

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1967

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Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1967

1. In accordance with instruction 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 1967

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Richard B. TABER, LtCol, USMC, Commanding Officer
Gale HARLAN, LtCol, USMC, Executive Officer
John W. WARRENDER, Major, USMCR, Operations Officer
Rodney O. LAWRENCE, Major, USMC, Maintenance Officer
Robert D. LEIPOLD, Major, USMC, Material Officer
Leo M. SPAETH, 1st Lt. USMC, Administration Officer 1-13 December 1967
Robert W. WARDLAW, Major, USMC, Administration Officer 14-31 December 1967

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

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

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers - 32
USMC Enlisted - 165
USN Officer - 1

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. VMA-311 flew 58 combat sorties in a 12 hour period on 28 December. During December VMA-311 passed its 16,000th combat sortie and 21,000th combat hour in RVN.
2. During December 1967 VMA-311 flew a total of 1022.5 hours, of which 977.4 were combat hours. A total of 828 sorties, of which 784 were combat, were flown during this reporting period.
3. Average aircraft availability was 67% with an average on board count of 16 aircraft and 26 pilots with 3 pilots TAD.
4. Total tonnage dropped this reporting period was 1082 tons.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel:

a. Nine (9) officers and fifteen (15) enlisted were joined during this reporting period. Two (2) officers and twenty (20) enlisted were transferred during December.

b. One (1) enlisted man was promoted.

2. Air Operations:

a. During December 1967 the squadron flew 828 sorties for a total of 1022.5 hours.

b. Eighteen (18) non-squadron pilots flew 114 sorties amounting to 140.0 hours. This represents 13% of the total flown.

c. Two (2) pilots were transferred and ten (10) joined during December 1967.

3. Training:

a. One (1) enlisted to Cubi Point for welders school. One (1) enlisted to Tachikawa AB, Japan for corrosion control school. One (1) enlisted to DaNang for KY-28 school.

b. The squadron defense platoons had a practice alert and improved defense positions during the month of December 1967.

4. Material:a. NAVY PROPERTY

(1) During the past month, a total of 187 AOCPS have been completed. The average number of outstanding AOCPS, per-day, for the month, was 32, and at present, there are a total of 24 outstanding.

(2) Continued daily supply support of VMA-311.

b. MARINE CORPS PROPERTY

(1) A physical inventory was held on Marine Corps Property. All items were accounted for.

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5. Maintenance:

a. The average daily availability for the month of December was 67 percent. Total flight hours 1022.5; total combat hours 977.4; non-combat hours 45.4; total sorties 828; total combat sorties 784. Total tonnage 1082.

(1) Aircraft Status:

<u>Acft Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% NORM</u>	<u>% NORS</u>
A4E	20	16	67	21	12

(2) Comments on excessive NORM/NORS percentages:

(a) Five (5) percent of NORM time was contributed to aircraft major inspection time.

(b) Engine changes, compressor bleed valve, C.S.D.'s, auto flight control system, AN/ASQ-17's, fuel flow indicator and landing gear changes and repairs contributed highly to excessive NORM percentages.

(c) A total of 90 items for 171.6 manhours were cannibalized.

(d) Excessive NORS time is contributed to the following AOCPS: C.S.D., Stop Adjust, Fitting, shock Strut MLG, Swivel MLG, Knife Assy, Tail Pipe Clamp and Relief valve.

(3) Critical Items:

Multimeter, 80058 ANPSM4C RD6625-893-3739-TANN (6)
TER Hardware Kit 5821520 (14)
MER Hardware Kit 5821500 (14)

(4) Significant Problems Areas. The main problem areas are supply response time and transportation. The early provision of 3M equipment would enhance supply response time and help alleviate the transportation problems.

6. Presently, three aircraft are undergoing repair at FAWPRA, BuNos 151148, 151074 and 152053. BuNos 151038 and 150105 are at Cubi and BuNo 150100 is at DaNang undergoing battle damage repair.

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