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 for April 1966

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Ser: 003A17766MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER SQUADRON 235
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR APRIL 1966Part I - Organizational Dataa. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVNb. Period Covered
1-30 April 1966c. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
GIBSON, George A.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
SMITH, Kenneth E.	XO	MAJ	MAJ
CARROLL, William R.	Admin O	LT	CAPT
EVERSOLE, Carl J.	Ops O	MAJ	MAJ
GARRISON, Marvin T.	Maint O	MAJ	MAJ
DOWNING, David E.	Log O	WO	CAPT

d. Average Strength
NA - 22
AG - 3
NMC - 1
MAR ENL - 201Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

a. Personnel - Two officers and nine enlisted were joined. Six officers and two enlisted were transferred from the squadron. During the reporting period 22 enlisted were promoted; 11 to Corporal and 11 to Lance Corporal. Five of the squadron's NCOs were notified by GMC letter of 12 April 1966 of their selection for temporary Warrant Officer. Five internal collateral duty changes were made among the officers. Pilots have qualified for 90 air medals/gold stars to date.

b. Administration - Fourteen directives remain to be reviewed and/or up dated. The squadron Administration SOP was written and approved. The Operations Department moved into a newly completed building, which allows the Administration Department full occupancy of the building previously shared with Operations.

c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - The squadron flight surgeon and other squadron personnel made three visits to the Vietnamese area outside the main gate and the orphanage at China Beach. The flight

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surgeon held routine sick calls during these visits.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - Defense condition "yellow" was lifted and the squadron's daily trip to the China Beach facility was resumed. All personnel are encouraged to attend religious services of their choice. The squadron coffee/soft drink mess has been temporarily shut down due to a shortage of soft drinks.

e. Public Information - Second Lieutenant Allen D. NEASE 091205/7305, was featured in the Pacific Stars and Stripes, Navy Times, and the Sea Tiger, the III MAF newspaper, on being chosen outstanding Marine Corps flight student for the year 1965. The 13 April edition of the Pacific Stars and Stripes featured an article on the squadron's efforts in its people to people program. Mention was made how each of the squadron's 17 aircraft carries the name of one of the 17 principal cities in the I Corps area on it's side. On the other side the words, "A firm ally of South Vietnam" are stenciled. The Navy Times also featured an article entitled, "VMF-235 Keeps Enemy on Run", citing the squadron for its noteworthy achievements since its arrival into RVN.

f. Casualties - N/A

g. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A

h. Air Operations - The squadron flew 886.4 hours and 696 sorties for the month. These consisted of air to ground missions in the I Corps area, helicopter escort, landing zone prep, TPQ/ID missions in support of III MAF forces, and day and night special missions. On 22 April, the squadron flew it's 2000th sortie, 86 days after reporting to RVN.

i. Air Defense - N/A

j. Ground Defense - Aircraft revetments were constructed in the squadron flight line area. Improvements were made to the ordnance section's small arms ammunition locker.

k. Special Operations - During the reporting period the squadron flew in support of the following operations: Hot Springs, Virginia, Wyoming, Oregon, Georgia and Osage.

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - N/A

n. Command and Control - N/A

o. Training - Technical training was conducted in each man's primary MOS. General military subjects taught during basic training were Intelligence and Security, Moral Guidance, and Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defense.

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p. NBC - One hundred and forty men received training on the proper fit, serviceability checks, and how to change the M-13 filter element of the M-17 Field Protective Mask. An AN/PDR-27 Radiac Instrument was received, bringing the squadron's NBC allowance up to full strength. Weekly serviceability inspections on all instruments and filter units continues.

q. Logistics and Supply - The material section submitted a total of 1018 requisitions, 75 turn-ins and 15 surveys into the supply system. The squadron IMRL was completed. A cardex system was set up to assist in keeping a standing inventory of Marine Corps Property. Average AOCF rate was 28 requisitions on two aircraft and ANFE rate was 55 requisitions on 16 aircraft.

r. Motor Transport - The squadron had 90% availability on all Section ^M gear while covering 8,416 miles and about 50% availability on engineering equipment.

s. Engineering - N/A

t. Maintenance - Average daily aircraft availability rate was above 70%. Average ground support equipment for the reporting period was as follows: TUD-80 66%, NC-5 0%, NC-10 50%, Air Compressors 66%, GTC-85s 30% and Weapons Loaders 88%. An improvement was made to the bomb dump area by the installation of lights. A corrosion control program was instituted whereby, availability allowing, two aircraft weekly are flown to NAS Cubi Point, RP for a thorough cleaning and washing.

u. Communications/Electronics - Three frequency changes were incorporated into the aircraft frequency plan during the reporting period.

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - N/A

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