

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 224
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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Part One

1. Organizational Data

John BROWNE	Lieutenant Colonel	Commanding Officer
Francis T. SULLIVAN	Major	Executive Officer
Robert J. NEWMAN	Captain	Administration Officer
Alfonso OSEGUERA	Major	Operations Officer
Patrick H. RUPERTUS	Captain	Logistics Officer
Bruce R. BOOHER	Captain	Maintenance Officer
John M. KRETSINGER	Captain	Aviation Safety Officer

2. Task Organization

Marine Attack Squadron 224 1-31 August 1966, MCEF, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officer	26	USN Officer	1
USMC Enlisted	162	USN Enlisted	1

Part Two

1. Narrative Summary

All squadron pilots have worked smoothly and efficiently during this month and have adapted well to the combat conditions. The pilots experience level is rising and is considered above average. Even though many flights have received enemy fire, there have been no hits scored on the aircraft.

During the month, the CAS missions were flown in support of Operation Colorado, Operation Prairie and Operation Swanee.

ENCLOSURE (3)

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
 DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
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VMA-224

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Part Three1. Administration/Personnel

During the reporting period the squadron joined one (1) enlisted from CONUS and two (2) enlisted and two (2) officers from within the Group. During the period, the squadron transferred twenty one (21) enlisted to CONUS, six (6) enlisted to units within the Group, one (1) officer to 1st Marine Division and one (1) officer to 1st MAW.

Three (3) enlisted men reenlisted for six (6) years and one (1) man reenlisted for two (2) years.

Eight (8) Corporals were promoted to Sergeant, one (1) Lance Corporal to Corporal and one (1) Private First Class to Lance Corporal.

One (1) officer, 1st Lieutenant J. H. GEORGE, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The following officers earned the Air Medal during August:

LtCol. J. BROWNE	8th & 9th Award
Maj. F. T. SULLIVAN	2nd & 3rd Award
Maj. A. USEGUERA	5th & 6th Award
Capt. B. R. BOUCHER	11th & 12th Award
Capt. W. H. GRIFFIN	1st & 2nd Award
Capt. F. J. HORAK Jr.	5th Award
Capt. J. M. KRETSINGER	2nd, 3rd & 4th Award
Capt. R. J. NEWMAN	3rd, 4th & 5th Award
Capt. P. H. RUPERTUS	2nd & 3rd Award
Capt. T. G. TAYLOR	6th, 7th & 8th Award
1stLt. R. M. BLOOM	2nd & 3rd Award
2ndLt. G. R. DOWNING	2nd & 3rd Award
1stLt. J. R. FISCHER	2nd Award
1stLt. J. H. GEORGE	4th Award
2ndLt. L. GREB	2nd Award
1stLt. B. E. JOBE	5th & 6th Award
1stLt. J. P. MCCANN	3rd Award
1stLt. E. L. NELMS	8th & 9th Award
1stLt. D. C. PUCKETT	9th & 10th Award
1stLt. K. A. STRONG	4th & 5th Award
1stLt. L. P. WILSON	2nd & 3rd Award

2. Morale/Welfare. Squadron morale has been very high during August and no exceptional problems were noted.

3. Operations

a. Air Operations. VMA-224 pilots flew 862 sorties totaling 1094.7 flight hours. 820 combat sorties for 1035.7 flying hours were flown during the month. During this period 1,896,963 pounds of bombs, 164,300 pounds of napalm, 38,570 pounds of rockets and 6,226 20mm rounds were delivered by squadron pilots.

b. Training. During the reporting period 10 enlisted men attended MAG-12 NBC School for 6 hours of instruction, 4 officers attended Jungle Survival School, Cubi Point for 1½ days, and 1 officer was sent to Embarkation School, Camp Bulter, Okinawa for 20 days.

There was a ground defense alert on 30 August and performance of the unit was satisfactory.

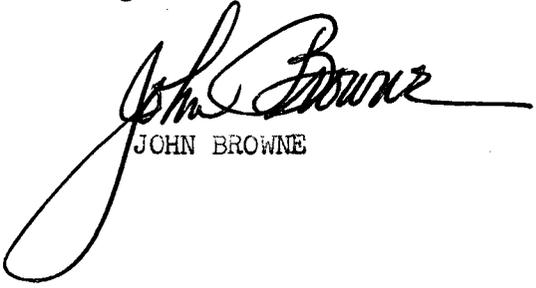
4. Logistics

VMA-224 has had an average of 22 A4E aircraft assigned of which an average of 18 were on hand.

Squadron aircraft availability has averaged 78%. Outstanding AACP's have averaged 18 per day.

A total of 17 aircraft have had the initial Shoehorn outfitting. Six (6) aircraft have also been through the Shoehorn retrofit.

An average of 70% of assigned vehicles were in a ready status.



JOHN BROWNE