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MARINE ALL WEATHER ATTACK SQUADRON 224  
Detachment C  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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5750  
31 December 1971

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 14  
(2) Commanding General, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic

Subj: Command Chronology; Period 1 July 1971 to 31 December 1971

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

1. Organizational Data.

a. Designation/Location

(1) Designation:

Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 224

(2) Location:

(a) 1 July to 15 September 1971 - Marine Corps Air Station,  
Cherry Point, North Carolina 28533

(b) 15 September to Present - Carrier Air Wing Fifteen,  
USS Coral Sea, FPO San Francisco, California 96602

b. Period Covered

1 July 1971 to 31 December 1971

c. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer: LTCOL B.R. STANDLEY 710701-Present

Executive Officer: LTCOL R.E. BRUBAKER 710701-Present

Administration Officer: CAPT R.L. HARRIS 710701-Present

Intelligence Officer: CAPT P.A. WOJCIECHOWSKI 710701-Present

Operations Officer: MAJ C.D. SMITH 710701-Present

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ENCLOSURE (5)

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| Aircraft Maintenance Officer: | MAJ R.L. GONDEK<br>LCDR S.A. BELCHER III | 710701-710801<br>710801-Present |
| Plans and Analysis Officer:   | LCDR S.A. BELCHER III<br>MAJ R.L. GONDEK | 710716-710801<br>710801-Present |
| Aviation Safety Officer:      | CAPT A.K. ALBRECHT                       | 710701-Present                  |
| Flight Surgeon:               | LT(MC) J.B. GLENN                        | 710701-Present                  |
| Sergeant Major:               | SGTMAJ J.S. BISESI                       | 710701-Present                  |

d. Average Monthly Squadron Strength

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| July         | 46              | 276             |
| August       | 46              | 289             |
| September    | 45              | 295             |
| October      | 44              | 295             |
| November     | 44              | 293             |
| December     | 44              | 293             |

2. Sequence of Events.

6-7 July 1971

In preparation for the Squadron's WestPac deployment, 21 pilots including Colonel E.R. NOWADNICK, Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 14, completed initial day carrier qualifications aboard the USS Lexington at NAS Pensacola, Florida. Each pilot received two touch and go's and ten arrested landings and catapults.

17-30 July 1971

VMA(AW)-224 deployed to NAAS Fallon, Nevada on 17 July 1971. During the ensuing two weeks, intensive Phase II and Phase III weapons training was conducted in conjunction with the deployed Carrier Air Wing 15 Squadrons.

30 August-1 September 1971

Follow-on day and initial night carrier qualifications aboard the USS Lexington were conducted between the 30th of August and the 1st of September for 19 Squadron pilots.

15 September 1971

On this date, VMA(AW)-224 arrived at Naval Air Station, Alameda, California and became a Squadron within Carrier Air Wing 15, embarked aboard the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43).

27 September 1971

On this date, LTCOL R.E. BRUBAKER made his 100th arrested landing aboard the Coral Sea (previous CVA-43 cruise landings included). Centurion award

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and CNO Safety award were presented at the same time by Captain W.H. HARRIS, Commanding Officer, USS Coral Sea.

12-20 October 1971

Squadron participation in CVW-15 Operational Readiness Inspection.

12 November 1971

USS Coral Sea departed NAS Alameda for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

17 November 1971

LCDR S.A. BELCHER III became the Squadron's second centurion on 17 November 1971.

22 November 1971

USS Coral Sea arrived at Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Squadron representatives attended an FMFPAC/CINCPACFLT pre-deployment brief.

24 November 1971

VMA(AW)-224 received an overall grade of excellent during CVW-15's Operational Readiness Exercise.

27 November 1971

USS Coral Sea departed Naval Base, Pearl Harbor for WestPac.

9 December 1971

USS Coral Sea arrived at NAS Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines.

15 December 1971

USS Coral Sea arrived at Yankee Station and commenced first line period.

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