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MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 323
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5750
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) WgO 5750.1B
(c) GruO 5750.1C

Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 December 1966.


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Unit: Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323

Location: MCAS Chu Lai, RVN

Period: 1-31 December 1966

PART ONE - Organization Data:

<u>1. NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Aubrey W. TALBERT	Commanding Officer	LtCol	1-31
Billy D. FRITSCH	Executive Officer	Maj	1-31
Joseph C. BYRAM JR.	Operations Officer	Maj	1-31
Ronald C. ANDREAS	Administration Officer	Maj	1-31
Joseph B. WUERTZ	Logistics Officer	Maj	1-31
Jimmy L. PAPPAS	Maintenance Officer	Maj	1-31
Larry K. GRISSETT	Aviation Safety Officer	Capt	1-31

2. Unit Location and Inclusive Dates:

MCAS Chu Lai, RVN.....1-31 December

3. Average Monthly Strength:

a. Officers: 48

- (1) Naval Aviators.....23
- (2) Naval Flight Officers.....18
- (3) Aviation Ground Officers.....6
- (4) Naval Flight Surgeons.....1
- (5) Total.....48

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b. Enlisted: 250

(1) Marine Corps.....248

(2) Navy.....2

(3) Total.....250

4. Important Visitors:

a. On the 9th of December Lieutenant General L. F. CHAPMAN Jr., Chief of Staff of the Marine Corps and Senator THURMOND paid a brief visit to the squadron flight line.

b. On the 12th and 13th of December Brigadier General R. G. OWENS Jr., Assistant 1st Marine Wing Commander, visited VMFA 323 area.

PART TWO - Significant Highlights:

1. During the month of December the squadron contributed the following total BDA to the War efforts.

a. Structures.....129 Destroyed and 105 Damaged

b. Sampans.....11 Destroyed and 18 Damaged

c. KBA's.....25 Confirmed and 20 Probable

PART THREE - Significant Events:1. Personnel:

a. During December the following personnel changes occurred:

(1) Joined: 6 officers/84 enlisted

(2) Dropped: 3 officers/23 enlisted

b. Total promotions for this month:

(1) Officer.....0

(2) Enlisted.....7

2. Administration: The most significant event of the month was the Administration and Material Inspection conducted on 30 December for which the Administration section received an overall satisfactory grade.

3. Awards: The month of December saw a total of 57 awards received by VMFA 323 personnel for combat support operations.

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4. Flight Operations: Flight operations continued at a reduced pace during the month of December due to inclement weather and the limited scope of Marine operations. The squadron flew 421 combat missions for 546.2 hours in support of III MAF and 7th Air Force. Pilots averaged 20 sorties and 24.5 hours while the NFO's averaged 26 sorties and 33.5 hours. Total ordnance expended for the month of December was 584 tons.

5. Maintenance:

- a. One aircraft, BuNo 151012 returned from PAR on 3 December 1966.
- b. One aircraft, BuNo 148415 returned from PAR on 29 December 1966.
- c. Monthly average:
 - (1) Aircraft assigned - 18
 - (2) Aircraft on board - 14
 - (3) Aircraft available - 8

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