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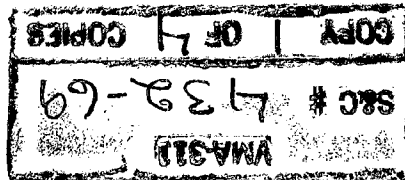
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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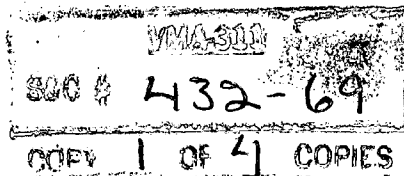
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Period 1-31 October 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation:

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311

Commander:

LtCol. David A. KELLY

Attached Units:

None

2. Location:

1-31 October 1969, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	LtCol. Thomas D. BROOKS	1-8	October 1969
Executive Officer	Major James D. PAGE	9-31	October 1969
S-1 Officer	Major William B. WILSON	1-12	October 1969
S-1 Officer	Major Miles E. MIXSON	13-31	October 1969
S-2 Officer	Capt. Andrew ZAKRZEWSKI	1-17	October 1969
S-2 Officer	1stLt. John D. LAWSON	18-31	October 1969
S-3 Officer	Major James D. PAGE	1-8	October 1969
S-3 Officer	Major Edward H. LONEY	9-16	October 1969
S-3 Officer	Major Charles A. REYNOLDS	17-31	October 1969
S-4 Officer	Major Robert H. MELVILLE	1-31	October 1969
Maintenance Officer	Major Homer R. PALMATEER	1-31	October 1969

4. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
26	157	1	0	0	0

5. Personnel Losses, Gains and TADS:

<u>LOSSES</u>		USN		OTHER	
USMC		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
5	14	0	0	0	0

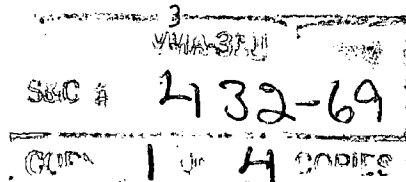
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<u>TADS</u>		<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Officers total days TAD: 104
 Enlisted total days TAD: 256

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of October 1969, VMA-311 flew a total of 445.9 flight hours of which 423.8 were combat hours. A total of 369 sorties was flown of which 347 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 35,578 combat sorties and 42,540 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1965.
3. For the month of October 1969, there was an average of 16 aircraft on board and an average of 23 pilots assigned.
4. The average daily aircraft availability was 77.2% and the daily operational ready aircraft availability in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 63.5%.
5. There was a total of 463.473 tons of ordnance dropped in October 1969.
6. During the month, two lance corporals and one private first class received permanent promotions to their present ranks and one corporal and one lance corporal received meritorious combat promotions to their present ranks.
7. The squadron continued it's dynamic educational drive by having an impressive 68% of total assigned squadron personnel enrolled in off duty education programs.
8. Along the lines of personal recognition, two meritorious masts were awarded to squadron personnel during October 1969.
9. During this period, VMA-311 Marines raised over \$1,200.00 dollars for the MAG-12 Vietnamese Children's Scholarship Fund. This fund helps send needy children from the surrounding area to elementary school.



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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. VMA-311 was fragged for a total of three hundred sixty-six combat sorties during the month of October. It flew a total of three hundred sixty-nine combat sorties.
2. On 17 October 1969, A-4E, BuNo 150107, was destroyed by fire after unsuccessful combat mission takeoff abort. The injured pilot was medically evacuated out of country.
3. On 30 October 1969 VMA-311 was presented the CNO Aviation Safety Award for fiscal year 1969. Lieutenant General H. W. BUSE, Jr., Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Pacific, presented the award in recognition of the Squadron's outstanding safety record of the previous fiscal year.
4. During October 1969, VMA-311 provided air support for the following operations:

