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Encl: ✓(1) Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 235 Command Chronology
 for July 1966

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
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- a. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
1-31 July 1966
- c. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
MICKLE, Don A.	CO	LTCOL	MAJ
SMITH, Kenneth E.	XO	MAJ	MAJ
SWINDLE, Orson G.	Admin O	LT	CAPT
DOWNING, David E.	Ops O 1-16 Jul	MAJ	CAPT
PRITCHETT, Louis C.	Ops O 16-31 Jul	MAJ	CAPT
BRANDON, Jack A.	Maint O	MAJ	MAJ
PHILLIPS, LaMar V.	Log O	WO	CAPT
DOWNING, David E.	"A" Flt Cmdr 1-21 Jul		
SWINDLE, Orson G.	"A" Flt Cmdr 21-31 Jul		
PRITCHETT, Louis C.	"B" Flt Cmdr		
KOWALCZYK, Edward S.	"C" Flt Cmdr		

- d. Average Strength
NA - 26
AG - 8
NMC - 1
MAR ENL - 169

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Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

a. Personnel - One officer and two enlisted were joined. Seven officers and 21 enlisted men were transferred from the squadron. During this period two officers were promoted. Five temporary Second Lieutenants and one temporary Warrant Officer were appointed from the enlisted status. Four enlisted personnel received promotions during the period: (One to Gunnery Sergeant, one to Staff Sergeant, one to Sergeant, and one to Master Sergeant.)

Pilots qualified for 44 air medals/gold stars this period for a total of 197 since the squadron's arrival in RVN.

Thirteen Meritorious Mast's were awarded during the period.

b. Administration - Six squadron bulletins and one order were published during this period.

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c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - No visits were conducted at the China Beach Orphanage due to area reapportionment.

South Vietnamese laborers were hired to tidy and keep up the tent quarters and surrounding areas.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - On 21 July trophies were presented to the victorious VMF(AW)-235 softball team (no losses) by MajGen ROBERTSHAW at the MAG-11 headquarters.

e. Public Information - Pictures of the Change of Command ceremony which was held on 1 July at the Open Air Theater, were taken and a story published in the Sea Tiger. On 22 July an article on the First Marine Aircraft Wing Anniversary was published in the Stars and Stripes. The article mentioned Captain David E. DOWNING, Captain Orson G. SWINDLE III, First Lieutenant Edward H. MENZER and First Lieutenant Michael H. HARPER who flew a special four plane mission against the Viet Cong to help celebrate the occasion.

On 24 July a photo of Captain Edward S. KOWALCZYK was taken as he completed the squadron's 4000th sortie. As of yet a story has not been published.

A total of 271 press releases were submitted for publication for the period.

f. Casualties - N/A

g. Intelligence and Counter Intelligence - N/A

h. Air Operations - The squadron flew 787 sorties and 1051.2 hours during the month. This flight hour total surpassed the old MAG-11 record set by this squadron last March, however 18 sorties and 25.6 hours were a result of flights flown out of country.

On 24 July just 174 days after the squadron arrived in RVN, the squadron flew its 4000th "In Country" sortie. Sorties flown during the period covered consisted of Helo Escort, Reconnaissance/GCI, TPQ's, DAS, Divert Foreign Field, Blue Blazer, CAP, CAS, Landing Zone Cover, Convoy Escort, Cover, Strike, Tally Ho, and Photo Escort.

i. Air Defense - The squadron flew six sorties in support of the Air Defense Exercise on 13 and 14 July. In addition, the squadron flew CAP missions while air to ground strikes were carried out in support of operation Hastings.

j. Ground Defense - The squadron relinquished control of Area "C", in the MAG-11 Ground Defense Plan, to VMFA-323.

k. Special Operations - During the period covered the squadron flew in support of the following operations: Hastings, Macon, Franklin, Washington, Holt, Jay and Oakland.

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1. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - The squadron flew two Photo Escort missions for VMJ-1.

n. Command and Control - On 1 July, at the Da Nang Air Base, Major Don A. MICKLE accepted command of Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron-235 from Lieutenant Colonel George A. GIBSON. The ceremonies were held at the Marine Aircraft Group 11 Open Air Theater.

c. Training - Eight pilots attended JEST School in the Philippines and one pilot attended Sea Survival School in Japan.

p. NBC - N/A

q. Logistics and Supply - The material section submitted 540 (Project 50) requisitions, 84 (Project 40) requisitions, 79 (NSA, Project 01) requisitions 23 (APA, Project 01) requisitions, and two (Project 03) requisitions, making a total of 728 requisitions submitted into the supply system. In addition five surveys and 99 turn-ins were submitted.

The entire Navy Property section was moved. A new system for preparation and processing of squadron requirements for Projects 01, 40 and 50 was started.

The entire Marine Corps Property section was moved and a new locator system was set up. Thirty four requisitions were submitted and one turn-in was completed.

r. Motor Transport - The squadron's Motor Transport Section maintained 90% availability during the period. The section also logged 10,230 miles, the highest since the squadron arrived in RVN.

s. Engineering - Engineering equipment availability during the period was 98%.

t. Maintenance - Average aircraft availability for the period was above 75%.

Average Ground support availability for on hand equipment during the period was: TUD-80 50%, NC5 00%, NCL0A 33%, Air Compressor 62%, GTC-85 49%, MJ-1 87%.

u. Communications/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - N/A

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