

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Marine Aircraft Group-12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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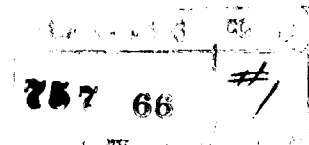
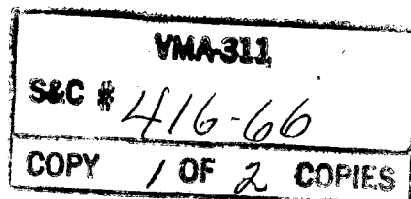
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
of  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Period 1-31 July 1966

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol, USMC, Commanding, 1-31 July 1966  
Donald G. GASCOIGNE, Maj, USMC, Executive Officer  
Laurin DEWOLF, Maj, USMCR, Operations Officer  
Harry W. LUPLOW, II, LstLt, USMCR, Intelligence Officer  
Thomas L. WATKINS, Capt, USMC, Administrative Officer  
Con D. SILARD, Maj, USMC, Maintenance Officer  
John M. DYE, Capt, USMCR, Logistics Officer

2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

a. Task Organization. None

b. Unit Location. Chu Lai Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

3. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC Officers - 29  
USMC Enlisted - 159  
USN Officer - 1  
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Major C. D. SILARD and Captains R. N. EMANUEL and F. M. ONSTOTT were promoted to their present rank. Gunnery Sergeant C. E. NIDA was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and 5 other enlisted men were promoted during the month.
2. The average aircraft availability was 67%.
3. The squadron flew 970.5 hours with an average on board count of 15 aircraft and 20 pilots.

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## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel.

- a. The squadron is two (2) officers and seven (7) enlisted below manning level.
- b. Four (4) officers and five (5) enlisted were promoted during the month.
- c. Five (5) Meritorious Masts were given to deserving personnel.
- d. The squadron has 80% Savings Bond participation.

2. Public Information. The Technical Information Control Officer processed thirty (30) Fleet Home Town News Releases.

3. Morale and Welfare Program. Eighteen (18) personnel were sent on R&R this month.

4. Air Operations.

a. During July 726 sorties and 970.5 hours were flown. Of the total 678 (93%) were combat sorties and the remainder were fam, ferry, or test flights. The breakdown of combat sorties is as follows:

(1) TPQ	199 (29%)
(2) Blue/Red Blazer/DAS	173 (26%)
(3) Helo Escort	158 (23%)
(4) CAS	61 (9%)
(5) Specials	46 (7%)
(6) Tally Ho	41 (6%)

b. Twenty (20) pilots not assigned to the squadron flew 88 sorties for a total of 121.2 hours. This represents 12% of total sorties and hours flown.

c. The squadron expended the following amounts of ordnance during July: ANM 64-324, MK 77-132, ANM 65-10, MK 79-12, ANM 66-2, AERO 7D-80, MK 81-1112, AERO 7E-4, MK 82-412, MK 7 (JATO)-4, MK 83-193, LAU 10-20, 20MM ammo 15,081. A total of 680,900 lbs of ordnance.

d. Two (2) pilots were transferred and another, the Operations Officer, is in receipt of orders.

5. Ground Defense.

a. Several defensive positions were improved or expanded in the squadron area.

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b. Participated in two (2) ground alert drills.

c. Completed platoon reorganization.

6.. Training.

a. One pilot attended water Survival School at Numazu, Japan. Three (3) Pilots attended JEST at Cubi Point, P. I. and another the Nuclear Weapons Refresher Course at Iwakuni, Japan.

b. Pilot training lectures included:

- (1) Ground Control Bombing System.
- (2) Mark IV Gun Pod.
- (3) First Aid.
- (4) Communications Security.

7. Logistics.

a. Captain J. D. RILEY relieved First Lieutenant B. L. LINDSAY as squadron Materiel Control and IMRL Officer. An inventory of Navy property was conducted.

b. An informal A&M Inspection of the Logistics Section was held by Group Supply.

c. Joined five (5) new personnel, 2-MOS 3071, 1-MOS 3537, 1-MOS 3516, 1-MOS 3531.

d. DPI Listing for Embarkation reworked and completed.

e. Marine Corps Property inventoried. All shortages put on order.

f. Reviewed all outstanding obligations.

g. Went from highest number of AACP's in the Group to the lowest.

8. Maintenance.

a. Average availability for month of July was 67%. This was an increase of 14.48% over last month.

b. Average number of AACP's were 17 per day.

c. A-4E BuNo 152017 sustained minor damage 7-5 during moreset landing. Damage repaired locally.

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d. A-4E BuNo 152001 sustained damage to tail due to tailhook slap. Aircraft repaired at Cubi Pt. and returned 7-22.

e. A-4E BuNo's 152017 and 151190 received damage by hostile ground fire. Both aircraft repaired locally.

f. A-4E BuNo 151190 was damaged in landing incident. Permission received for one time flight to PAR. Scheduled PAR date 7-30-66.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Supporting Documents.

a. None.

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