NORTON FALLS
VICTORY DRAGON
PIPESTONE CANYON
NANTUCKET BEACH

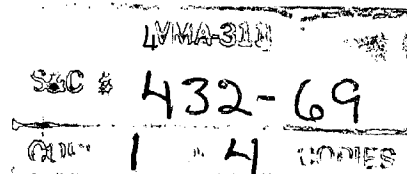
FULTON SQUARE
GENEVA PARK
IRON MOUNTAIN

5. Casualties inflicted on the enemy for the month were five confirmed KBA's. Also noteworthy was a BDA of eighty-eight structures and forty-two bunkers destroyed, forty-six structures damaged and fifteen bunkers damaged or uncovered, and eighty meters of road cut, along with four sampans destroyed. There were also fourteen secondary explosions and seventeen sustained fires recorded.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. Completed Flight Schedules:

Attached



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DESTROY BY BURNING

MARINE AIRCRAFT SQUADRON 311
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 1969ALERT TEAMS

0700-1230	1230-1800	1800-2300
1st TEAM MAJ LONEY LT PHILLIPS	1st TEAM LT COL KELLY LT HOWICK	1st TEAM MAJ LONEY CAPT ZAKREBSKI
2nd TEAM MAJ PALMER MAJ HICKLE	2nd TEAM MAJ PALMATEER LT CRUIKSHANK	2nd TEAM MAJ WILSON LT BISHOP
3rd TEAM CAPT SORENSON CAPT WHITE	3rd TEAM MAJ MIXSON CAPT KRAUS	2300-0700 1st TEAM MAJ PALMATEER MAJ MIXSON
4th TEAM MAJ WILSON LT GOOD	4th TEAM MAJ THOMPSON CAPT TOMASKO	2nd TEAM MAJ THOMPSON CAPT KRAUS

1100-1430 MAJ UPCHURCH/LT GRANFORD SPECIAL ALERT CONDITION III & IV. A/C ORD
2 D9/D20

GROUND ALERT RECONSTITUTE WITHIN ONE HOUR

TIME	CONDITION	A/C	ORDNANCE
0700-1800	III (15min)	4	D1A/D9/D20
-do-	-do-	6	D2Y/D20
-do-	-do-	2	D7/D24
1800-0700	IV (30min)	2	D2Y
-do-	-do-	2	D1A/D9
-do-	-do-	1	D22A
-do-	V (60min)	2	D9/D20
-do-	-do-	2	D7/D24
		3	D2W/Y ← add on

1. ALERT HARD ORDNANCE WILL BE LOADED AS BANDED SNAKEYE FINS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
2. ALL D7'S WILL CARRY PROXIMITY (VT) FUSES.
3. BANDED D2 SNAKEYES WILL BE UTILIZED ON ALL HI-DIVE AND TPQ'S REQUIRING D2 ORDNANCE UFN.

NOTES:

1. ODO: 0600-1200 CAPT GOODWIN
1200-1800 LT PHILLIPS
1800-0600 CAPT WHITE
2. FRAGRITER: LT HOWICK
3. STATRING TODAY, ALL BRIEFS WILL COME FROM ODO EXCEPT FOR ST

DESTROY BY BURNING

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 1969ALERT TEAMS

<u>0700-1230</u>		<u>1230-1800</u>		<u>1800-2300</u>	
1st TEAM	MAJ LONEY LT CRULKSHANK	1st TEAM	MAJ KELLY CAPT GOODWIN	1st TEAM	MAJ WILSON LT BISHOP
2nd TEAM	CAPT ZAKRZEWSKI LT PHILLIPS	2nd TEAM	MAJ MIXSON LT HOWICK	2nd TEAM	MAJ LONEY CAPT ZAKRZEWSKI
3rd TEAM	MAJ UPCHURCH LT DANSKIN	3rd TEAM	MAJ THOMPSON CAPT WHITE	2300-0700	
				1st TEAM	CAPT KRAUS CAPT TOMASKO
4th TEAM	MAJ WILSON LT GARRINSON	4th TEAM	MAJ PALMATEER LT RASMUSSEN	2nd TEAM	MAJ PALMATEER MAJ MIXSON

