

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
 Marine Aircraft Group 12  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
 FPO, San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-29 February 1968

Ref: (a) GAO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-29 February 1968

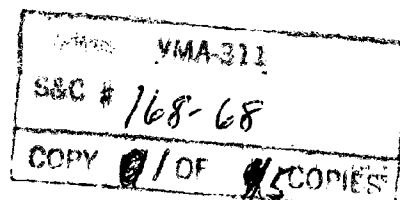
1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This letter may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA****1. Commanding Officer and Staff**

Richard B. TABER, LtCol, USMC, Commanding Officer  
James A. CURTIS, LtCol, USMC, Executive Officer  
Barold L. GUTTERSON, Major, USMC, Operations Officer  
Donald E. KIRBY, Major USMC, Maintenance Officer  
Clifford L. MCCRAW, Major, USMC, Material Officer  
Robert W. WANBLAW, Major, USMC, Administration Officer

**2. Task Organization and Unit Location**

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

**3. Average Monthly Strength**

USMC Officers - 30  
USMC Enlisted - 157  
USN Officer - 1

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

1. VMA-311 has flown 18,129 combat sorties and over 23,000 combat hours in the Republic of Viet Nam.
2. During February 1968 VMA-311 flew a total of 1049.5 flight hours of which 1028.9 were combat hours. A total of 903 sorties of which 886 were combat were flown during this reporting period.
3. Average aircraft availability was 86% with an average on board count of 17 aircraft and 26 pilots 2 of which were TAB.
4. Total tonnage dropped this reporting period was 1351 tons.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS****1. Personnel:**

a. One (1) officer was joined and none dropped during February. One TAB officer advisor to the Army returned to full time squadron duty. Two (2) enlisted personnel were joined and eleven dropped during this reporting period.

**2. Air Operations:**

a. During February 1968 VMA-311 flew 983 sorties for a total of 1849.5 flight hours.

b. Seventeen (17) non-squadron pilots flew 119 sorties amounting to 142.6 flight hours. This represents 12% of the total sorties flown.

c. One (1) pilot was joined and none transferred during this period. One (1) pilot returned from TAB duty to full time squadron duty.

**3. Training:****a. Schools**

(1) Four (4) officers attended PAC School in Okinawa.

(2) Three (3) officers attended Nuclear Delivery Refresher School in Iwakuni, Japan.

(3) One (1) officer attended Nuclear Lead Master Refresher Training in Iwakuni, Japan

(4) We had 11 enlisted TAB personnel:

Six (6) to KY-28 School, DaNang

One (1) to MK-36 School, Cubi Point

Four (4) to Lead Master School, Iwakuni, Japan

b. The provisional rifle platoons were called upon to man their positions numerous times during the month. No contact with the enemy was made.

c. A general military subjects quiz is made available to the troops on a daily basis to refresh their knowledge.

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4. Material:

a. NAVY PROPERTY

(1) During the past month, a total of 98 AACP's have been completed. The average number of outstanding AACP's, per-day, for the month, was 25, and at present, there are a total of 13 outstanding.

(2) Group Supply held a pre-retention inspection on VMA-311 Material and found everything to be satisfactory, with minor discrepancies.

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

b. MARINE CORPS PROPERTY

(1) An inspection was held on VMA-311's Marine Corps Property, by Group Marine Corps Property. On this inspection, VMA-311 received a 98 out of a possible 100 points on the inspection.

5. Maintenance:

a. The average daily availability for the month of February 1968 was 80 percent. Total Flight hours 1049.5; total combat hours 1028.9; non-combat hours 20.6; total sorties 903; total combat sorties 880. Total tennage 1351.

(1) Aircraft Status:

<u>Airt Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% NORM</u>	<u>% NORS</u>
AAE	20	17	80	14	06

(2) Comments on excessive NORM percentages:

(a) None.

(3) Critical Items:

Multimeter, 80058AMP/SM/C RB6625-893-3739-TANN (6)  
 TER Hardware Kit 5821520 (14)  
 MER Hardware Kit 5821500 (14)  
 Ignition Cable Assy, RM1095-878-4911-EDCA

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(4) Significant Problem Areas. High dud rate for .025 delay element for M904 fuse. Excessive failure rate housing assembly AERO 20A Ejector Feet, P/N 4448197-503, FSN 2RM-1095-621-8483-BDGA, (31), broken during month of February.

6. Presently, two aircraft are undergoing repair at FAWPRA, BuNo's 151148 and 151074. BuNo's 149968 and 149970 are undergoing PAR Rework at Atsugi. BuNo 150105 is ready for delivery at Cubi.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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