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Marine Aircraft Group 11  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-31 December 1970

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4

Encl: ✓ (1) MAG-11 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in reference (a), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. The original correspondence only, contains complete documentation.
3. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

*R. P. Lee*

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
PERIOD COVERED  
1 December 1970 to 31 December 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Marine Aircraft Group 11

Colonel Albert C. POMMERENK

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&MS-11

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur R. ANDERSON  
1 December - 31 December 1970

MABS-11

Major Donald F. CROWE  
1 December - 18 December 1970  
Lieutenant Colonel C. L. COMFORT  
19 December - 31 December 1970

VMO-2

Lieutenant Colonel Edward P. JANZ  
1 December - 31 December 1970

VMFA-115

Lieutenant Colonel Michael MURA  
1 December - 31 December 1970

VMA(AW)-225

Lieutenant Colonel John A. MANZIONE  
1 December - 31 December 1970

VMA-311

Lieutenant Colonel Jerome T. HAGEN  
1 December - 31 December 1970

2. Location. 1-31 December 1970, DaNang Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Chester A. LIDDLE  
1 December - 31 December 1970

Adjutant

Captain Theodore A. BIRD  
1 December - 12 December 1970  
Captain Bobby STELMAN  
13 December - 31 December 1970

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## S-1 Officer

Major Floyd L. HARDING  
1 December - 22 December 1970  
Major Gary A. DAVIS  
23 December - 31 December 1970

## S-2 Officer

Major James G. COWART, Jr.  
1 December - 16 December 1970  
Major E. E. BROWN  
17 December - 31 December 1970

## S-3 Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Richard P. LEE  
1 December - 31 December 1970

## S-4 Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. HOUSEMAN, Jr.  
1 December - 31 December 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
H&MS-11	51	650	0	0	0	0
MABS-11	21	495	2	21	0	0
VMC-2	23	177	1	0	0	0
VMFA-115	44	272	1	0	0	0
VMA(AW)-225	42	240	1	0	0	0
VMA-311	<u>30</u>	<u>174</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
MAG-11	210	2012	6	21	0	0

## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December 1970, Marine Aircraft Group 11 continued its combat operations against the insurgent Communist forces within the Republic of South Vietnam as a part of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

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and the III Marine Amphibious Force. MAG-11 Squadrons flew a combined total of 2,202 sorties logging 3,277.1 hours and expending 3,843.5 tons of ordnance and supported the following operations: Frederick Hill, Jefferson Glen, and Wolfe Mountain.

## Part III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Chronology

4 December 1970	Brigadier General W. G. JOSLYN, prospective Chief of Staff, III MAF, visited MAG-11 for a brief and tour of MAG-11 facilities.
12 December 1970	VMA(AW)-225 flew the first Laser Guided Bomb Evaluation Mission.
13 December 1970	C-117D from H&MS-11 crash landed at Tan Son Nhut AFB, RVN.
18 December 1970	VMA-311 flew its 44,000 RVN combat sortie.
29 December 1970	Lieutenant General D. J. ROBERTSON, Commanding General, III MAF visited MAG-11 for a tour of MAG-11 facilities.

2. Summary of Air Operations

## a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled	1944	Day Sorties Flown	1726
Night Sorties Scheduled	451	Night Sorties Flown	476
Total Sorties Scheduled	2395	Total Sorties Flown	2202
Sorties Cancelled	607	Write in Sorties	414

## b. Units Supported

Marine	1027	7th AF	575
Army	244	ROKMC	2
ARVN	9	Other	20

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## c. Type Sorties Flown

PHOTO RECON	15	STEEL TIGER	541
VISUAL RECON	230	FLARE DROP	11
ARTY SPOT	5	SMOKE	1
CAP	147	ADMIN MISSION	99
CAS	185	ABORT	28
TPQ	196	HELO ESCORT	2
VR/TACA	44	CONVOY ESCORT	20
DAS	78	TEST FLT	82
BCN	85	WX CHECK	5
AR/CB	212	FAC(A)	85
TRNG	18	DCP	16
SENSOR DROP	1	OTHER	96

## d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours	2897.1	Operational Hours	380.0
Total Hours	3277.1		

## e. Ordnance

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
MK-82 500# GP Bomb	10,391	1596.9
MK-83 1000# Bomb	959	452.7
MK-77 Fire Bomb	430	112.1
MK-20 Rockeye	588	173.4
CBU-55	63	31.5
2.75 HE Rocket	662	8.4
2.75 WP Rocket	2,092	23.4
7.62mm M60 C	127,776	6.4
20mm	11,775	5.3
MK-45 Flare	368	4.7
2.75" 17lb Rkt	1,052	15.3
7.63 SUU-11	72,396	3.6
GBU-24	310	128.7
CS	14	3.7

f. Bomb damage assesment from sorties flown by MAG-11 squadrons can be found in the Intelligence Officer's Report; Supporting document #7.