GROUND ALERT RECONSTITUTE WITHIN ONE HOUR

TIME	CONDITION	A/C	ORDNANCE
0700-1800	III (30min)	4	D1A/D9/D20
-do-	-do-	6	D21/D20
-do-	-do-	2	D7/D24
1800-0700	IV (30min)	2	D2Y
-do-	-do-	2	D1A/D9
-do-	-do-	1	D22A
-do-	V (60min)	2	D9/D20
-do-	-do-	2	D7/D24
		3	D2Y/Y

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NOTES:

1. CDO: 0600-1200 LT RASMUSSEN
1200-1800 LT CRULKSHANK
1800-0600 LT DANSKIN
2. FRAGWRITER: MAJ PAGE
3. ASC NOTE: IF YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR AN ACCIDENT TO PINPOINT AND CURE A PROBLEM THEN YOU ARE PART OF THE PROBLEM.
4. NATOPS BRIEF: COMPASS SYSTEM FAILURE

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6502		4 Col. KELLY	60 2 1/2	1.0	TPQ
6506		A. CRUIKSHANK	'1	1.7	"
0940	03	Mrs. PALMER	-	0.7	FERRY
0940	25	Mrs. NICKLE	-	0.7	FERRY

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306 01 Lt. Howick D2 7/4 TPQ
 516 23 THW. WILSON " 1.0 "

NOTES:

1. ODO: 0600-1200 LT MCDANIEL
1200-1800 LT RASMUSSEN
1800-0600 CAPT GOODWIN
2. FRAGWRITER: MAJ PAGE
3. LECTURE BY WING PERSONNEL ON 9, 10 OCTOBER 1969 AT 1300 IN GROUP
RECREATION JUT, DURATION 2 HOURS, ATTENDANCE MANDATORY FOR ALL
OFFICER'S AND SNCO'S.
4. * MANDATORY IFR RECOVERY
5. ASO NOTE: DON'T KEEP YOUR EMERGENCY A SECRET, OTHERS MAY DISCOVER
IT TO LATE
6. NATOPS BRIEF: STUCK FLOAT VALVE
7. SUNRISE: 0635 MOONRISE: 0113 ILLUM: 36%
SUNSET: 1832 MOONSET: 1438

TOT SORTIES FLOWN THRU 3 OCT:	<u>25</u>
TOT SORTIES SCHEDULED 5 OCT:	<u>16</u>
TOT HOURS FLOWN THRU 3 OCT:	<u>32.5</u>
TOT HOURS SCHEDULED 5 OCT:	<u>23.5</u>

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER

T.W. Howick
T. W. HOWICK
FLIGHT OFFICER

DESTROY BY BURNING

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503	1	LT. HOWICK	D2 $\frac{2}{4}$	CM	TPQ
509	1	LT. CRANFORD	D2 $\frac{2}{4}$		TPQ
517	1	LT. DANSKIN	D2 $\frac{2}{4}$		TPQ
519	1	LT. RASMUSSEN	D2 $\frac{2}{4}$		TPQ

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6200	03	MAN. LONEY	DIA/09	1.3	DAS
"	06	MAN. HICKLE	"	1.3	DAS
6212	12	MAN. PALMATEER	DIA/09	.8	CAS
"	19	LT. CRANFORD	"	.8	CAS
6222	06	MAN. MIXSON	DIA/09	.8	CAS
"	17	LT. RASMUSSEN	"	.8	CAS
6506	00	CAPT. KRAUS	02 W/4	1.2	TPQ
6508	01	LTCOL CAHILL	02 W/4	1.2	TPQ
LATE ENTRY					
6511	17	LTCOL CAHILL	02 W/4	1.2	TPQ

