was 1,097 tons; total 20mm rounds fired was 3,003.

4. Training: Five technical schools were utilized by officers and enlisted men of this squadron during September. Specific courses and quotas filled were:

a. Numazu Water Survival School - one pilot.

b. PACAF Jungle Survival Course, Clark AFB - two NFO's.

c. Jungle Environment/Survival Training (JEST) Course, Cubi Point - three pilots, three NFO's.

d. Low Pressure Chamber and Ejection Seat Refresher, Kadena - one pilot.

e. Corrosion Control School, NAS Atsugi - one aviation ground officer and one enlisted.

5. Maintenance:

a. To NAS Atsugi for Rework: BuNo 151012 on 14 September. Presently D-5 status (undergoing rework), estimated time of completion - 26 November 1966.

b. Returned from PAR: BuNo's 150441 (9Sep), 150476 (13Sep), and 151416 (27Sep).

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- c. Completed periodic inspections: BuNo's 152269 and 151484.
- d. Battle damage repaired: BuNo 152258, struck by small arms fire in the starboard wing fold area, was repaired at H&MS-11 with the aid of an O&R representative.
- e. Engine removal/replacement:
 - (1) Both engines were removed/replaced in BuNo's 151486 and 149420. Both aircraft are scheduled for periodic inspection during the first half of October but engine removal will not be required.
 - (2) Starboard engine removal/replacement on BuNo 150473 due to battle damage.
- f. Monthly averages:
 - (1) A1 aircraft - 14
 - (2) Availability - 10