

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
of
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Period 1-31 August 1966

PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol., USMC, Commanding, 1-31Aug66
Donald G. GASCOIGNE, Major, USMC, Executive Officer
Con D. SILARD Jr., Major, USMC, Operations Officer
Harry W. LUPLOW, II, 1stLt, USMCR, Intelligence Officer
Thomas L. WATKINS, Capt., USMC, Administrative Officer
John B. PARKER, Capt., USMC, Maintenance Officer
John M. DYE, Capt., USMC, 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 - 27
USMC Enlisted - 152
USN Officer - 1
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 10 August Captain R. N. EMANUEL flew VMA-311's 7,000th combat sortie in the Republic of Vietnam.
2. On 28 August 1stLt L. J. WEHNER flew VMA-311's 10,000th combat hour in the Republic of Vietnam.
3. The average aircraft availability was 65%.
4. The squadron flew 884.2 hours with an average on board count of 14 aircraft and 16 pilots.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel.

a. The squadron is five (5) officers and eighteen (18) enlisted below manning level.

b. Twenty-seven (27) enlisted were promoted during the month.

c. Two (2) Meritorious Masts were given to deserving personnel.

d. The squadron has 75% Savings Bond participation.

2. Public Information. The Technical Information Control Officer processed twenty-eight (28) 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 August the Squadron flew 695 sorties and 884.2 hours. The following is a break down of the type of sorties flown:

(1) DAS	54 (7.8%)
(2) Tally Ho	92 (13.3%)
(3) CAS	96 (13.9%)
(4) TPQ	182 (25.7%)
(5) Landing Zone Prep	36 (5.3%)
(6) Blue/Red Blazer	77 (11.1%)
(7) Helo Escort	109 (15.8%)
(8) Other (Fam, Test, Ferry)	49 (7.1%)

b. Fourteen (14) pilots not assigned to the squadron flew 68 sorties and 92.4 hours. This represents 9.9% of the total sorties and hours flown.

c. The squadron expended the following amounts of ordnance in August: 20mm-5,056 rds, ANM 64-443, ANM 65-6, ANM 66-25, ANM 81-205, MK 81-1,506, MK 82-534, MK 83-95, MK 77-102, MK 79-71, LAU 10A-31, AERO 7D-64, AGM 12B-16.

d. The squadron changed Operations Officers at the beginning of the month. Two (2) pilots were transferred and two (2) pilots joined.

5. Ground Defense.

a. Continuing improvement of the defensive positions was carried on this month.

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- b. Participated in one (1) ground alert drill.

6. Training.

a. One pilot attended Water Survival School at Numaza, Japan. Two pilots attended JEST at Cubi Point, P. I. and five attended Nuclear Weapons Refresher Course at Iwakuni, Japan. One pilot went to Kadena AFB, Okinawa for Low Pressure Chamber and Seat Ejection Refresher.

- b. Pilot training lectures included:

- (1) Short Field Operations
- (2) JATO

- c. Three personnel attended a 3 day NBC School.

7. Logistics.

- a. The 150 Aero 20A Safety Pins for Ordnance were received.

- b. New orders published pertaining to Supply S.O.P.

- c. Received a grant of \$157,000.00 Ø1 Funds, requested \$23,000.00 more.

d. Lt. CEBROWSKI assigned as Marine Corps Property Officer vise Lt. SHIKANY, Pfc HICDON joined Marine Corps Supply Section as relief for LCpl BAUER.

- e. Received engine for low pressure compressor, listed on Logistic Status report.

- f. Ordered 10 fire extinguishers Project 51.

- g. Five typewriters at MCAF Futema for repair.

- h. Pilots locker room constructed.

- i. A&M inspection held at Motor Transport.

- j. Rain gear issued to personnel requiring same.

- k. Received new IMRL from Wing.

- l. Ordered NOMEX flight suits priority Ø2.

8. Maintenance.

a. Average availability for the month of August was 65%. This was an average of 14 aircraft in A1 status and 9.1 A/C up.

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- b. Average number of AOC's was 11 items per day.
- c. A-4E BUNO 152000 returned from Cubi. Had been down for engine change since 6-21-66.
- d. A-4E BUNO 151198 departed for PAR 8-7-66.
- e. A-4E BUNO 151199 left for PAR 8-21-66.
- f. A-4E BUNO 151200 returned from PAR on 8-28-66.
- g. During the month of August three engines were lost, one from FOD, one from Hi-Time, and one from excessive oil leaks. One engine has been received.
- h. Total personnel decreased by five during the month to 124 total.
- i. Presently five aircraft are at PAR and one enroute back.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Supporting Documents.

a. None.

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