

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
of  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Period 1-30 September 1966

## PART I

## ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol., USMC, Commanding, 1-30Sep66  
John A. JENNINGS JR. Major, USMCR, Executive Officer  
Charles L. PHILLIPS, Major, USMC, Operations 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 - 23  
USMC Enlisted - 147  
USN Officer - 1  
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Major J. A. JENNINGS relieved Major C. L. PHILLIPS as Executive Officer. Major PHILLIPS became the Operations Officer.
2. 1stLt T. H. HAWKING was killed on 16 September during the Helicopter rescue attempt following a successful ejection.
3. Average aircraft availability was 64.6% for this period.
4. The squadron flew 854.0 hours with an average on board count of 15 aircraft and 17 pilots.

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## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

a. The squadron strength averaged 86% of the Manning Level during the reporting period.

b. Fifty (50) enlisted personnel were promoted during the month.

c. Major C. D. SILARD, Captains D. Y. HEALY and W. F. SCHWAB were awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry for their flights in Operation Colorado.

2. Public Information. The TIO Officer processed Fifty-four (54) Fleet Hometown News Releases.

3. Morale and Welfare Program. Fifteen (15) personnel were sent on R&R this month.

4. Air Operations.

a. During September the squadron flew 691 sorties for 854.0 hours. the following is a breakdown of the type of sorties flown:

(1) DAS/Red-Blue Blazers	48 (7.0%)
(2) Tally Ho	115 (16.6%)
(3) CAS	108 (15.6%)
(4) TPQ	237 (34.2%)
(5) HE/LZP/LZC	137 (19.8%)
(6) Other (Fam, Ferry, etc.)	46 (6.8%)

b. Twenty three (23) non-squadron pilots flew 97 sorties amounting to 119.8 hours which represented 14% of total sorties flown.

c. The squadron expended the following amounts of ordnance by type in September: 20MM-10,263 rds, ANM 57-16, ANM 64-103, ANM 66-30, MK 81 1,050, MK 82-1,397, MK 83-83, MK 84-6, MK 77-67, LAU 3-19, JATO-110.

d. Two pilots joined the squadron and four pilots were transferred.

e. 1stLt T. H. HAWKING ejected approximately 175 miles South of Chu Lai on 16 September after striking trees on pull out from a Bombing Run. He was subsequently killed when he fell from the rope being used in a helicopter rescue attempt.

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5. Ground Defense.

a. Continuing repairs to the squadron's defensive positions were required this month as a result of soil erosion and jet blast.

b. The squadron participated in one (1) Ground Alert Drill and one (1) actual alert. Reaction time was satisfactory in both instances.

6. Training.

a. One pilot attended the E&E school at NAS Cubi Point, P. I..

b. The locally conducted NBC School was attended by one Officer and four (4) enlisted men.

c. Pilot training included numerous NATOPS and Safety subjects which were discussed at regular APMs. Particular emphasis was placed on procedures and responsibilities of pilots designated as Tactical Air Controller (Airborne). Special Strike Zone operations and target identification was thoroughly discussed.

7. Logistics.

a. Five (5) badly needed typewriters were returned from repair this month.

b. Received the new IMRL, additions were ordered, a list of items for excess were compiled and submitted to MAG-12 for disposition and items not required have been signed by the C. O..

c. All pending projects have been reviewed, follow ups submitted where necessary and the ones no longer required were cancelled.

d. The boot repair facility at FLSG was closed. In the future all unservicable boots must be surveyed.

e. Inventoried all Marine Corps Property supplies with no discrepancies noted.

f. Cerelists 94-47315 and 94-47263 required transmission repairs during September.

g. A Quarterly vehicle inspection was made. The general condition of all vehicles was good.

h. The Project 01 budget estimate was submitted.

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i. HI VAC turn in documents were added to all flight packets.

8. Maintenance.

a. Average aircraft availability was 64.6% during September.

b. The average daily number of AOCP's was nineteen (19) items with a one day high of twenty five (25) and a low of nine (9). The oldest dated AOCP at the end of the month was dated 31 August.

c. Aircraft BUNO 151059 recieved "BRAVO" damage on 11 September as a result of a midair collision with an Air Force spotter plane. This aircraft is presently awaiting transportation to PAR at Atsugi, Japan.

d. Aircraft BUNO 152020 crashed on 16 September and was stricken from the records.

e. Six (6) aircraft had the second increment of SHOEHORN incorporated during the month.

f. BUNO 149976 was inducted into PAR. BUNO's 151199, 151189, 151198, 151159 and 151190 are either undergoing PAR or are enroute between Chu Lai and Atsugi, Japan. BUNO 151200 returned from PAR.

g. CSD failures were the major factor preventing a 70% aircraft availability. A peak of seven (7) CSD's were on order for one day. The second major problem area was horizontal trim override switches. Three (3) switches were needed at the beginning of the month and a requirement for two (2) still existed at the close of the month.

h. Maintenance personnel on hand increased to 131.

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