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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Period 1 - 30 April 1969

CHRONOLOGY

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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 1-30 April 1969

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Encl: ✓ (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-30 April 1969

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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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Commanding Officer and Staff

LtCol. Charles O. HIETT, Commanding Officer 1-30 April 1969  
Major William R. SMITH, Executive Officer 1-16 April 1969  
Executive Officer not assigned, 17-20 April 1969  
LtCol. Thomas D. BROOKS, Executive Officer 21-30 April 1969  
Major Lorin C. WALLACE, Jr., Operations Officer 1-30 April 1969  
Major James L. SKINNER, Maintenance Officer 1-30 April 1969  
Major Richard L. UPCHURCH, Administrative Officer 1-30 April 1969  
1stLt. Charles F. DEPREKER, Material Officer 1-30 April 1969

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

A. Task Organization. None

B. Unit Location. 1-30 April 1969, Chu Lai, RVN

3. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officer	-	33
USMC Enlisted	-	143
USN Officer	-	1

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Marine Attack Squadron 311 has flown 31,439 combat sorties and 37,704 combat hours in the Republic of South Vietnam.
2. During the month of April 1969, VMA-311 flew a total of 919.5 flight hours of which 911.7 were combat hours. A total of 785 sorties were flown of which 773 were combat sorties.
3. The average number of aircraft on board was 16 with an average of 24 pilots available for the month of April. The average daily availability was 82.0% and the average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 34.6%.
4. The total tonnage dropped in April was 1106.101.

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PART III  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. S-1

A. Personnel

(1) Six (6) officers were joined and six (6) were transferred during April. Fourteen (14) enlisted men were joined and eleven (11) were transferred.

B. Civic Action

(1) The responsibility of Long Binh Hamlet has been turned over to MAG-12 Civic Action Team, although VMA-311 Marines continued support for the Long Binh Elementary School. This financial support will be terminated at the end of May 1969.

C. Awards

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

(a) Awards received

Captain M. S. KELLEY	Distinguished Flying Cross
Captain T. C. BYALL	Bronze Star with Combat "V"
Sgt. G. HOLLIDAY	Bronze Star with Combat "V"
Cpl. L. A. BOATWRIGHT	Bronze Star with Combat "V"
PFC W. B. SPRINKLE	Bronze Star with Combat "V"
Major R. L. UPCHURCH	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
Major S. M. MCGEEHAN	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
LCDR(MC) W. B. BRANSON	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
1stLt. J. F. GARRETSON	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
1stLt. W. A. GOOD	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
LCpl. M. C. SACKETT	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award
LCpl. G. R. NOBLES	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 2nd Award

(b) Promotions received

Cpl. J. E. HOLTZLETT	Promoted to Present Rank
Cpl. J. H. LAY	Promoted to Present Rank
LCpl. G. T. BUCKLEY	Promoted to Present Rank
LCpl. D. M. CHRISTENSEN	Promoted to Present Rank

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2. S-3

A. Air Operations

(1) During April 1969, VMA-311 flew 785 sorties for a total of 919.5 flight hours

(2) Six pilots were joined and six pilots were transferred during the reporting period.

B. Training

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

3. Material

A. Navy Property

(1) There were no Priority 02 Not Operational Ready Supply (NORS) requisitions for a period of one (1) day, 1st of April.

(a) Average Project Code 706 (AOCP) requisitions outstanding were six (6).

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

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

(3) A total of \$82,149.83 in Flight Operation Funds (BPN-01) were obligated during the month of April which supported 920 Flight Hours.

(a) Total funds for fuel, oil, and lubricants (POL) were \$44,583.71.

(b) Total funds for Miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) material obligated were \$672.38.

(4) The average number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AOCP'S for the month of April ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> two (2).

B. Marine Corps Property

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

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C. Significant Problem Areas

(1) Lack of personnel.

4. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for the month of April was 82.0%.  
 The average daily operationally ready aircraft in accordance with MCO  
 P3000.2B was 34.6%.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A-4E	20	19	34.6%	30.2%

(2) Critical Items

Nomenclature

CSD'S  
 AFCS System  
 APN/141

B. Presently five aircraft, BUNO's 152069, 151027, 150105, 151036 and  
 150127 are undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

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