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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Subj: Command Chronology, period 1-28 February 1966 (U)
Ref: (a) 1stMAW Order 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), the subject report consisting of Parts One, Two, Three and Four, is submitted.
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MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 11

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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1 FEBRUARY 1966 - 28 FEBRUARY 1966

LOCATION

DANANG AIR BASE

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

Commanding Officer

Colonel Emmett O. ANGLIN Jr.

1 Feb - 6 Feb 1966

Commanding Officer (Acting)

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph P. MINYER

7 Feb - 24 Feb 1966

Commanding Officer

Colonel Emmett O. ANGLIN Jr.

25 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Ralph P. MINYER

1 - 6 Feb 1966 - 25 - 28 Feb 66

S-1 Officer

Major Robert R. SHEAHAN

1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

S-2 Officer

Captain Victor F. PACHECO

1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

S-3 Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. BOSWELL

1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

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Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. SAVAGE

1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

B. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION - 1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COMMANDERS</u>
MAG-11	DANANG, RVN (1-6 Feb 25-28 Feb)	Colonel Emmett O. ANGLIN Jr.
MAG-11	DANANG, RVN (7-24 Feb)	LtCol Ralph P. MANNING (Acting)
H&MS-11	DANANG, RVN	LtCol William H. BORTZ Jr.
MABS-11	DANANG, RVN	Major Douglas A. MCCAUGHEY
VMFA-314	DANANG, RVN	Major Charles A. SEWELL
VMFA-323	DANANG, RVN	LtCol Andrew W. O'DONNELL
VMF(AW)-312	DANANG, RVN (1 FEB ONLY)	LtCol Richard B. NEWPORT
VMF(AW)-235	DANANG, RVN	LtCol George A. GIBSON
VMCJ-1	DANANG, RVN	LtCol Francis C. OPEKA

C. (C) AVERAGE STRENGTH - 1 Feb - 28 Feb 1966

Marine Aircraft Group 11	2142
Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 11	471
Marine Air Base Squadron	530
Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 323	321
Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron 314	352
Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 235	222
Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1	246

D. (U) IMPORTANT VISITORS

a. During the month of February 1966, Marine Aircraft Group 1 had the following visitors:

4 Feb 1966 - Lieutenant General, Victor H. KRULAK - CG, FMFAC
 16 Feb 1966 - Honorable J. H. BUCHANAN Jr. - U.S. House of Rep.
 17 Feb 1966 - Mr. Sandy MCDONNELL - MCDONNELL Aircraft Corp.
 21 Feb 1966 - Honorable Olin TEAGUE - U.S. House of Rep.
 25 Feb 1966 - Brigadier General, W. A. STILES - ADC, 1st MarDiv.

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY
OF
SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

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PART II

SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

1. (S) During period 1-28 February 1966, Marine Aircraft Group 11 established new records as assigned aircraft flew 2048 sorties during 2,987.0 hours of flight, and delivered 1595 tons of ordnance on assigned targets. See Part III, paragraph 9.
2. (C) On 1 February 1966, VMF(AW)-235 relieved VMF(AW)-312 at Danang AB, RVN. This is the first tour for VMF(AW)-235 in the Republic of South Vietnam.
3. (S) On 19 February 1966, Marine Aircraft Group 11 continued to support Operation "DOUBLE EAGLE" as the operation was extended into PHASE II. See PART III, paragraph 11.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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PART III - SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. (C) Personnel

a. Strength as of 1 February 1966: 175 MARINE CORPS OFFICERS
4 U. S. NAVY OFFICERS

1714 MARINE CORPS ENLISTED
23 U. S. NAVY ENLISTED

	<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
H&MS-11	35	430	0	0
MABS-11	16	493	2	19
VMFA-323	43	275	1	2
VMCJ-1	33	215	0	0
VMFA-314	48	301	1	2

b. Strength as of 28 February 1966: 201 MARINE CORPS OFFICERS
9 U. S. NAVY OFFICERS

1921 MARINE CORPS ENLISTED
21 U. S. NAVY ENLISTED

	<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
H&MS-11	33	444	0	0
MABS-11	15	495	7	17
VMCJ-1	34	210	0	0
VMFA-314	44	306	1	2
VMF(AW)-235	30	192	0	0
VMFA-323	45	274	1	2

Arrivals - 107

Departures - 50 Regular rotation and emergency leave.

2. (U) Awards

(a) Presented. During the month of February 1966, 225 Air Medals, 1 Navy Commendation Medal and 2 Purple Hearts were presented to members of Marine Aircraft Group 11.

