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for February 1966

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR FEBRUARY 1966Part I - Organizational Data

- a. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
1-28 February 1966
- c. Task Organization
N/A
- d. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GIBSON, G. A.	CO	LTCOL		LTCOL
SMITH, K. E.	XO	MAJ		MAJ
CARROLL, W. R.	S-1	LT		CAPT
KIEVIT, R. J.	S-2	LT		CAPT
EVERSOLE, C. J.	S-3	MAJ		MAJ
DOWNING, D. E.	S-4	WO		CAPT

- e. Average Strength
NA - 26
AG - 4
NMC - 1
MAR ENL - 191
- f. Visitors to Command
N/A

Part II - Highlights. The beginning of the reporting period coincided with the squadron's arrival at Da Nang AB, RVN. This is the first time a Marine F-8 squadron has deployed as a unit from the Second Marine Aircraft Wing into RVN. Within twenty-four hours after arrival the squadron began flying combat airstrikes in support of elements of III MAF.

Part III - Sequential Listing of Events

- a. Personnel - All members of the squadron arrived at Da Nang AB, RVN by 4 February. They were airlifted from MCAS El Toro by MAC C-135s.

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b. Administration - The turnover between VMF(AW)-312 and the squadron was smoothly executed. Fifteen pilots completed the requirements for their first Air Medal during the reporting period.

c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - As a part of the coordinated III MAF effort, the squadron flight surgeon pays periodic visits to local institutions to render medical services.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - The squadron has published its liberty order and is vigorously pursuing its program of maximum liberty consistent with mission accomplishment. All squadron members are encouraged to attend religious services.

e. Public Information - Second Lieutenant A. D. NEASE Jr was selected for the DAR's award as "Student Naval Aviator of the Year", for 1965. When he left Da Nang for the award's presentation at Corpus Christi, Texas, he had been presented his first Air Medal, which was the first one awarded within the squadron.

f. Casualties - N/A

g. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A

h. Air Operations - During the reporting period the squadron flew 603 combat sorties for a total of 820 hours. These sorties consisted of air to ground missions in the I and II Corps areas, helicopter escort, airborne tanker escort, and TPQ-10 missions in support of III MAF forces, and day and night special missions. On 16 February a flight of three made the first night interdiction strike under flares that F-8s have flown in RVN.

i. Air Defense - The squadron flew limited GCI and radar calibration sorties to provide controller training for local agencies.

j. Ground Defense - The squadron has three ground defense platoons which are in a ready status on consecutive days from sunset until sunrise. Each platoon is commanded by one of the squadron's three Aviation Ground Officers.

k. Special Operations - The squadron participated in Phase I and Phase II of Operation Double Eagle.

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - The squadron 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 F-8 air strikes.

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n. Command and Control - As of 011121Z February VMF(AW)-235 changed Opcon/Adcon from MAG-31 to MAG-11.

o. Training - The squadron has initiated a comprehensive program of training both in the MOS area and in combat skills. The emphasis in combat skills training has been placed upon combat marksmanship, small unit tactics and first/self aid.

p. NBC - The squadron NBC SOP has been published. NBC team organization and assignments have been accomplished, and all personnel have been issued the M-17 Field Protective Mask.

q. Logistics and Supply - The squadron is currently resolving the differences between the Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) and those listings on other allowance lists, i.e., Sections M, P, T; Op-1 and TBA. Completion of the resolution, coupled with required requisitioning, should place the squadron on a firm logistical basis. Another facet, which has necessitated considerable research and liaison, has been the determination of supply and maintenance support requirements from H&HS-11 and MABS-11. Daily AOCF rate was 11 and ANFE rate was 29.

r. Motor Transport - N/A

s. Engineering - N/A

t. Maintenance - Average daily aircraft availability rate, based upon on-hand, in country, aircraft strength, has been above seventy percent.

u. Communications/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - One (1) F-8E BuNo 149142 lost on a Helo Landing Zone Prep flight on 2 February 1966 as a result of enemy ground fire. The pilot, Captain R. I. HARRIS 079540/7305 USMC successfully ejected and was immediately rescued.

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