

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
FFO, San Francisco 96602

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4 March 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12
Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 214

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 214

CHU LAI REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

22 JUNE 1965 - 16 FEBRUARY 1966

1 MAY 1966 - 28 FEBRUARY 1967

ENCLOSURE (1)

PART I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Listing of the Commanding Officer and Staff

Major Richard E. HEMMINGWAY, Commanding Officer, 1Dec1966-28Feb1967

Major Elmer S. PAYNE, Executive Officer, 1Dec1966-28Feb1967

Major Harris J. FENNELL, Administrative Officer, 1Dec1966-28Feb1967

Major Richard E. SKINNER, Operations Officer, 6Nov1966-20Feb1967

Major Robert J. REID, Operations Officer, 20Feb1967-28Feb1967

Second Lieutenant Richard O. BEMISH, Logistics Officer, 15Sep66-28Feb67

Major James M. COX, Aircraft Maintenance Officer, 1Dec66-28Feb67

Major John M. KRETSINGER, Aviation Safety Officer, 5Nov66-10Feb67

Major Garry HARLAN, Aviation Safety Officer 11Feb1967-28Feb1967

First Sergeant Robert P. O'ROURKE, Squadron First Sergeant, 14Jan67-28Feb67

2. Task Organization and Unit Location. Marine Attack Squadron 214, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Chu Lai Airfield, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers (NA)	- 20	USN Officers	- 1
USMC Officers (AG)	- 7	USN Enlisted	- 0
USMC Enlisted	- 190		

4. Important Visitors. None.

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY. Marine Attack Squadron 214 flew 861 sorties for a total of 1069.3 flight hours during the period 1-28 February, and expended 795.8 tons of ordnance on enemy targets.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel/Administration

a. Joined/Transferred. Two officers and three enlisted were joined, and seven officers and six enlisted were transferred.

b. Promotions. There were fourteen promotions during the month as follows:

To First Lieutenant. Louis P. ROATH III

To Gunnery Sergeant. Melvin A. BAKER

To Staff Sergeant. John R. OMES

To Sergeant. Gary W. CHRONIC

To Corporal. Alexander P. GOWANS
Cecil W. GRESHAM JR.

To Lance Corporal. Raymond V. JOHNSTONE JR.
Howard C. LANHAM
Roger D. MERCER
Douglas J. HUGFORD
Gregory N. PATTERSON
Peter N. TRYGSTAD
Vernon L. SCROGGINS

To Private First Class. John W. ALLEN JR.

c. Meritorious Masts. The Commanding Officer presented Meritorious Masts for outstanding performance of duty to the following personnel:

Corporal Thomas J. GRZYWACZ
Corporal Larry E. HELWIG
Lance Corporal Patrick F. LENTINI
Lance Corporal James A. MONTEE
Lance Corporal Robert L. TREJBAL

d. Rest and Relaxation (R&R). Twenty officers and men enjoyed R&R during the month of February.

(1) Honolulu. Major John M. KRETSINGER, Captain Michael O. BOSS, Warrant Officer Walter E. WALDIE, and Staff Sergeant Richard A. BENNET.

(2) Hong Kong. First Lieutenant Robert O. RIGGS, Corporal Robert J. KARR, Corporal James R. ROESENBERGER, and Lance Corporal John A. MOORE.

(3) Bangkok. Lance Corporal Robert C. EARP Jr., Lance Corporal Frank G. HEUBNER JR., and Lance Corporal James A. MONTEE.

(4) Taipei. Sergeant James B. MITCHELL and Corporal Marvin C. LONG.

(5) Okinawa. Sergeant Charles J. FOWLER Jr.

- (6) Kuala Lumpur. Lance Corporal Robert MILJENOVICH.
- (7) Manila. Corporal Coy N. TYLER.
- (8) Singapore. Corporal Timothy C. BRESLIN and Corporal George L. ROHRS.
- (9) Tokyo. Sergeant Charles A. ALLEN and Lance Corporal Val R. TAYLOR.

e. Reenlistments. The following personnel reenlisted during the month.

Sergeant Robert L. JAMES for six years.
Sergeant Gary W. CHRONIC for four years.

f. Extensions of Overseas Tours. There were eleven extensions of overseas tours during the month.

Major Harris J. FENNELL
Captain Clyde E. FOREMAN
Gunnery Sergeants Maynard L. BROWN and Charles E. SAXON Jr.
Sergeants Jon L. CARL and Michael M. McKEOWN.
Corporals Dominick DeROSA and Thomas J. KRYGOWSKI.
Lance Corporals Francis E. PENNY, Julius E. PLANT and Roger L. SHOURDS.

g. Awards. A total of sixteen Air Medals were awarded to squadron pilots during the month.

2. Operations

a. There were 861 sorties and 1069.3 flight hours flown during the month. Of these, 817 sorties and 1008.5 flight hours were combat missions. The squadron expended 795.8 tons of aircraft ordnance against enemy targets. Each of these figures represents a new high for Marine Attack Squadron 214 since the commencement of operations in Southeast Asia. In addition, the squadron flew it's 10,000 combat sortie, and now has a total of 10,584.

b. Major Garry HARIAN and First Lieutenant Allen J. BRADEN completed the Jungle Escape and Evasion School at NAS Cubi Point.

c. Of the twenty-one Naval Aviators assigned on 28 February, nineteen are considered completely qualified in all phases of conventional ordnance delivery and tactics. The remaining two are newly joined and are progressing nicely through the familiarization phase.

d. Three aircraft incidents occurred during the month. The supporting documents are appended to Part IV of this chronology.

