MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Marine Aircraft Group 12

lst 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 May 1968

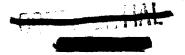
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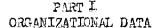
Encl: (1) VA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 1968

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).







### 1. Commanding Officer and Staff

Norman B. MCCRARY, LtCol, USAC, Commanding Officer 1-31 May 1968
Donald L. YELEK, Major, USMC, Executive Officer 1-30 May 1968
John A. HERBER, Major, USMC, Operations Officer 1-31 May 1968
Donald E. KIRBY, Major, USMC, Maintenance Officer 1-31 May 1968
Thomas J. GALIA, 1stLt., USMCR, Material Officer 1-15 May 1968
Richard L. VINCENT, 1stLt., USMC, Material Officer 16-31 May 1968
Thomas W. KRINGER, Captain, USMC, Administrative Officer 1-27 May 1968
James W. LENT, Jr., Captain, USMC, Administrative Officer 28-31 May 1968

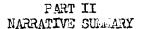
# 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

- a. Task Organization. None
- B. Unit Location. Chu Lai. RVN
- 3. Average Monthly Strength

USAC Officers - 23 USAC Enlisted - 174 USA Officer - 1

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- 1. VMA-311 has flown 21,145 combat sorties and over 26,134 hours in the Republic of Viet Nam.
- 2. During May 1968 VMA-311 flew a total of 1173.3 flight hours of which 1134.3 were combat hours. A total of 1147 sorties of which 1104 were combat were flown during this reporting period.
- 3. Average aircraft availability was 81% with an average on board count of 17 aircraft and 18 pilots.
- 4. Total tonnage dropped this reporting period was 1692 tons

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## PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

#### 1. Personnel:

a. Four (4) officers were joined and three (3) dropped during May. Eleven (11) enlisted were joined and sixteen (15) dropped.

## 2. Air Operations:

- a. During May 1968 VMA-311 flew 1147 sorties for a total of 1173.3 flight hours.
- b. Thirty three (33) non-squadron pilots flew 376 sorties amounting to 403.4 flight hours. This represents 31% of the total sorties flown.
- c. Two (2) pilots were joined and Two (2) pilots were transferred during this reporting period.

# 3. Training:

a. A General Military Subjects Quiz is made available to the troops on a daily basis to refresh their knowledge.

## 4. Material:

#### a. HAVY PROPERTY

- (1) The Material Section has been assigned a new Material Officer, lst/Lt. R. L. VINCONT.
- (2) The following priority 02 Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) requisitions were outstanding during the month of May:
  - (a) Average Project Code 706 (ACCP) requisitions outstanding
  - (b) Average Project Code 707 (ANFE) requisitions outstanding
- (3) The average number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AOCP's for the month of May was 3.
  - (4) A reconciliation of all our outstanding requisitions was completed.
- (5) The Material Office has been arranged differently in an effort to have a better control of requisitions and administrative procedures.

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(6) A new Individual Material Readiness List (IMRL) was received and an inventory will be required prior to 31 August 1968.

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- (7) A total of \$106,267.91 in Flight Operations Funds (BPN 01) were obligated during the month of May which supported 1173 flight hours. The average cost per flight hour was \$90.59.
- (a) Total funds for fuel and lubricants obligated was \$104,377.10.
- (b) Total funds for miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) material obligated was \$1.890.81

## b. MARINE CORPS PROPERTY

- (1) An inventory of all Marine Corps Property is in progress.
- (2) The Marine Corps Property clerk is working as Navy Requisition Expeditor for Navy requisitions in addition to his Marine Corps Property duties.

## c. Sufficient Problem Areas:

(1) Our most important problem is still the lack of personnel.

## 5. Maintenance:

- a. The average daily availability for the month of Ray 1968 was 81 percent. Total flight hours 1173.3; total combat hours 1174.3; non-combat 39.0; total sorties 1147; total combat sorties 1104. Total tonnage dropped during the month 1692 tons, a record for this squadron during any given month.
  - (1) Aircraft Status:

Acft Type	Allow	<u>о/н</u>	% Ready	MS.OM &	% NORS
A4E	20	17	81	07	12

- (2) Comments on excessive NORS percentages:
- (a) A4E BuNo's 150041 and 151124 were down NORSG for a total of 43 items.
  - (3) Critical Items:

NOMENCLA'CURE	FSN/PN	FOLLOW UPS
Ignition Cable Assy	RM1095-878-4911-HDGA	2
TER Hardware Kit	582 <b>1</b> 520	3
MER Hardware Kit	582 <b>1</b> 50 <b>0</b>	3

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(4) Significant Problem Areas:

a. Presently, two aircraft are undergoing repair at FAMPRA, EuNo's 151148 and 151074. BuNo 149967 is undergoing PAR at Atsugi. On 6 May 1968 BuNo 151198 was stricken and on 17 May 1968 BuNo 149970 was stricken.

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