(b) Recommended. During the month of February 1966, 152 Air Medals and 2 Purple Hearts were recommended for personnel of Marine Aircraft Group 11.

3. (C) Casualties

a.(c) On 2 February 1966, Captain R. I. HARRIS successfully ejected from his F8E aircraft after receiving ground fire during a landing zone preparation mission. No injuries were sustained.

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b.(C) On 24 February 1966, 1stLt. John W. PIERCE (pilot) and 2ndLt. Billie R. ELLIS (NFO) were forced to eject after their F4B aircraft entered uncontrolled flight, as a result of enemy ground fire. Both crew members were rescued by helicopter and returned to Danang AB. Lieutenant PIERCE was evacuated to CONUS on 28 February for treatment of injuries sustained after ejection. Both crew members received Purple Heart Awards.

c.(C) On 25 February 1966, an F4B manned by 1stLt. Robert L. PAPPAS and 1stLt. John R. COLEMAN was hit by small arms fire while engaged in a napalm attack, and entered uncontrolled flight soon after it was maneuvered out to sea. Both crew members ejected into the sea, and after some delay because of bad weather and high seas, were rescued by the USS FLAGG (DER 324). The crew members were returned to Danang AB having suffered no injuries during the ejection.

5. (U) Public Information

a.(U) Second Lieutenant A. D. NEASE Jr., VMF(AW)-235, was selected for the DAR's award as "Student Naval Aviator of the Year", for 1965. When he left DaNang for the award presentation at Corpus Christi, Texas, he had been presented his first Air Medal, which was the first one awarded within the squadron.

b.(U) VMF(AW)-235 is participating in a coordinated Navy/Marine Corps IEC project. See paragraph 8. b.

6. Intelligence/Counterintelligence

a. Intelligence

(1)(S) During the month of February 1966, the Group Intelligence Section prepared 111 Steel Tiger mission briefs and 347 In-Country mission briefs. In addition, night road reconnaissance flights were started in the Steel Tiger area with a total of 22 for the period. Preparation for briefs included map preparation, terrain appreciation, enemy situation, target description, search and rescue procedures and escape, evasion and survival. In addition a total of 480 missions were debriefed.

(2)(S) The Group Intelligence Section continued to prepare maps and briefs in support of Operation Double Eagle as the Operation was extended into Phase II on 19 February.

(3)(S) The Intelligence Section promulgated a new Group Order on Corsorship (Group Order 5530.1B). See Appendix #1

7. Electronic Countermeasures

a.(S) During the reporting period VMCU-1 EF10B aircraft conducted electronic countermeasures against AAA and SA-2 fire control radars in North Vietnam. Fifty-eight (58) sorties were flown in support of the 2nd Air

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Division and twenty (20) in support of the 7th Fleet.

b.(S) In addition to the above missions, fifteen ¹²(15) "IRON HAND" ELINT sorties in North Vietnam and six (6) "IRON HAND" ELINT missions in South Vietnam were conducted for the location and collection of AAA and SA-2 fire control radar emissions.

8. Photo

a.(S) VMCJ-1 RF8A aircraft flew one hundred and fifteen (115) in-country photographic reconnaissance missions in support of III MAF.

b.(C) VMF(AW)-235 is participating in a coordinated Navy/Marine Corps ISO project with the installation of a DBM-4 16mm aeromotion camera on the fuselage pylons to take airborne color pictures of F8E air strikes.

9. Air Operations

a.(C) M4G-11 squadrons flew a combined total of 2048 sorties and 2987.0 hours of flight during the period 1-28 February 1966. The following is a breakdown by units:

VMF(AW)-235	822.5 Hours	605 Sorties
VMFA-314	840.0 Hours	611 Sorties
VMFA-323	860.6 Hours	603 Sorties
VMCJ-1	<u>463.9 Hours</u>	<u>229 Sorties</u>

TOTAL 2987.0 Hours 2048 Sorties

b.(C) The above sorties were flown in support of:

III MAF	1197 Sorties
2nd AirDiv	772 Sorties
7th Fleet	<u>79 Sorties</u>
	2048 Sorties

c.(C) The following is a breakdown of primary tasks performed:

580 Interdiction	102 Holo Land Zone Prep
119 Holo Escort & Cover	12 RESCAP
110 Aircraft Escort	16 Training Flts
481 Close Air Support	30 Test Flts
267 Direct Air Support	118 Photo
97 Armed Recce	1 Cap
81 ECM	17 Administrative Flts
17 ELINT	

d.(U) See paragraph 7. and 8. above for VMCJ-1 Flight Information.

e. Confirmed damage assessments included:

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(1)(S) Damaged: One hundred and forty-seven (147) structures, ten (10) trucks, three (3) river fords, three (3) gun emplacements, seven (7) bridges, one (1) water wheel.