3. Aircraft Maintenance

a. The average aircraft availability was 85% for the month. This is an 8% improvement over the preceding month and 10% better than the standard 75.7% for A-4 aircraft. This availability record contributed in large measure to the excellent squadron sortie/flight hour effort.

b. The 795.8 tons of ordnance that was expended by the squadron during the month represents 99% of the ordnance loaded by the Ordnance Section. This is noteworthy reliability.

c. At present there are four aircraft in Progressive Aircraft Rework (PAR) and eighteen aircraft "In-country" in A-1 status.

d. The 3M system of maintenance management was implemented on an "on-the-job" training basis. The squadron will be formally implemented on 1 March.

e. The Ground Support Section completely refinished and repainted two TUD-80 tractors in addition to performing the daily ground support equipment maintenance.

f. The Flight Line Section completed construction of a hut for tire storage and a shelter for engine oil and bowzers.

g. The Avionics Section had four personnel complete the AFCS school at Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 12. Two other personnel are attending the ALQ-51 school at NAS Atsugi, Japan.

PART IV. DOCUMENTATION. The following supporting documents are attached as appendices to this chronology.

- ✓ Appendix 1 - VMA-214 Aircraft Incident Report 27-67I
- ✓ Appendix 2 - VMA-214 Aircraft Incident Report 28-67I
- ✓ Appendix 3 - VMA-214 Aircraft Incident Report 29-67I

ROUTINE

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FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFGEN

INFO: CNO
 CMC
 CG FMFPAC
 CG FMFLANT
 COMNAVAIRPAC
 COMFAIRWESTPAC
 CG FIRST MAW
 CG THIRD MAW
 MARAIRGRU ONE TWO

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 148465, VMA-214

2. 6Feb67, 1422H, 285 degree radial 18 NM HCB TACAN RVN.

3. DAS

4. ECHO. STBD SLAT DENTED, TWO INCH RIP LEADING EDGE, PORT MAIN BAND GEAR FAIRING DOOR DENTED SLIGHTLY.

5. PILOT MADE A 20 DEGREE STRAFING RUN. AFTER NORMAL PULLOFF, PILOT FELT AIRCRAFT HIT DEBRIS WHICH CAME FROM THE TARGET AREA INTO THE AIR TO APPROXIMATELY 300 FT AGL.

6. DORSIE D. PAGE JR., MAJOR, 071893/7333, USMC, ACTIVE, PARACHUTE NOT UTILIZED, NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/EVASION OF FIRE.

11. 27-671

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APPENDIX (1)

ROUTINE

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FROM: MARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVA VNSAFGEN

INFO: CNO
 CMC
 CG FMFPAC
 CG FMFLANT
 COMNAVIAIRPAC
 COMFAIRWESTPAC
 CG FIRST MAW
 CG THIRD MAW
 MARAIRGRU ONE TWO

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 FEB.
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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

A. OPNAVINST 3750.6E

1. A4C, 145110, VMA-214.

2. 8FEB67, 1730H, UNKNOWN.

3. VISUAL RECON.

4. ECHO, EIGHT INCH GASH ON TOP OF RADOME.

5. PILOT ON VISUAL RECON WHEN HIT BY SPENT 20MM API ROUND. NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT FIRING IN AREA. PILOT DOES NOT KNOW WHEN OR WHERE HIT OCCURED.

6. LOUIS P. ROATH III 2NDLT, 092564 USMCR 7333 ACTIVE, PARACHUTE NOT UTILIZED NO INJURY.

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/ENEMY FIRE.

11. 28-67I.

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 FEB 67
 APPENDIX (2)*

ROUTINE

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EFTO

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FROM: KARATKRON TWO ONE FOUR

TO: NAVAVNSAFORN

INFO: CNO
 CMC
 CG FMFPAC
 CG FMFLANT
 COMNAVIAIRPAC
 COMFAIRWESTPAC
 CG FIRST MAW
 CG THIRD MAW
 MAWAIRGRU ONE TWO

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REPORT OF AIRCRAFT INCIDENT

- A. OPN VINSE 3750.6E
1. A4C, 148530, V.A-214.
2. 23FEB7, 0958H, 165 RAD 38 NM, CHU LAI TACAN, RVN.
3. DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
4. ECHO, ONE 50 CAL ROUND PENETRATED RUDDER, 24 INCHES FROM TOP OF RUDDER, ENTERED FORWARD PORT SIDE EXITED STARBOARD.
5. PILOT MADE ^{SIX} ~~THREE~~ 10 DEGREE RUNS. ^{FIVE} ~~ONE~~ SNAKEYE AND ONE STRAFING RUN. ~~ENEMY~~ ENEMY FIRE IN AREA, UNKNOWN ON WHICH RUN AIRCRAFT HIT. (H)
6. BEN L. DYALS, 1STLT, 091202 USMCR 7333 ACTIVE, PARACHUTE NOT UTILIZED, NO INJURY.
7. N/A
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. DIRECT ENEMY ACTION/ENEMY FIRE.
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