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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-12
Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-31 January 1967
Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1C
Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period of 1-31 January 1967

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 January 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Roger A. MORRIS, LtCol., USMC, Commanding Officer, 1-31Jan67
Joseph J. MCCAFFREY, Major, USMC, Executive Officer
John M. RAPP, Major, USMC, Operations Officer, 1-14Jan67
Joseph J. KANE, Major, USMCR, Operations Officer 15-31Jan67
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 - 186
USN Officers - 1
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Average aircraft availability was 70.8%.
2. The squadron flew 914.0 hours with an average on board count of 19 aircraft and 28 pilots.
3. On 20 January VMA-311 flew its 10,000 combat sortie in the Republic of Vietnam.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

a. Thirteen (13) enlisted personnel were promoted and no officers were promoted.

b. There was no meritorious mast this month.

2. Public Information:

a. The TIO officer processed twenty-four (24) Fleet Home-town News Releases.

b. VMA-311 flew the record breaking 10,000 combat sortie during this month, adequately covered by military and civilian news agencies.

3. Morale and Welfare Program:

a. Twenty-one (21) personnel were sent on R&R.

4. Air Operations:

a. During January the squadron flew 721 sorties for 914.0 hours, 661 of these sorties were combat sorties.

b. Seventeen (17) non-squadron pilots flew 99 sorties amounting to 126.5 hours. This represents approximately 15% of the Total sorties flown.

c. The squadron expended 676.125 tons of ordnance in January; 3,393 bombs, 190 Napalm, 12,557 rounds of 20MM, 78 LAU-3, 6 LAU-10, 4 AERO-7D, and 112 bottles of JATO.

d. Two (2) pilots were transferred and one (1) pilot was 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.

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6. Training:

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

<u>No. of Personnel</u>	<u>School(Location)</u>	<u>Days</u>
24	3M(Chu Lai)	2
12	Shrike(Chu Lai)	3
5	LowPress.Chamb.(Okinawa)	2
3	JEST(NAS Cubi Pt., P. I.)	1
1	JEST(Clark AFB., P. I.)	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. The Material section has conducted its own inspection. The section was found to be in good condition. The few discrepancies that were found, have been corrected.

b. The new squadron IMRL has been received and additions/deletions have been posted to the custody cards. No disposition action for excess items, caused by allowance changes in the new IMRL, have been taken. This office is awaiting authority from Wing to make IMRL changes and to dispose of excess IMRL equipment.

c. Barrel revetments around the ordnance area have been completed.

d. The washroom and the TV room have been completed in the enlisted billeting area.

e. A request that the advance party be transported by Air-lift has been submitted. The Embarkation OIC and NCO are presently working on the squadron embarkation plan.

f. The desk calanders reported as not being available on last months Command Chronology report, are now being received in limited amounts. More are expected shortly.

g. Submitted following number of requisitions for the month of January: NORSG 81, NORSN 20, Other 02 64, Priority 05 81, Priority 12 68.

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8. Maintenance:

a. The average availability for the month of January was 70.8%. This is based on an average of 19 aircraft for the month. There were 1435 hours of scheduled maintenance, 1665 hours of unscheduled maintenance, and 1226 hours of non-operational time due to supply.

b. On 31 January there were 27 AOCP's on order. The oldest dated requisition being 17 November 1966 for a Tacan Cooling Fan.

c. The primary deterrent to 80% availability was the lack of Engines and CSD's. There were three bare firewalls and a shortage of five Constant Speed Drives.

d. BuNo 151993 was inducted into PAR and BuNo 152001 returned from PAR. BuNo's 151996 and 151997 were in PAR for the entire month.

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