

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 12
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-30 June 1967

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period of 1-30 June 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).


E. LICHTENWALTER

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ENCLOSURE (3)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
of
MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Period 1-30 June 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Roger A. MORRIS, LtCol., USMC, Commanding Officer, 1-7 June 1967
Eugene LICHTENWALTER, Maj., USMC, Commanding Officer, 8-30 June 1967
Samuel O. NEWLON, Maj., USMCR, Executive Officer
Charles L. PHILLIPS, Maj., USMC, Operations Officer
John W. ROBERTS, Maj., USMC, Maintenance Officer
James G. COWART, Maj., USMC, Material Officer
Leo M. SPAETH, 2ndLt., USMC, Administrative Officer

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

- a. Task Organization. None
b. Unit Location. Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers - 26
USMC Enlisted - 207
USN Officers - 1
USN Enlisted - 0

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. On 7 June Major E. LICHTENWALTER relieved LtCol. R. A. MORRIS as Commanding Officer of VMA-311.
2. During June VMA-311 rotated into a combat zone flying 906.2 hours representing 705 sorties with an average on board count of 16 aircraft and 18 pilots.
3. Average aircraft availability was 58%.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel:

- a. During June there were two (2) Meritorious Masts.
- b. In June one hundred and sixty two (162) home town news releases were made.
- c. Two (2) officers and ten (10) enlisted were joined. Seven officers (7) and seven (7) enlisted were dropped during the month.

2. Air Operations:

- a. During June the squadron flew 705 sorties for a total of 906.2 hours.
- b. Sixteen (16) non-squadron pilots flew 110 sorties amounting to 138.5 hours. This represents 15.2% of the total hours flown.
- c. Seven (7) pilots were transferred and one (1) pilot was TAD during the month of June, while one (1) pilot joined.
- d. The squadron expended 973 tons of ordnance in June.

3. Ground Defense:

- a. Ground defense experienced one alert in June.
- b. Ground defense positions were extensively improved during the month of June.

4. Training:

- a. One (1) pilot attended jungle environmental survival training and one (1) pilot attended nuclear weapons refresher training.
- b. Squadron pilots received training in survival, ejection seat, Shrike, enemy weapons, SAM tactics and APR 27.
- c. Squadron staff NCO's held technical training during this period.

5. Material:a. NAVY PROPERTY

(1) During the past month, a total of 57 AACP's have been completed. The daily average number of AACP's was 25, and at present, there are a total of 32 outstanding.

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CONFIDENTIALb. MOTOR TRANSPORT

(1) All weekly preventative maintenance was performed on schedule. Motor transport had 100% of assigned vehicles in operation on 29 June. A program was started to insure that all drivers are thoroughly acquainted with and strictly adhere to MAG-12 traffic rules and regulations.

6. Maintenance:

a. Average availability for the month of June was 58 percent. Not Operational Ready Maintenance (NORM) 41 percent and Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) 01 percent. NORM time can be explained as take over maintenance from VMA-121 and NORS can be reflected due to the fact that 94 items were cannibalized for aircraft availability for the month of June.

b. Accepted fifteen (15) A4E aircraft from VMA-121 on 2 June 1967. Of the aforementioned aircraft, two were in PAR and two were in repair for battle damage. 5 June 1967, received one aircraft from VMA-223, two from PAR, and one A4E was ferried to PAR. 8 June 1967, received one A4E from VMA-223; 11 June 1967, received one A4E from VMA-211; 19 June 1967, received one A4E from VMA-211; 22 June 1967, received one A4E from VMA-223. Total aircraft assigned as of 30 June 1967, 22 A4E's.

c. During the month of June 1967, two A4E's, BuNo's 150107 and 151198 were sent to NAS Cubi Point for Shoehorn modification. Aircraft completed and returned 27 June 1967.

d. Significant problem areas:

(1) Three GTC-85's of the six allowed have been down for engines for over three months. Two of the remaining in commission will soon be due for 500 start checks.

(2) Three allowed high pressure air compressors are on order with none on hand. One low pressure air compressor is out of commission for a fly wheel, which has been on order since early May.

(3) This organization has on hand two of the allowed four tow tractors. The remaining two tractors were utilized only 70% because of down time.

(4) Four of the allowed nine wing jacks were out of commission for parts upon transfer of assets on 3 June. Parts are on order.

(5) Lack of ANPSM4C multimeters substantially reduces ordnance and avionics efficiency for line checks and routine avionics maintenance. Six are on order.

(6) Four of six allowed SATS loaders have been down for parts. Five were down upon transfer of assets on 3 June and were down for months previous to that date.

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(7) Considerable problems are experienced by excessive down time on the NC10A's.

e. Four aircraft inducted into periodic inspection during June. One aircraft in check on initial acceptance. Three checks were completed during the month of June. One, on completion of check, will still have nose landing gear repair in progress.

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