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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Period 1 - 31 March 1969

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Marine Aircraft Group 12
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

LtCol. Charles O. HIETT, Commanding Officer 1-31 March 1969
Major William R. SMITH, Executive Officer 1-31 March 1969
Major Lorin C. WALLACE, Jr., Operations Officer 1-31 March 1969
Major James L. SKINNER, Maintenance Officer 1-31 March 1969
Major Richard L. UPCHURCH, Administrative Officer 1-31 March 1969
1stLt. Charles F. DEPREKER, Material Officer 1-31 March 1969

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

A. Task Organization. None
B. Unit Location. 1-31 March 1969, Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

| | | |
|---------------|---|-----|
| USMC Officer | - | 34 |
| USMC Enlisted | - | 142 |
| USN Officer | - | 1 |

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Attack Squadron 311 has flown 30,666 combat sorties and 36,792 combat hours in the Republic of South Vietnam.
2. During the month of March 1969, VMA-311 flew a total of 930.4 flight hours of which 910.2 were combat hours. A total of 835 sorties were flown of which 816 were combat sorties.
3. The average number of aircraft on board was 14 with an average of 27 pilots available for the month of March. The average daily availability was 81.1% and the average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 31.3%.
4. The total tonnage dropped in March was 1137.102.
5. On 6 March 1969, VMA-311 flew it's 30,000th combat mission in RVN since its arrival in May 1965.
6. On 21 March 1969, VMA-311 sustained previous damage as a result of an enemy rocket attack. The initial attack and ensuing fire destroyed four aircraft and damaged four others. Immediately following this attack, VMA-311 continued flight operations with the remaining aircraft available. This feat can only be attributed to the professionalism and morale of both the pilots and ground crews of this squadron.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. S-1A. Personnel

(1) Three (3) officers were joined and three (3) were transferred during March. Twelve (12) enlisted men were joined and thirty (30) were transferred.

B. Civic Action

(1) The Long Binh Hamlet of about 100 families near Chu Lai, RVN is the responsibility of Marine Attack Squadron 311.

(a) VMA-311 personnel continued to support Long Binh families. Plans are being made for more clothes and school supplies for the children of Long Binh Elementary School.

C. Awards

(1) The following awards and promotions were received by VMA-311 personnel during the month of March 1969.

(a) Awards received

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Captain C. B. COLTRIN | received the Purple Heart Award |
| 1stLt. H. L. HAMMACK | received the Single Mission Air-Medal Award |
| First Sgt. D.J. ROGERS | Good Conduct Award |
| GySgt. O. E. MASSEY | Good Conduct Award |
| Sgt. J. R. MORRIS | Good Conduct Award |

(b) Promotions received

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Master Sgt. T. E. LANSING | Promoted to Present Rank |
| GySgt. J. E. TRENT | " " |
| SSgt. W. J. DEVINE | " " |
| Sgt. C. W. ADAMS | " " |
| Sgt. G. E. BECKET | " " |
| Sgt. P. R. DANNER | " " |
| Sgt. G. J. HOLLIDAY | " " |
| Sgt. D. H. JULIFS | " " |
| Sgt. S. R. KEY | " " |
| Sgt. D. J. MORRIS | " " |
| Sgt. L. E. SETZKORN | " " |

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| | Promoted to Present Rank |
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| Sgt. J. E. SINGER | " " |
| Sgt. J. L. TOY | " " |
| Sgt. J. G. VALADEZ | " " |
| Cpl. J. J. FARIEO | " " |
| Cpl. W. H. KELLY | " " |
| L/Cpl. M. J. CASSIN | " " |
| L/Cpl. T. R. OWENS | " " |
| L/Cpl. D. R. WILLIAMS | " " |

2. S-3A. Air Operations

- (1) During March 1969, VMA-311 flew 835 sorties for a total of 930.2 flight hours.
- (2) Three pilots were joined and three pilots were transferred during the reporting period.
- (3) First Lieutenant J. F. GARRETSON flew VMA-311's 30,000th combat mission on 6 March 1969 in RVN.

B. Training

- (1) Continued Technical Training on the shop level was emphasized.

3. MaterialA. Navy Property

- (1) There were no Priority 02 Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) Requisitions for a total of three (3) days, 7th thru 8th and the 31st of March.

- (a) Average Project Code 706 (AOCP) requisitions outstanding were four (4).

- (b) Average Project Code 707 (ANFE) requisitions outstanding were zero (0).

- (2) A reconciliation of all outstanding requisitions was completed.

- (3) A total of \$84,998.47 in Flight Operation Funds (HPN-01) were obligated during the month of March which supported 931 Flight Hours.

- (a) Total funds for fuel, oil, and lubricants (POL) were \$82,536.48.

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(b) Total funds for Miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) material obligated were \$2,461.99.

(4) The average number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AOCP's for the month of March were two (2).

B. Marine Corps Property

(1) There is no Marine Corps Property clerk for the Marine Corps Property section.

C. Significant Problem Areas

(1) Lack of personnel.

4. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for the month of March was 81.1%. The average daily operationally ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 31.3%.

(1) Aircraft Status

| <u>Aircraft Type</u> | <u>Allow</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>% Ready</u> | <u>% Norm</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| A-4E | 20 | 14 | 31.3% | 24.1% |

(2) Critical Items

Nomenclature

AFCS System

B. Presently five (5) aircraft, BUNO's 151030, 150107, 150105, 151036, 150127 are undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

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