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for June 1966

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR JUNE 1966

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- a. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
1-30 June 1966
- c. 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
SWINDLE, Orson G.	Admin O	LT	CAPT
SMITH, Kenneth E.	Ops O 1-18 June	MAJ	MAJ
DOWNING, David E.	Ops O 19-30 June	MAJ	CAPT
BRANDON, Jack A.	Maint O	MAJ	MAJ
DOWNING, David E.	Log O 1-18 June	WO	CAPT
PHILLIPS, LaMar V.	Log O 19-30 June	WO	CAPT
DOWNING, David E.	"A" Flt Cmdr		
FRITCHETT, Louis C.	"B" Flt Cmdr		
KOWALCZYK, Edwin S.	"C" Flt Cmdr		

- d. Average Strength
NA - 26
AG - 7
NMC - 1
MAR ENL - 188

Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

a. Personnel - Nine officers and one enlisted man were joined. Five officers and eight enlisted men were transferred from the squadron. During this period one officer was promoted, two temporary Warrant Officers were appointed from enlisted status. Twenty enlisted personnel received promotions during the period: (Seven to Sergeant, eight to Staff Sergeant, three to Gunnery Sergeant, and two to Master Sergeant.) Pilots qualified for 29 air medals/gold stars this period for a total of 153 since the squadron's arrival in RVN. One Meritorious Mast was awarded during the period.

b. Administration - Eight squadron bulletins and two orders were published this period, most notable was the squadron Typhoon Evacuation and Aircraft Storage Plan.

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c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - The squadron flight surgeon made one visit to the China Beach Orphanage, during which routine sick call was held. Toys were distributed when other squadron personnel made visits to the orphanage.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - A squadron party by flights was held on three consecutive days at the China Beach recreational facility. In addition, daily trips to the beach facility were continued through out the period. A refrigerator was placed in the squadron's reading and writing room to provide soft drinks to personnel utilizing the facility. Attendance of religious services of personal choice was continuously encouraged.

e. Public Information - Mention of the squadron completing its 3000th combat sortie and photo of the pilot who flew it was in the July 5th issues of the Sea Tiger. A total of 503 press releases were submitted for publication during the period.

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f. Casualties - N/A

g. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A

h. Air Operations - The squadron flew 678 sorties and 831.8 hours during the month. During the period of 2300H 9 June to 2300H 10 June, the squadron surpassed the previous MAG-11 record for number of sorties flown by a squadron in a 24 hour period, by flying 41 sorties. ~~On 12 June the~~ squadron flew its 3000th combat sortie, 132 days after its arrival in RVN. Sorties flown during the period covered consisted of air to ground missions in the I and II corps areas, Helicopter Escort, ID/TFQ missions, Landing Zone Preps/Cover, Practice GCI/Recons, and day and night Special Missions.

i. Air Defense - N/A

j. Ground Defense - The squadron assumed control for Area "C" in the MAG-11 Ground Defense Plan during the month.

k. Special Operations - During the period the squadron flew in support of the following operations: Cakland, Joy, Kansas, Turner and Florida. Four sorties were flown during early hours of 16 June in support of the reconnaissance element of 1st Marine Division which encountered an enemy force of battalion size. These sorties were part of the close air support that brought praise for the professional manner in which it was conducted.

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - N/A

n. Command and Control - N/A

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o. Training - Two fam firing periods were conducted for zeroing of individual weapons. Seven pilots attended JEST school and one, Sea Survival training during the month.

p. NBC - The filter unit, gas particulate, M-6 remains inoperative pending receipt of parts.

q. Logistics and Supply - The material section submitted a total of 886 requisitions, 120 turn-ins and one survey into the supply system for a total of 1007 supply transactions. In addition, the Marine Corps Property section processed 83 requisitions. Wooden pallet walk ways were positioned around the Material and Marine Corps Property area. The Marine Corp Property open storage area was repositioned.

r. Motor Transport - The squadron's Section "M" equipment was maintained on 95% availability during the period and covered 9,887 miles. Engineering equipment was maintained to a 75% availability rate.

s. Engineering - N/A

t. Maintenance - Average aircraft availability for the period was above 80%. Average ground support equipment availability for on hand equipment during the period was: TUD-80 66%, NC-5 50%, NC-10 25%, air compressors 33%, GTC-85s 60%, and MJ-1 100%.

u. Communications/Electronics - The Condole alert phone was moved from the flight line tent to the alert trailer where pilots stand by for Hot Pad launches.

18- v. Combat Aircraft losses - F-8E BuNo 150316 sustained BRAVO damage when it struck tree tops while on a strafing run.

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