

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Marine Aircraft Group-12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, Pacific  
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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-12  
Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-31 December 1966  
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Encl: ✓(1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period of 1-31 December 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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
of  
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Period 1-31 December 1966

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Paul G. MCMAHON, LtCol., USMC, Commanding Officer, 1-5Dec66  
Roger A. MORRIS, LtCol., USMC, Commanding Officer, 6-31Dec66  
Joseph J. MCCAFFREY, Major, USMC, Executive Officer  
John M. RAPP, Major, USMC, Operations Officer  
Karlton L. BATT, Major, USMC, Administrative Officer  
Charles L. PHILLIPS, Major, USMC, Maintenance Officer  
John C. COFFIN, Major, USMC, Materiel 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 - 34  
USMC Enlisted - 167  
USN Officers - 1  
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Average aircraft availability was 75.5%.
2. The squadron flew 804.0 hours with an average on board count of 17 aircraft and 29 pilots.

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## PART III

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Personnel:

a. Two (2) officers and twenty-seven (27) enlisted personnel were promoted.

b. One (1) enlisted man received a meritorious mast.

2. Public Information:

a. The TIO officer processed nineteen (19) Fleet Hometown News Releases.

3. Morale and Welfare Program:

a. Twenty-five (25) personnel were sent on R&R.

4. Air Operations:

a. During December the squadron flew 613 sorties for 804.0 hours, 560 of these sorties were combat sorties.

b. Twelve (12) non-squadron pilots flew 63 sorties amounting to 79.5 hours. This represented 10.3% of the Total sorties flown.

c. The squadron expended 430.8 tons of ordnance in December; 1,335 bombs, 60 Napalm, 7,795 rounds of 20MM, 90 bottles of JATO, 31Aero-7D, and 8 Aero 7E's.

d. Three (3) pilots were transferred and five (5) pilots were joined this month.

5. Ground Defense:

a. Minimal improvements were effected this month due to the impending excavation between the East runway and taxiway.

b. The squadron now has 10,000 sandbags standing by until permanent positions can be dug in.

6. Training:

a. The following is a breakdown of the personnel who attended schools in the month of December:

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Of Personnel</u>	<u>School (location)</u>	<u>Days</u>
	2	LowPress. Chamb. (Okinawa)	2
	4	JEST (NAS Cubi, P.I.)	1.5
	11	NBC (Chu Lai)	.5

b. Pilot training included a survival lecture, a resistance to interrogation lecture and numerous safety and NATOPS briefings. Foul weather flying was emphasized, pointing out the hazards of low altitude, shallow dive angle deliveries.

7. Logistics:

- a. Inventory held on Navy and Marine Corps Property.
- b. Submitted following number of documents for December. NORSG 58, NORSN 19, other priority 02 87, Priority 05 158, Priority 12 152.
- c. 1967 desk calenders are not available at the Group or Wing.
- d. Shoe repair truck is still down for parts.
- e. 200, 55 Gallon drums procured for the ordnance dump revetments.
- f. Wooden walkways started in the enlisted billeting area and the materiel area on the flight line.
- g. Motor Transport received 4 M-100 trailers.
- h. An annual inspection and repainting of all squadron water trailers has been completed.
- i. A MELA, 5000 gallon aircraft refueler trailer, Survey number 9416-0050, has been turned into FLSG salvage.

8. Maintenance:

- a. Average availability for December 1966 was 75.5%. This is 3.5% more than November and is based on 17 aircraft in country.
- b. Lack of engines in country prevented this figure from being substantially higher. From the 19th through the 28th there were 5 bare firewalls. 2 engines have been received, 3 are still outstanding.
- c. Average number of AOPC's was 18 items per day. The oldest AOPC is for a nose strut assembly dated 10-27-66.
- d. During the month of December, BUNO'S 151997, 151999, and 152004 were inducted into PAR. BUNO 152000 was returned from PAR. BUNO'S 151993

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and 151996 were in PAR for the entire period.

e. Increased personnel during this period reflects an increase generally in the maintenance capability of this department.

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