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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

OF

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Period 1-30 September 1968

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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 1-30 September 1968

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Encl: ✓(1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-30 September 1968

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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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

LtCol. Norman B. MCCRARY, Commanding Officer 1-24 September 1968
LtCol. Charles O. HIETT, Commanding Officer 25-30 September 1968
Major Charles D. OVERTURE, Executive Officer 1-30 September 1968
Major John A. HERBER, Operations Officer 1-3 September 1968
Major Donald B. MESSERSCHMIDT, Operations Officer 4-30 September 1968
Major Donald S. CARR, Maintenance Officer 1-30 September 1968
Capt. Thomas L. HAMPTON, Logistics Officer 1-30 September 1968
Capt. James W. LENT, Administrative Officer 1-25 September 1968
Major Julius P. KISH III, Administrative Officer 26-30 September 1968
1stLt Richard L. VINCENT, Material Officer 1-30 September 1968

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

- A. Task Organization. None
B. Unit Location. Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officer - 30
USMC Enlisted - 154
USN Officers - 1

4. Important Visitors

A. Major General A. H. ADAMS visited VMA-311 on 25 September 1968 to congratulate the squadron on its 25,000 combat sortie.

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. VMA-311 has flown 25,160 combat sorties and over 30,646 hours in the Republic of Viet Nam.
2. During September 1968, VMA-311 flew a total of 946.7 flight hours of which 933.8 were combat hours. A total of 846 sorties of which 828 were combat sorties flown during this reporting period.
3. Average aircraft availability was 82.0% with an average on board of 18 aircraft and 25 pilots.
4. Total tonnage dropped for this reporting period was 1186.4.
5. On September 1968, VMA-311 flew its 25,000 combat sortie in RVN since its arrival in May 1965.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel

A. Nine (9) officers were joined and (9) dropped during September. Six (6) enlisted were joined and twelve (12) dropped.

2. Air Operations

A. During September 1968 VMA-311 flew 846 sorties for a total of 946.7 flight hours.

B. Nine pilots were joined and twelve pilots were transferred during this reporting period.

3. Awards

A. On 24 September, 1968, LtCol. MCCRARY presented the following awards at the Change of Command Ceremonies:

(1) For heroic achievement in aerial flight in combat action over the Republic of Viet Nam, Captain R. G. LATHROP was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

(2) For outstanding professional competence and personal bravery, Major D. S. CARR and Captain R. C. TRUMPFHELLER were awarded Single Mission Air Medals.

(3) For meritorious achievement in aerial flight as a designated Aerial Gunner with HMM-362, Gunnery Sergeant J. J. LUCAS was awarded his first and second Air Medals.

4. Training

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

5. Material

A. Navy Property

(1) The following Priority 02 Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) requisitions were outstanding during the month of September.

(a) Average Project code 706 (ACCP) requisitions outstanding were 23.

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(b) Average Project Code 707 (ANFE) requisitions outstanding were 19.

(2) The average number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AACP's for the month of September was two aircraft.

(3) A reconciliation of all our outstanding requisitions was completed.

(4) A total of \$43,837.54 in Flight Operations Funds (BPN-01) were obligated during the month of September which supported 947 flight hours.

(a) Total funds for fuel and lubricants obligated was \$42,106.77.

(b) Total funds for miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) materiel obligated was \$1730.77.

B. Marine Corps Property

(1) No significant changes from previous month.

C. Significant Problems Areas

(1) There are no significant problem areas at the present time.

6. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for the month of September was 81.9 percent. Total flight hours 946.7; total combat hours 933.8; non-combat 12.9; total sorties 846; total combat sorties 828; and total tonnage dropped during the month 1186.443.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Acft Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% NORM</u>
A-4E	20	19	82	18

(2) Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>FSN/PN</u>
Cable Assembly	2FMI680-854-5221-ADGA

(3) Presently, four aircraft BuNo's 150028, 152002, 150041 and 151124 are undergoing PAR and 150002 is in repair at FAWPRA Atsugi.

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