(2)(S) Destroyed: Three hundred and thirty-seven (337) structures, nine (9) trucks, one (1) truck park, twenty-one (21) protective positions, six (6) gun emplacements, six (6) bridges, three (3) automatic weapons, five (5) boats.

(3)(S) Killed by Aircraft: Forty-eight (48) VC troops and one (1) cow confirmed. Thirty-one (31) VC troops probably killed, but not confirmed.

(4)(S) Other: Five (5) river fords damaged and cratered; fifteen (15) roads cut and nine (9) cratered; twelve (12) secondary explosions were observed, one (1) was 25 feet in diameter and of white smoke, one (1) was 50 feet high and 50 feet in diameter.

f.(S) The VMFA and VMF(AW) squadrons delivered a total of 1595 tons of bombs on assigned targets during the period. The following is a breakdown of ordnance expended:

5,435 - AN/M-57	1028 - MK-83
481 - MK-77	2704 - 2.75 FFAR
24 - MK-79	33,200 - Rounds of 20MM
201 - MK-81	
978 - MK-82	

g.(C) During the month of February four (4) F-4B's were maintained on 15 minute ground alert, for air-to-ground operations, from 0700-1900 daily. Two (2) were maintained on 15 minute alert status and two (2) on 30 minute alert status from 1900-0700 daily. Two (2) F-8E's were maintained on 15 minute ground alert from 0700-1900 daily, these were maintained primarily for helicopter escort. The ground alert aircraft were scrambled 37 times for a total of 74 sorties.

10. Air Defense

a.(C) Two (2) F-4B's were maintained on 5 minute ground alert and two (2) on one hour alert throughout the month. Two (2) air defense aircraft were scrambled on one occasion, the unidentified track was intercepted and identified as friendly.

11. Special Operations

a.(S) MIG-11 continued to support Operation "DOUBLE EAGLE". During the period 1-28 February 1966, 632 sorties were flown during 933.0 hours of flight, 513 tons of bombs, 1349 2.75 FFAR's and 9775 20MM rounds were delivered on target.

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✓a.(C) Change #2 to Group Order 03440.2A (Ground Defense, and Internal Security) was published on 23 February 1966. ✓See Appendix #2.

13. Command Relationship/Command Control.

a.(S) On 1 February 1966, VMF(AW)-235 reported for Operational control to MAG-11.

b.(S) On 1 February 1966, VMF(AW)-312 chopped from Operational control of MAG-11.

14. Training

a.(U) Units of this Command continued training in: area indoctrination, escape and evasion, ground defense, weapons familiarization firing, on-the-job training, and survival training.

15. Logistics

a.(S) VMF(AW)-235 arrived in RVN on 1 February 1966.

b.(U) Now that the monsoon season has passed, all logistics operations have stepped up. Camp construction is progressing well. With the availability of additional building materials during February the following buildings were completed: a group Barber Shop, a Group Armory and an enclosed shower for the SNCO's. Many supplies that were previously in open storage have been moved into a covered area that was added to the Group Supply Butler building.

16. Supply

a.(U) The "Red Ball" system has increased the flow of many critical supplies. This is evidenced by the fact that this Organization's recent Logistics Status Report showed Marine Corps furnished material at 96% and Navy furnished material at 94% complete.

17. Motor Transport

a.(U) The Group Motor Transport section has initiated a program to inspect all squadron vehicles for 1st and 2nd echelon preventive maintenance. This program will solve many unit maintenance problems. The addition of three (3) new M35A2 6X6 trucks and one (1) Rough Terrain 6000 pound fork lift has increased the Group transportation and equipment handling capability.

18. Maintenance

a.(C) On 2 February VMF(AW)-235 lost one (1) F-8E, which was hit by enemy ground fire while on a helicopter landing zone preparation mission.

