

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Marine Aircraft Group 13  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 311 for 1-31 March 1970.  
1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) thru (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.  
2. This report may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

Period 1-31 March 1970

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation: MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311 Commander: LtCol A. R. HICKLE  
Attached Units: None
2. Location: 1-31 March 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN
3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major Charles A. REYNOLDS	1- 4 March 1970
Executive Officer	Major James L. McMANAWAY	5-31 March 1970
S-1 Officer	Captain Clyde E. FOREMAN	1-31 March 1970
Personnel Officer	CWO-2 Francis M. RAMONE	1- 7 March 1970
Personnel Officer	Captain Raymond D. LEWIS	8-19 March 1970
S-2 Officer	Captain Bruce A. SCHWANDA	1-19 March 1970
S-2 Officer	Captain Raymond D. LEWIS	20-31 March 1970
S-3 Officer	Major Fredrick F. HARSHBARGER	1-31 March 1970
S-4 Officer	Captain Gordon R. JEFFERSON	1-31 March 1970
Maintenance Officer	Captain Fred PAIKA	1-31 March 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>36</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

5. Personnel Losses, Gains and TAD's: Officers total days TAD: 139  
Enlisted total days TAD: 288

LOSSES		USN		OTHER	
USMC	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

GAINS		USN		OTHER	
USMC	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

TAD's		USN		OTHER	
USMC	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of March 1970 , VMA-311 flew a total of 830.6 hours of which 790 were combat hours. A total of 758 sorties were flown of which 727 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 38,339 combat sorties and 47, 507 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1965.
3. For the month of March 1970 there was an average of 21 aircraft on board and an average availability of 30 pilots.
4. The average daily aircraft availability was 73% and the daily operational ready aircraft availability in accordance with MCO 3000.2B was 62%.
5. There was a total of 887.3 tons of ordnance dropped during the month of March 1970.
6. During the month of March 1970, there was one Gunnery Sergeant, six Sergeants, and seventeen Corporal's promoted to their present rank.
7. Along the lines of personal recognition two Marines received their High School Equivalency Certificates from their home states, six Marines took the High School GED Test, and two passed it. In addition three Marine re-enlisted for a total of twelve more years of service. There was a total of sixteen hometown news releases submitted for publication.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. VMA-311 was fragged for a total of six hundred and nine combat sorties during the month of March 1970. The squadron flew a total of seven hundred twenty seven combat sorties for that period.
2. During the month of March 1970, VMA-311 provided air support for the following operations:

GENEVA PARK  
RANDOLPH GLEN

FREDRICK HILL  
IRON MOUNTAIN

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy during the month of March 1970 were twenty confirmed KBA's. Also noteworthy was one hundred six structures and seventy one bunkers destroyed, thirty nine structures and eighteen bunkers damaged and one hundred twenty five meters of road cut. There were also seventeen sustained fires, twenty nine secondary explosions, and two 37MM gun position's destroyed.
4. On the night of fifteen march 1970 on a close air support mission for the First Recon Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Captain B. D. SCHWANDA flew the squadron's thirty eight thousandth combat sortie.

PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Photo of LtCol A. R. HICKLE and Captain B. A. SCHWANDA on completion of thirty eight thousandth combat sortie.

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