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Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein), 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade
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- a. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-235 Da Nang AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
1-15 November 1966
- c. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u> <u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
ROGAL E. R.	CO	LTCOL	LTCOL
DILLEY D. E.	XO	MAJ	MAJ
HARPER M. H. Jr.	Admin O	LT	CAPT
WITTER H. F.	Ops O	MAJ	MAJ
RIDINGS W. H.	Maint O	MAJ	CAPT
FOLEY R. A.	Log O	WO	CAPT
FOLEY R. A.	"A" FLT CMDR		CAPT
RIDINGS W. H.	"B" FLT CMDR		CAPT
DONNELLY P. J.	"C" FLT CMDR		CAPT

d. Average Strength

NA -23
AG -6
NMC -1
MAR ENL -165

Part II - Sequential listing of events

a. Personnel - Five officers and thirty two enlisted men were joined. Seven officers and forty four enlisted men were transferred. The high personnel turnover was in preparation for this squadrons reforming with MAG-15 (Rein).

Pilots qualified for a total of 11 Air Medal/Gold Stars during the period. Six pilots were awarded their first Air Medal.

b. Administration - Marine Aircraft Group 11 and First Marine Aircraft Wing directives were screened and set aside for VMF(AW)-232.

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c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - Three boxes of clothing were given to Marine Aircraft Group 11 for distribution.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - N/A

e. Public Information - The squadron released a total of 32 Fleet Home Town News Releases. The decline in number was due to the rotation of the squadron to Japan.

f. Casualties - Captain Orson G. SWINDLE III 078193/7305 was listed as missing in action as of 11 November 1966. Captain SWINDLE was observed safely on the ground approximately 20 miles north west of Dong Ha just across the Demilitarized Zone in North Viet Nam. Captain SWINDLE was flying a squadron aircraft but was attached to H&HS-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. His aircraft was crippled as a direct result of enemy ground fire while engaged in a DAS mission in North Viet Nam.

g. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A

h. Air Operations - During the reporting period the squadron flew 275 sorties for 326.4 combat hours. Sorties consisted of TPQ, MSQ, DAS, CAS, Helo Escort, Convoy Escort, Landing Zone Prep/Cover, Talley Ho and Tiger Hound missions. Most of the combat operations were flown in support of III MAF Forces and Operation Prairie.

On 13 November 1966 Captain William H. RIDINGS 073966/7302 flew the 6000th combat sortie. The squadron ended its first 9½ months in RVN with 6028 combat sorties for 7,743.1 total combat flight hours.

i. Air Defense - N/A

j. Ground Defense - Area A and C defense platoon commanders were briefed by the squadron security officer on an expected increase of Viet Cong operations between the 1st and 5th of November. By 10 November VMCJ-1 assumed the Area "A" defense responsibility for VMF(AW)-235 due to the movement of personal to Okinawa and Japan in anticipation of the squadrons transfer to Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein).

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

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n. Command and Control - Lieutenant Colonel E. R. ROGAL relieved Major D. A. MICKLE as Commanding Officer. Major D. E. DILLEY was assigned as the new Executive Officer replacing Major K. E. SMITH and Major H. F. WITTER replaced Major F. J. VANOUS as the new Operations Officer. On 15 November 1966 the squadron departed RVN. On 17 November 1966 the squadron arrived at MCAS Iwakuni for ADCON MAG-15, OPCON 79.3.

o. Training - One officer attended Embarkation School in Okinawa. Pilot training was conducted on a weekly basis. Subject covered while in RVN included ordnance fusing, Moreset procedures, overwater navigation and navigation facilities available between Da Nang AB and MCAS Iwakuni.

Technical training was conducted in each Marines primary MOS. General military training was not held during this period.

p. NBC Warfare - N/A

q. Logistics - The Navy property section submitted 410 project 50 requisitions, 19 project 40 requisitions, 69 (NSA) project 01 requisitions, 46 (APA) project 01 requisitions 0 project 03 requisitions and 0 project 10 requisitions, making a grand total of 544 requisitions submitted to the supply system.

An inventory of all IMRL items was completed. The logistics department completed 0 surveys and 107 turn - ins during the period covered.

r. Motor Transport - During the period covered, VMF(AW)-235 motor transport vehicles drove 5427 miles while maintaining 98% availability of all equipment.

For the 9½ months that the squadron was in country, the motor transport section drove 84,452 miles while maintaining 98% over-all availability of equipment.

s. Engineering - The availability of engineering equipment during the period covered was 34%

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t. Maintenance - The average squadron aircraft availability for the month of November was 58.4%. Eight aircraft completed the C-1 Shohorn modification and one replacement aircraft was received.

Ground support equipment availability was as follows: TUD-80 58%, Ford Tractor 64%, NC-5 60%, GTC 85 65%, Hydraulic Test Stand 75%, Aircraft Cleaning machine 0%, Air Compressor 70% and NC-10A 15%. These figures are for the first 15 days of the month while the squadron was still operating in RVN.

During the 9½ months of operation in RVN, squadron aircraft dropped 4,913.6 tons of bombs and expended 195,630 rounds of 20mm ammunition.

u. Comm/Electronics - N/A

v. Combat Aircraft Losses - DB-14 BuNo 150858 sustained Alpha damage as a direct result of enemy action. The aircraft was brought down by fire in North Viet Nam.

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