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b. (C) On 24 February VMFA-314 lost one (1) F4B aircraft, as a result of enemy ground fire.

c. (C) On 25 February VMFA-314 lost one (1) F4B aircraft as a result of enemy ground fire.

d. (C) VMJ-1 installed an ARN-154 Beacon in the RF8As to increase identifying capabilities while working with the TPQ-10.

e. (C) VMJ-1 installed an ALT-2 antenna, at a right angle to the centerline of the EFLOBs, to provide side jamming of AAA.

f. (C) Two (2) F4B aircraft, of VMFA-323 received extensive combat damage during combat missions in Vietnam. One (1) was sent to the Progressive Aircraft Repair Facility at NAS, Atsugi, Japan and one (1) was repaired locally.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Appendix 11- Group Order 5530. 1B, Primary Censorship
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- 12 Group Order 03440. 2B Change 2, Ground
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific
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1 February 1966

GROUP ORDER 5530.1B

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Primary Censorship

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5530.10
(2) FMFPACO 5530.1C
(3) Wing Order PO3800.3A

Encl: (1) Censorship Training Forms

1. Purpose. To supplement the instructions set forth in references (a) through (c) and to amplify those instructions applicable to Marine Aircraft Group 11.

2. Objective. To prevent the transmission of information which might be useful to an enemy.

3. Definitions.

a. Armed Forces Censorship. The examination and control of personal communication of persons in the Armed Forces of the United States and persons accompanying or serving with Armed Forces of the United States.

b. Primary Censorship. Armed Forces Censorship performed by personnel of a squadron, station, base or similar unit, on the personal communication of persons assigned, attached or otherwise under the jurisdiction of a unit.

c. Primary Censor. Any commissioned officer or Warrant Officer (except W-1) of a squadron who performs primary censorship.

d. Censorship Stamp. Primary censorship stamps are held by the First Marine Aircraft Wing. Should Armed Forces Censorship be invoked, primary censorship stamps will be received by the Group Censorship Officer and issued to the Squadron Censorship Officers. The Squadron Censorship Officer will be designated as custodian of the squadron censorship stamps. Stamps are classified as Confidential and will be stored and accounted for accordingly.

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4. Responsibility. The Commanding Officer of each unit will be responsible at all times for the performance of primary censorship of:

a. The outgoing communications of all enlisted personnel assigned or attached to his unit except as listed in paragraph 36a (2) and (3) of reference (a).

b. Such other outgoing personal communications as may be directed by appropriate command authority.

c. Incoming communication only when directed by appropriate command authority.

5. Action.

a. Action Prior to Establishment of Primary Censorship

(1) Assign in writing one officer designated as primary censorship officer for each 100 men, duties are defined in Chapter 3 of reference (a).

(2) Designate one officer as squadron censorship officer as an additional duty, to insure proper preparation, indoctrination and compliance with censorship regulations. The censorship officer will be guided in his duties by Chapter 3 of reference (a).

(3) Incorporate basic indoctrination for all personnel into training schedules, in accordance with Chapter 6 of reference (a).

(4) Necessary training forms (Enclosure 1) will be reproduced locally. These forms will be used for training, in the event primary censorship is invoked they will be used until printed forms can be obtained through supply channels.

b. Action Upon Establishment of Armed Forces Censorship

(1) Inform all members of the Command (Squadron) immediately of the establishment of Armed Forces Censorship.

(2) No member of the Fleet Marine Force will send or receive personal mail through other than the official postal facilities.

(3) No private communications will be delayed by censorship more than forth eight (48) hours, unless it is known to contain or suspected of a security violation.

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(4) Assign Primary Censorship stamps to each designated custodian (primary censor).

6. Reports.

a. Squadrons will submit the names of primary censors to the Group Censorship Officer.

b. Reports of compliance with paragraph 5a (3) will be made within 30 days of receipt of this order.


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CENSORSHIP VALUABLES LOG

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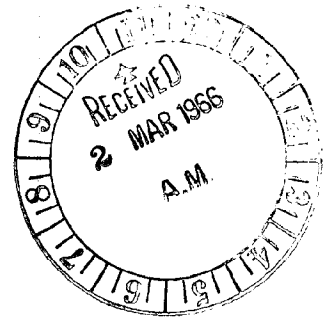
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UNIT	CENSOR'S NUMBER

DD Form 309, 1Apr60 Replaces edition of 1Oct50 and DD Form 311, 1Oct50, which are obsolete.

ENCLOSURE (1)



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From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Ground Defense and Internal Security

1. Purpose. To direct pen and ink changes to the basic order.

2. Action

a. Make the following pen changes:

(1) Page 4, paragraph 7
Insert new paragraph "i".

i. Magazines will not be inserted in weapons, nor will a round be inserted into the chamber of any weapon. The only exceptions to the above will be as directed by the MABS-11 Security Platoon Commander and the appropriate Defense Force Area Commander.

R. P. Lawler
R. P. LAWLER
Acting

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Appendix #2

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