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MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER SQUADRON TWO THREE FIVE
 Marine Aircraft Group 11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for August 1966 (U)

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

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
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Part I - Organization Data

- a. Designation Location
 VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
 1-31 August 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
PRITCHETT, Louis C.	Ops O	MAJ	CAPT
VANOUS, Fredric J.	Maint O	MAJ	CAPT
DONNELLY, Patrick J.	Log O	WO	1st Lt
SWINDLE, Orson G.	"A" Flt Cmdr		CAPT
PRITCHETT, Louis C.	"B" Flt Cmdr		CAPT
KOWALCZYK, Edwin S.	"C" Flt Cmdr		CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA-18
 AG-10
 NMC-1
 MAR ENL-169

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Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

a. Personnel - One officer and three enlisted were joined. Eight officers and five enlisted were transferred from the squadron. Two temporary Second Lieutenants were commissioned from enlisted status. Thirty six enlisted personnel were promoted as follows; 17 to Lance Corporal, 18 to Corporal, one to Staff Sergeant.

Pilots qualified for 26 air medals/gold stars during the period for a total of 223 since the squadron's arrival in VietNam.

Four Meritorious Mast's were awarded during the month.

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

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c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - Visits to the China Beach Orphanage by the squadron Flight Surgeon were cancelled when this facility was placed under another unit's responsibility for medical care.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - Personnel are afforded the opportunity and encouraged to attend religious services of their choice. A squadron party was held at the China Beach recreation facility on 3 August.

e. Public Information - Two hundred twenty Fleet Hometown News Releases were submitted to Wing ISO. The squadron was mentioned in an article concerning MAG-11's anniversary in the August issue of Stars and Stripes for the amount of flight hours flown during the month of July.

f. Casualties - N/A

g. Intelligence/Counterintelligence - Burning of official correspondence, papers and personal mail was reiterated.

h. Air Operations - The squadron flew 624 sorties and 792.2 hours during the month. This was the lowest number of hours and sorties since the squadron has been "in-country", however the tempo of operations was hampered by five aircraft mishaps.

Type missions flown during the period were: Tally-Ho (Interdiction missions in North Vietnam), Helo Escort/Cover, Red and Blue Blazers, (Red-Wing fraged DAS missions in support of 3rd MAF; Blue-Air Force fraged missions in support of I Corps), TPQ's, Strikes, Convoy Escorts, Landing Zone Cover and Preps, CAS, Photo Escort, Air Drop Escorts, and Tanker Escorts.

i. Air Defense - N/A

j. Ground Defense - The size of the defense structure for the squadron's area of responsibility ("Area "C") was increased from a squad to a platoon.

k. Special Operations - During the month, missions were flown in support of operations Prairie, Pawnee, Jackson, Colorado, and Swanee.

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - N/A

n. Command and Control - N/A

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o. Training - Technical training continued to be conducted by shops within the various departments. One pilot completed Sea Survival School, three attended Jungle Escape Survival Training, Cubi Point, P. I., and one enlisted completed Embarkation School during the period.

p. NBC Warfare - N/A

q. Logistics - The Navy Property section handled 642 requisitions, completed 14 surveys and 105 turn-ins, and commenced work on the new IMRL during the period.

The Marine Corps Property section submitted eight requisitions, completed two turn-ins and recovered 782 equipment that was not necessary for immediate use by personnel.

r. Motor Transport - Vehicles were maintained at a 94% availability during period while covering a total of 9,826 miles.

s. Engineering - Engineering equipment was maintained at a 93% availability throughout the month.

t. Maintenance - Average aircraft availability was 69% during the month. Ground support equipment availability is as follows: TUD - 80 76%, NC-5 19%, NC-10A 6%, GTC-85 55%, MJ-2 100% and Air Compressors 66%.

u. Communications/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - N/A

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