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3. Awards

During the month of December 1970, 4 Silver Stars, 11 Bronze Stars, 13 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 1 Combat Action Ribbon, 213 Air Medals, 23 Navy Achievement Medals, 6 Navy Commendation Medals and 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal were recommended. There were 5 Air Medals awarded.

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CHRONOLOGIES OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 11 Command Chronology
- ✓2. Marine Air Base Squadron 11 Command Chronology
- ✓3. Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 Command Chronology
- ✓4. Marine Observation Squadron 2 Command Chronology
- ✓5. Marine All Weather Attack Squadron 225 Command Chronology
- ✓6. Marine Attack Squadron 311 Command Chronology
- ✓7. Marine Aircraft Group 11 Intelligence Officer's Report
- ✓8. Marine Aircraft Group 11 Logistic Officer's Report (Negative Report)
- ✓9. Marine Aircraft Group 11 Chaplain's Report
- ✓10. Marine Aircraft Group 11 Situation Report (See Appendix 7)

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From: Intelligence Officer  
To: Operations Officer

Subj: Command Chronology for December 1970; forwarding of

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.14  
(b) GrpO 5750.1B

Encl: / (1) Intelligence Chronology (S)  
/ (2) Bomb Damage Assessment for December 1970 (C)

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded herewith.

2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2).

*Earl E. Brown*  
EARL E. BROWN  
Major USMC

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a. Four orientation briefs for newly arrived aircrew members were conducted during the month. These briefs included information on SAR, Survival Tips, Lessons Learned Intelligence Briefing, and information on current situation.

b. Two Intelligence/Security Orientation Lectures for newly arrived enlisted personnel were presented during the month of December. One Crypto Security Briefs were presented to VMA(AW)-225 Avionics personnel.

2. OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

a. A total of 716 In-Country and 882 Out-Of-Country sorties were prebriefed and debriefed during this period. A large number of these missions were in direct support of the following operations: GENEVA PARK, FREDERICK HILL, IRON MOUNTAIN, NANTUCKET BEACH, PENNSYLVANIA SQUARE, WOLFE MOUNTAIN, JEFFERSON GLENN, IMPERIAL LAKE, and HIEP DONG-3.

b. MAG-11 continues to maintain a complete update on North Vietnam, including SAM, AAA, and Radar OOB. This information is necessary to support MIGCAP and BARCAP Missions.

c. MAG-11 continues to update AAAOB and targeting in the Steel Tiger East area in preparation for upcoming operations.

d. Reported significant BDA in all operations against Communist Forces in Vietnam during the month of December are as follows:

- (1) 303 Secondary Explosions or Fires
- (2) 207 Bunkers/Structures Destroyed or Damaged
- (3) 14 Enemy KBMA
- (4) 72 Trucks Destroyed or Damaged

e. The Intelligence Section continues to conduct post flight debriefs and disseminate information to support squadron pre-flight briefs to aircrews on a daily basis.

f. The Intelligence Section continues to compile the G-2 Brief Summary on a daily basis.

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<u>BDA</u>	<u>VMA (AW)-225</u>	<u>VMA-311</u>	<u>VMFA-115</u>	<u>VMO-2</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BUNKERS DESTROYED	8	46	37	3	91
BUNKERS DAMAGED	0	15	0	3	18
STRUCTURES DESTROYED	5	29	15	25	74
STRUCTURES DAMAGED	0	10	10	1	21
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS	149	32	14	2	197
SECONDARY FIRES	40	31	34	1	106
MTRS TREELINE DESTROYED	200	1700	1110	15	3025
ROAD CUTS	3	131	37	0	171
CAVES UNCOVERED	0	15	0	0	15
FIGHTING POSITIONS DESTROYED	0	7	8	0	15
TRAIL CUTS	30	100	0	0	130
MTRS TRENCHLINE DESTROYED	0	20	86	75	181
KBMA	0	9	4	1	14
TRUCKS DESTROYED/DAMAGED	62	6	4	0	72
BULLDOZERS DESTROYED	0	1	0	0	1
STORAGE SITES DESTROYED	0	8	1	0	9
TUNNELS UNCOVERED	0	3	0	0	3
LZ CLEARED	0	0	0	2	2
FERRY APPROACHES DESTROYED	0	1	1	0	2
SAMPANS DESTROYED	0	2	1	0	3
POL BARRELS DESTROYED	0	15	10	0	25
BRIDGES DESTROYED	0	1	1	0	2
FORDS DESTROYED	0	0	1	0	1
GUN POSITIONS DESTROYED	0	0	1	0	1

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 (Attn: S-3)  
Subj: Command Chronology 1-31 December 1970; submission of  
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1B

1. In accordance with reference (a), a negative report is submitted.

  
C. A. HOUSEMAN  
By direction

CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE  
Marine Aircraft Group Eleven  
First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMAF, Pacific  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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5 Jan 1971

From: Protestant Chaplain, MAG-11  
To: Commanding Officer, MAG-11 (attn: S-3)

Subj: Monthly Command Chronology for December 1970

1. Religious Activities

- a. Four Sunday morning Protestant services were conducted with a total attendance of 151.
- b. Conducted eight Bible-Study-Discussion sessions with a total attendance of 40.
- c. Nine layleader-led LDS services were held in the MAG-11 Chapel with a total attendance of 48.
- d. Several MAG-11 personnel attended Lutheran services at the Wing Chapel weekly.
- e. Had numerous individual and small group discussions on religious and moral themes while visiting working and recreational spaces.
- f. Conducted three special Christmas services with total attendance of 72.

