

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
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Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 311 for 1-30 April 1970.

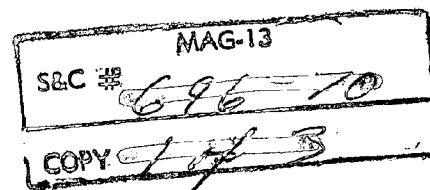
1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) thru (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This report may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of April 1970, VMA-311 flew a total of 920.1 hours of which 879.7 were combat hours. A total of 855 sorties were flown of which 807 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 39,145 combat sorties and 48,287 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of South Vietnam in June 1965.
3. For the month of April 1970 there was an average of 23 aircraft on board and an average availability of 28 pilots.
4. The average daily aircraft availability was 78% and the daily operational ready aircraft availability in accordance with MCW 3000.2B was 73%.
5. There was a total of 983.590 tons of ordnance dropped during the month of April 1970.
6. During the month of April 1970, there were one Sergeant, three Corporal's, and three Lance Corporal's meritoriously promoted to their present ranks.
7. In the area of personal recognition four Marines successfully completed the High School GED Test, and two Marines successfully completed MCI courses. Also noteworthy, were seven meritorious masts awarded during the month of April.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. VMA-311 was flagged for a total of five hundred ninety-three combat sorties during the month of April. The squadron flew a total of eight hundred seven combat sorties for that period.
2. During the month of April 1970, VMA-311 provided air support for the following operations:

TEXAS STAR
GOLDEN DRAGON
FREDRICK HILL

GENEVA PARK
RANDOLPH GLEN
IRON MOUNTAIN

3. Casualties inflicted on the enemy during the month of April 1970 were thirty-eight confirmed KBA's. Also noteworthy were ninety-three structures and one hundred eight bunkers destroyed, thirty-five structures and eight bunkers damaged. There were also three 50 Cal. positions, five trucks, two bridges and six cases of 122mm rockets destroyed.

4. On 11 April 1970, First Lieutenant Jan H. NELSON 095752/7501, was the pilot of WL-02 (152099) in a two plane flight scrambled as Lovebug 201 at 0905 (H) to attack an enemy base camp, approximately 10nm WSW of Danang, RVN. Lieutenant NELSON's aircraft was observed to disappear below a ridgeline by the FAC(A). Almost immediately a large fireball was observed. No parachute was observed and several ground searches were conducted yielding no definite information as to the cause of the accident, or Lieutenant NELSON's fate. Lieutenant NELSON is listed as MIA.

5. On the morning of twenty-five April 1970 on a close air support mission in support of ARVN troops, Capt. George A. FOCHT flew the squadron's thirty-nine thousandth combat sortie since the arrival of the squadron in the Republic of South Vietnam in June 1965.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None