

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
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Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-31 October 1966

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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ENCLOSURE (5)

Oct 1966

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Period 1-31 October 1966

PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol., USMC, Commanding Officer, 1-31Oct66  
Joseph J. MCCAFFREY, Major, USMC, Executive Officer  
John J. JENNINGS JR., Major, USMCR, Operations Officer  
John B. PARKER, Major, USMC, Administrative Officer  
Charles L. PHILLIPS, Major, USMC, Maintenance Officer  
John M. DYE, Captain, 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 - 29  
USMC Enlisted - 166  
USN Officers - 2  
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Major J. J. MCCAFFREY relieved Major J. A. JENNINGS as Executive Officer. Major JENNINGS relieved Major C. L. PHILLIPS as Operations Officer and Major PHILLIPS became the Maintenance Officer.
2. Average aircraft availability was 64% for October.
3. The squadron flew 695.5 hours with an average on board count of 17 aircraft and 21 pilots.

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Enclosure (1)

## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

- a. Four (4) officers and seventeen (17) enlisted personnel were promoted
- b. Three (3) enlisted personnel received meritorious masts.

2. Public Information: The TIO officer processed twenty-six (26) Fleet Hometown News Releases.

3. Morale and Welfare Program: Fourteen (14) personnel were sent on R & R.

4. Air Operations:

a. During October the squadron flew 556 sorties for 695.5 hours, the following is a breakdown of the type of sorties flown:

|                              |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| (1) DAS/Red-Blue Blazers     | 51 (9.1%)   |
| (2) Tally Ho/Sp              | 53 (9.2%)   |
| (3) CAS                      | 67 (12.2%)  |
| (4) TPQ                      | 221 (39.6%) |
| (5) HE/LZP/LZC               | 100 (18.4%) |
| (6) Other (Fam, Ferry, etc.) | 64 (11.5%)  |

b. Twenty Two (22) non-squadron pilots flew 71 sorties amounting to 96.9 hours which represented 12.7% of total sorties flown.

c. The squadron expended the following amounts of ordnance by type in October: 2016 Rds of 20MM, 193 MK 77, 18 LAU 3, 788 MK 81, 81 MK 82, 4 MK 84, 52 ANM 64, 100 ANM 65, and 1 ANM 66.

d. Six (6) pilots were transferred and Eight (8) pilots joined in October.

5. Ground Defense: One actual alert was held in October and the reaction time was somewhat hindered due to the absence of sounding the siren identifying the type of alert.

6. Training:

a. Two pilots were sent to Low Pressure Chamber/Ejection Seat refresher in Okinawa.

b. Numerous pilot training, NATOPS, and safety briefings were conducted through APM's and Flight Schedule notes. Particular emphasis was placed on complacency, foul weather operations, and ordnance patterns.

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7. Logistics:

- a. Received OPTAR grant of 179,000.00
- b. Received authority to order certain project 51 items previously budgeted for.
- c. Budget for next quarter submitted on project 10 and 51.
- d. All custody cards, master and sub-custody re-signed.
- e. Invoiced 2 hydraulic stands to MAG-11.
- f. Received one new air compressor.
- g. Safety shoes issued to flight line personnel.
- h. Pre-A&M inspection held by Group Supply, Navy Section received excellent rating, Marine Corps Section received outstanding, A&M inspection was post-poned until March 1967.
- i. Received 2,000 sand-bags for renovation of squadron foxholes.
- j. Submitted following number of documents during the month of October, NORSG 98, NORSN 31, Pri 05 266, Pri 12 102, other Pri 02 136.

8. Maintenance:

- a. Average availability for the month was 64%.
- b. Average number of AOCPS was 17 per day. The most outstanding AOCPS as of 31 October is dated 16 October. The AOCPS rate decreased to 3.3 per day.
- c. BuNo 151059 shipped to repair and transferred. BuNo's 150035 and 149968 received from VMA 224. BuNo 151159 received from PAR and BuNo 152000 sent to PAR.
- d. BuNo's 149976, 151199, 151190 are presently at PAR.
- e. APN/141 Radar Altimeter repair was hindered due to the bench tester being inoperative part of the month.
- f. On Hand personnel increased to 150.

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