2. Counseling, Interviews and Lectures

- a. Counseled 31 men.
- b. Had personal interviews with 24 men checking into squadrons in MAG-11.
- c. Had numerous consultations that would not strictly fit in the category of "professional counseling" but in which considerable time and counsel were expended.
- d. Gave two drug-abuse lectures.

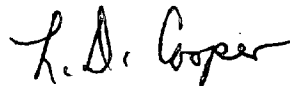
3. Visits, Calls, Meetings

- a. Visited the Dispensary, Dental Clinic, working and recreational spaces regularly on an average of two hours per day.
- b. Attended MABS AOM.
- c. Attended regular Ringneck Briefs.
- d. Attended DaNang area Chaplain's conferences.

4. Civil Affairs

- a. 16 Marines from MAG-11 taught English three evenings each week to approximately 150 students at Anh Sang High School in DaNang; the Semester ending on 21 December.
- b. Visited with Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries and others.
- c. Visited with principal of Vinh Minh School twice.

- d. Visited Anh Sang Vocational School at Hoa Khanh three times and Anh Sang High School in DaNang three times.
- e. Visited with ARVN I Corps. Protestant Chaplain three times.
- f. Attended Christmas party for English teachers at Anh Sang High School.
- g. Attended Christmas service and party for ARVN dependents at ARVN Protestant I Corps. Chapel.
- h. Participated in presentation of wheelchairs to paraplegics at ARVN Hospital. Attended dedication of Chapel-meeting-paraplegic supply building at ARVN Hospital.
- i. Attended Christmas service and party at Hoa Khanh Vocational School for students, refugees and families.
- j. Contributed 50 lbs. of candy to Vinh Minh School for Christmas party.
- k. Contributed approximately 500 toys sent by contacts in U.S. to ARVN dependents and Hoa Khanh students and refugee children at Christmas time.
- l. From Protestant Chapel Fund contributed \$50.00 to be used for Tin Lanh Churches, \$50.00 for the Wing Civic Action Christmas toy project, and \$100.00 for scholarships for students in the Anh Sang schools.



L. D. Cooper  
LCDR, CHC, USNR  
Protestant Chaplain

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE  
 Marine Aircraft Group Eleven  
 First Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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 1 Jan 1971

From: Catholic Chaplain's Office  
 To: MAG-11, S-3  
 Subj: Monthly Command Chronology, for December 1970

1. Divine Services Conducted

Sunday

MAG-11 Masses (8)-Attendance 181  
 MWHG-1 Masses (8)-Attendance 242

Holy Days 8 December & 25 December

MAG-11 Masses (4)-Attendance 144  
 MWHG-1 Masses (6)-Attendance 171

Daily

MAG-11 Masses (3)-Attendance 8  
 MWHG-1 Masses (17)-Attendance 62

2. Other Religious Activities

Confessions held before Mass.

Professional Counselling Sessions were held with 44 Marines.

Pre-Marital Counselling Sessions were held with 2 Marines.

Visited hospital once.

Spoke at indoctrination lectures with 58 new troops in attendance.

Delivered two Red Cross messages of death in family.

Attended Catholic Day of Recollection. for Chaplain's of I Corps.

Attended luncheon with Rear Admiral Francis Garrett, CHC, USN,

Chief of Chaplain's as guest of honor.

Attended a reception for His Eminence Terrence Cardinal Cooke,

Catholic Military Vicar.

Gave invocation at Many Mission Dinner.

3. Civic Action Activities

Teaching English to Nuns at Pope John XXIII School, An Hoa.

Seven Marines teaching conversational English to children at

Pope John XXIII School, An Hoa.

Transportation arranged for Marines to visit Sacred Heart

Orphanage, China Beach every Sunday afternoon, 45 Marines

participated in this.

Twenty Vietnamese girls from Sacred Heart School, DaNang, sang

at Christmas services.

Attended III MAF Personal Response Seminar.

Presented Sister Rose, Sacred Heart School, DaNang with \$200.00  
 as a result of Christmas card sale.

Attended luncheon given by Bishop Chi, Catholic Bishop of DaNang.

4. Donations from Catholic Chapel Fund

Bishop Chi, \$25.00

Pope John XXIII Seminary, \$50.00

5. Other Donations from the Group

200 blankets and 200 lbs. of soap to Sacred Heart Orphanage.

50 lbs. of new clothing to Sacred Heart Orphanage. Stateside gift to Chaplain for orphans.



G.T. McMahon  
LT, CHC, USNR  
Catholic Chaplain