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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

PERIOD 1-31 December 1968

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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMEPac
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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 1968

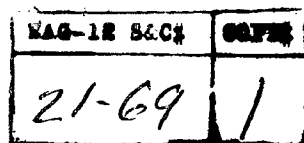
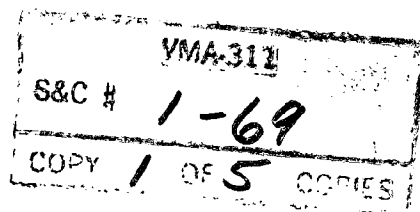
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Encl: ✓(1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-31 December 1968

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).


L. C. WALLACE, JR.
By direction



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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

LtCol. Charles O. HIETT, Commanding Officer 1-31 December 1968
Major William R. SMITH, Executive Officer 1-31 December 1968
Major Lorin C. WALLACE Jr., Operations Officer 1-31 December 1968
Major Donald S. CARR, Maintenance Officer 1-2 December 1968
Major John M. WILLMARTH, Maintenance Officer 3-31 December 1968
Major Julius P. KISH III, Administrative Officer 1-31 December 1968
1stLt. Charles F. DEPREKER, Material Officer 1-31 December 1968

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

A. Task Organization. None

B. Unit Location. 1-31 Dec, Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officer - 26
USMC Enlisted - 143
USN Officer - 1

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. VMA-311 has flown 28,075 combat sorties and over 33,907 combat hours in the Republic of Viet Nam.
2. During December 1968, VMA-311 flew a total of 1,205.0 flight hours of which 1184.7 were combat hours. A total of 1118 sorties of which 1092 were combat sorties were flown during this reporting period.
3. Average aircraft availability was 77% with an average on board of 20 aircraft and 21 pilots.
4. Total tonnage dropped for this reporting period was 1656.
5. During the past calendar year VMA-311 flew 10,932 combat sorties, 12,085 combat hours and dropped 17,534 tons of ordnance.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. Personnel

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(1) Three (3) officers were joined and six (6) dropped during December. Twenty-five (25) enlisted were joined and twenty-seven dropped.

B. Civic Action

(1) WMA-311's area of responsibility is Long Binh Hamlet, near Chu Lai, RVN. It's a Hamlet of some 100 families.

(2) WMA-311 sponsored a Christmas Party at Long Binh Hamlet for the children who attend the Long Bin Elementary School. Approximately seventy-five children participated.

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A. Air Operations

(1) During December 1968, WMA-311 flew 1118 sorties for a total of 1205.0 flight hours.

(2) During the past calendar year WMA-311 flew 10,932 combat sorties, 12,085 combat hours and dropped 17,534 tons of ordnance.

(3) Two pilots were joined and six pilots were transferred during the reporting period.

B. Training

(1) Twenty-four pilots received 2.5 hours of ECM instruction.

(2) During the period of 15-17 December the WMA-311 enlisted personnel were issued and fired the M-16 rifle.

3. Material

A. Navy Property

(1) The Material Section moved into a new building.

(2) There were no Priority 02 Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) requisitions for a period of Twenty (20) days commencing 29 Nov 1968 thru 18 Dec 1968.

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(a) There are four (4) Project Code 706 (AACP) requisitions outstanding.

(b) There are no Project Code 707 (ANWB) requisitions outstanding.

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

(4) A total of \$11,666.17 in Flight Operations Funds (FPN-01) were obligated during the month of December which supported 1205 flight hours.

(a) Total funds for fuel and lubricants obligated was \$106,631.53.

(b) Total Funds for miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) material obligated was \$4,034.64.

(5) The number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AACP's for the month of December was three (3) for constant speed drives, which were not available.

B. Marine Corps Property

(1) Significant Problem Areas:

(a) The Material Section has no Marine Corps Property Clerk.

4. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for month of December was 77.1 percent. Total flight hours 1205.0, total combat hours 1184.7, Non-Combat hours 20.3, total sorties 1118, total combat sorties 1092, total tonnage dropped during the month 1655.668.

(1) Aircraft Status:

| <u>Acft Type</u> | <u>Allow</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>Ready</u> | <u>NORM</u> |
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| A-4E | 20 | 20 | 77.1 | 22.9 |

(2) Critical Items:

NOMENCLATURE

FSN/PN

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B. Presently, two aircraft BuNo's 150002, 151124 are undergoing PAR.

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