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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

of

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Period 1 - 31 May 1969

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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 1969

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Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology for period 1-31 May 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. David A. KELLY, Commanding Officer 1-31 May 1969
LtCol. Thomas D. BROOKS, Executive Officer 1-31 May 1969
Major Lorin C. WALLACE, Jr., Operations Officer 1-7 May 1969
Major Hardy R. STENNIS, Operations Officer 8-31 May 1969
Major James L. SKINNER, Maintenance Officer 1-10 May 1969
Major Homer R. PALMATEER, Maintenance Officer 11-31 May 1969
1stLt. Charles F. DEPREKER, Material Officer 1-17 May 1969
2ndLt. Richard L. HILDRETH, Jr., Material Officer 18-31 May 1969

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

A. Task Organization. None

B. Unit Location. 1-31 May 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 32,401 combat sorties and 38,780 combat hours in the Republic of South Vietnam.
2. During the month of May 1969, VMA-311 flew a total of 1081.7 flight hours of which 1075.7 were combat hours. A total of 970 sorties were flown of which 962 were combat sorties.
3. The average number of aircraft on board was 19 with an average of 25 pilots available for the month of May. The average daily availability was 80% and the average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 46.2%
4. The total tonnage dropped in May was 1344.177.
5. On 27 May 1969, LtCol. T. D. BROOKS flew the 10,000th accident free hour for the squadron.
6. There was a change of command ceremony on 1 May 1969. LtCol. C. O. HIETT was relieved by LtCol. D. A. KELLY.
7. On 1 May 1969 VMA-311 was presented the Marine Aircraft Group 12 Aviation Safety Award for the Third Quarter of Fiscal Year 69.
8. On 23 May 1969, 1stLt. P. W. OATIS was flying a CAS combat mission south of Danang when his aircraft was destroyed by direct enemy action. Lieutenant Oatis ejected and was recovered by helicopter. The pilot received minor injuries.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. S-1A. Personnel

(1) Four (4) officers were joined and five (5) were transferred during May. Sixteen (16) enlisted men were joined and eighteen (18) 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.

C. Awards

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

(a) Awards received

1stLt. J. W. DANSKIN Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award

(b) Promotions received

	Promoted to	Present Rank
Major W. B. WILSON	"	"
Captain G. E. TALLMAGE	"	"
GySgt. M. R. GREEN	"	"
SSgt. K. A. LIESE	"	"
Sgt. T. O. HILMO	"	"
Cpl. W. E. BRAGG	"	"
Cpl. J. P. CAMDEN	"	"
Cpl. D. F. DEW	"	"
Cpl. R. P. DREW	"	"
Cpl. J. C. FOX	"	"
Cpl. M. J. MEANS	"	"
Cpl. G. R. NOBLES	"	"
Cpl. R. YOUNG	"	"
Cpl. S. F. GALBRAITH	"	"

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(1) During May 1969, VMA-311 flew 970 sorties for a total of 1,081.7 flight hours.

(2) Four (4) pilots were joined and five (5) 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) Priority 02 NORS Requisitions

(a) Average Project Code 706 (AOCP) requisitions outstanding were five (5).

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

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

(3) A total of \$105,047.88 in Flight Operation Funds (BPN-01) were obligated during the month of May which supported 1,081 Flight Hours.

(a) Total funds for fuel, oil, and lubricants (POL) were \$101,091.42

(b) Total funds for Miscellaneous Navy Stock Account (NSA) material obligated were \$3,956.46.

(4) The average number of aircraft out of commission for parts as a result of AOCP's for the month of May were three (3).

4. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for the month of May was 80.0%.

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The average daily operationally ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 46.2%.

(1) Aircraft Status:

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A-4E	20	20	46.2	23.6

(2) Critical Items:

Nomenclature

CSD's
AFCS System

B. Presently five (5) aircraft, BUNO's 152069, 151027, 151041, 151036, and 150127 are undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

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