

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 314
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Encl: ✓(1) Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1-31 March 1970.
2. This letter is down-graded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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PART I

A. DESIGNATION

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 314
 Marine Aircraft Group 13
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COMMANDER

LTCOL Thomas J. KELLY
 2 December 1969 - Present

B. STAFF OFFICERS

Daniel T. BEHN	MAJ	Executive Officer	21Feb70-9Mar70
James B. LEONARD Jr.	MAJ	Executive Officer	10Mar70-Present
Terril J. RICHARDSON	CAPT	S-1 Officer	29Nov70-19Mar70
William L. ROSEE	CAPT	S-1 Officer	20Mar70-Present
Frank W. McDUFFEE	1/LT	S-2 Officer	31Jan70-28Feb70
William M. BROWN	1/LT	S-2 Officer	1Mar70-Present
James B. LEONARD Jr	MAJ	S-3 Officer	6Dec70-19Mar70
James A. GRESS	MAJ	S-3 Officer	20Mar70-Present
Allen W. MASSEY	CAPT	S-4 Officer	16Aug70-Present
John H. TROTTI	MAJ	Maintenance Officer	13Dec70-Present
Rodney R. BURNS	SGTMAJ	Sergeant Major	20Jul70-Present
Jack L. PHILLIPS	MSGT	Maintenance Officer	5Sept70-Present
Thomas R. GAY	LT	Flight Surgeon	22Feb70-Present

C. Task Organization and Date

VMFA-314, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN, 1-31 March 1970

D. Average Strength

1. Marine Officers	47
a. Naval Aviators	27
b. Naval Flight Officers	20
c. Aviation Ground Officers	4
2. Naval Officers	1
3. Marine Enlisted	250
4. Naval Enlisted	0
5. Total	<u>302</u>

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PART II

During the month of March VMFA-314 again lead MAG-13's F-4B squadrons in all categories, flying more total sorties, combat sorties, and hours, and dropping more tons of ordnance on the enemy than any other squadron in the group.


 Enclosure (1)

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This great effort by the "Black Knights", again showed the high quality of professionalism and "Can Do" spirit characteristic of the officers and men of VMFA-314. This effort also resulted in a lowering of average flight time per sortie to one hour.

On 10 March 1970, Col T. E. MURPHREE CO of MAG-13, and Capt A. W. MASSEY launched one of the "Black Knights" F-4B's on a combat mission. Upon completion of this mission another goal was achieved by MAG-13, its 80,000th combat sortie in RVN.

On 22 March 1970 another milestone was achieved by the "Black Knights" when Lt VAN HORNE and Lt McDUFFEE returned from a combat mission marking the squadrons 25,000th such mission, a feat unparalleled by any other F-4 squadron.

On 29 March 1970 once again the call sign of "FOKKER" Flight was heard in the air as Capt M. A. RIETSCH and Lt McDUFFEE flew there F-4 into combat, but this flight held a special significance to "The FOKKER", it was his 600th combat mission in Viet Nam. This is believed to be a new record for Marine F-4 pilots in RVN. Capt RIETSCH is currently serving out his first six month extension in RVN.

The squadron supported the 1st Marine Divison, 101st Airborne, Americal Divison, 7th Fleet, 7th Air Force, ROK Marines and ARVN. The squadron participated in operations Frederick Hill, Iron Mountain, Randolph Glen, Victory Dragon, and flew numerous sorties in the Steel Tiger area.

The Battle Damage Assessment for the month is as follows and includes operations both in and out of country. It is also noted that in many situations the controllers were not allowed to give any BDA, but numerous "Well Dones" and all ordnance on target were given.

BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Structures Destroyed	38	Roads Destroyed	300m
Structures Damaged	13	Treeline Destroyed	494km
Bunkers Destroyed	65	Road Cuts	27
Bunkers Damaged	3	Fords Destroyed	1
Secondary Explosions	35	Trench Line Destroyed	675m
Secondary Fires	43	Caves Destroyed	3
Huts Destroyed	24	Fighting Holes Destroyed	28
50 Cal. Positions	1	KBMA	20
Trail Cuts	33	Bridge	1

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Total ordnance expenditure for the month was 1294.5 tons.

1. Personnel. The "Black Knights", gave a hardy fare-well and congratulations for a job well done to Lt HAMMER, along with 34 enlisted men, as they departed for CONUS or duty assignments elsewhere in RVN.

a. Promotions. E-3 to E-4 1
E-4 to E-5 8

2. Awards. The squadron presented 2 Single Mission Air Medals, 3 Air Medals, 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 1 Letter of Continuity for the month of March 1970.

3. The following officers completed the indicated number of missions during the month of March 1970 on their current tour.

MAJ LEONARD	200	LT BRUCE	100
CAPT RIETSCH	600	LT MEYER	200
CAPT CORDES	100	LT COON	200
CAPT DAHART	100	LT McDUFFEE	300
LT SHACKELFORD	100	LT FACCIOLLI	200
LT VAN MORNE	200	LT LARSON	300
LT LEWIS	200	LT VAN OVERLOOP	100
LT HORTON	100		

a. Statistics

Total Hours	695.6
Total Sorties	708
Combat Hours	685.5
Combat Sorties	695
Average Pilot Hours	25.7
Average Pilot Sorties	26
Average RIO Hours	34.8
Average RIO Sorties	35
High Day Hours	33.1
High Day Sorties	34

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4. Air Defense. In response to the tasks laid down by the 7th Air Force and 7th Fleet, the squadron flew 47 BARCAP and MIGCAP sorties for 73.5 hours.

5. Training. Squadron personnel attended the following courses; PACAF course, ABCCJ course, and Basic and TECH Training.

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