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

Subj: Command Chronology for September 1966 (U)

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

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. This letter is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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Part I - Organizational Data

- a. Designation Location  
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered  
1-30 September 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
HARPER, Michael H. Jr.	Admin O	LT	LT
FRITCHETT, Louis C.	Ops O	MAJ	CAPT
VANOUS, Fredric J.	Maint O	MAJ	CAPT
FOLEY, Robert A.	Log O	WO	CAPT
VANOUS, Fredric J.	"A" FLT CMDR		CAPT
FRITCHETT, Louis C.	"B" FLT CMDR		CAPT
HONEYWELL, James A.	"C" FLT CMDR		CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA-21  
AG-11  
NMC-1  
MAR ENL-163

Part II - Sequential Listing of Events

a. Personnel - Four officers and one enlisted man were joined. One officer and four enlisted men were transferred from the squadron. Seven officers were promoted to the next higher rank and one enlisted person was commissioned a temporary Second Lieutenant. Fifty-one enlisted personnel were promoted as follows; six to Lance Corporal, 30 to Corporal, 13 to Sergeant and two to Staff Sergeant.

First Lieutenant P. J. DONNELLY was awarded a (single mission) Air Medal for a mission flown during the month of August.

Pilots qualified for 20 air medals/gold stars during this period. There

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were six pilots that qualified for silver stars in lieu of air medals.

Captain F. J. VANOUS was awarded the Secretary of the Navy Commendation for Achievement Medal.

One officer and thirteen enlisted men were awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for service in the Dominican Republic.

Lance Corporal J. E. RAY was awarded the Certificate of Commendation by the Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing.

Two Meritorious Masts were awarded during the month.

The Marine of the Month award went to Corporal L. M. DECKER.

Captain L. C. PRITCHETT was awarded two pistol-expert Requalification Bars for the years 1957, 1958, 1961 and 1962, 1963 and 1964.

b. Administration - Four squadron bulletins and a change to one squadron order were published during the period.

c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - The squadron Flight Surgeon made several MedCaps to the City of Da Nang and was accompanied by First Lieutenant DUFFER and several other interested members of VMF(AW)-235. Staff Sergeant JOBBAGY received several boxes of new clothes and handed them out to orphans in Da Nang. Sergeant CORDES also received clothes for the same purpose, and First Lieutenants DUFFER and HARPER were in touch with three additional persons anxious to send clothes and food. Second Lieutenant BROWN was working actively with the MAG-11 Civil Affairs Officer and the Protestant Chaplain on these and other suggested programs.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - Squadron participation in Savings Bond and savings plan programs was repeatedly stressed by the Commanding Officer. A new Personal Affairs Officer was appointed, First Lieutenant DUFFER, and he is making an effort to make himself widely known as a counselor.

Special Services worked closely with MAG-11 to provide an all squadron beach party and several departmental picnics at China Beach.

An increase in the availability of R&R quotas resulted from repeated requests from this squadron and others in MAG-11. A total of 25 R&R quotas were filled.

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j. Ground Defense - Area "A" and "C" defense platoon commanders were briefed by the S-2 Officer on the expected increase of Viet Cong operations around the Da Nang area during the coming monsoons.

k. Special Operations - During the month, missions were flown in support of Operations Prairie, Pawnee and Glimmer.

l. ECM - N/A

m. Photo - N/A

n. Command and Control - First Lieutenant M. H. HARPER was assigned as the new Administrative Officer replacing Captain O. G. SWINDLE.

Captain F. J. VANOUS was designated as "A" Flight Commander and Captain J. A. HONEYWELL was designated as "C" Flight Commander, replacing Captain O. G. SWINDLE and Captain E. S. KOWALCZYK respectively.

o. Training - Two pilots attended JEST school at Cubi Point in the Philippines and one pilot attended Sea Survival school in Japan during the month.

Pilot training was conducted on a weekly basis and will continue until further notice. Subjects covered during this period were; The J57 Engine, Stall and Spin Characteristics of the F-8, F-8 Bomb Delivery Techniques and Flight Physiology.

Technical training was conducted in each Marine's primary MOS. General military training was not held this period.

p. NBC Warfare - N/A

q. Logistics - The Navy Property section handled 569 requisitions, completed seven surveys and 89 turn-ins. The requisitions submitted consisted of the following: 420 Project 50 requisitions, 78(NSA) Project 01 requisitions, 32 Project 40 requisitions, 27 (APA) Project 01 requisitions, and 12 Project 10 requisitions.

Transition into the IMRL system was completed.

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The Marine Corps property section submitted 48 requisitions and completed seven turn-ins.

r. Motor Transport - The squadron had 100% availability on all Section "M" gear while covering 9,501 miles.

Engineering equipment was maintained at 57% availability.

s. Engineering - N/A

t. Maintenance - Average aircraft availability was 65% during the month.

Ground support equipment availability was maintained as follows: TUD-80 33%, NC-5 38%, NC-10A 0%, GTC-85 83%, Air Compressor-82%, Aircraft Cleaning Machine-50% and the Hydraulic Test Stand-48%.

u. Comm/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - None

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