

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 13
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 311 for 1-31 May 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 May 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation: MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311 Commander: LtCol J. M. BANNAN

Attached Units: None

2. Location: 1-31 May 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major James L. McMANAWAY	1-31 MAY
S-1 Officer	Captain Fred PALKA	1-31 MAY
S-2 Officer	1/Lt Michael D. ASHWORTH	1-31 MAY
S-3 Officer	Major John B. PARKER	1-31 MAY
S-4 Officer	Captain Gordon R. JEFFERSON	1-31 MAY
Maintenance Officer	Major David Y. HEALY	1-31 MAY

4. Average monthly strength:

<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>
31	171	1	0	0	0

5. Personnel losses, gains and TAD's: Officers total days TAD: 65
Enlisted total days TAD: 145

<u>LOSSES</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>USMC</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>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	6	0	0	0	0

<u>GAINS</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>USMC</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>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	5	0	0	0	0

<u>TAD's</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>USMC</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>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
8	21	0	0	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of May 1970, VMA-311 flew a total of 954.1 hours of which 909.6 were combat hours. A total of 948 sorties were flown of which 887 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 40,032 combat sorties and 49,116 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1965.
3. For the month of May 1970 there was an average of 22 aircraft on board and an average availability of 25 pilots.
4. The average daily aircraft availability was 66.6% and the daily operational ready aircraft availability in accordance with MCO 3000.2B was 62.0%.
5. There was a total of 1176.480 ton's of ordnance dropped during the month of May 1970.
6. During the month of May 1970, there were one Gunnery Sergeant, five Sergeants and ten Corporals promoted to their present rank.
7. One Marine re-enlisted for a period of three years and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. VMA-311 was fragged for a total of five hundred sixty-six combat sorties during the month of May 1970. The squadron flew a total of eight hundred eighty-seven combat sorties for that period.

2. During the month of May 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 May 1970 were one hundred-fifteen confirmed KBMA's. Also noteworthy was a BDA of sixty-one structures and two hundred sixteen bunkers destroyed, thirty structures and fifty-four bunkers damaged, four trucks, four mortar positions, four 37mm positions, seven 50 cal. positions, and five ammo sites destroyed. There were also forty-one secondary explosions and seventy-nine sustained fires recorded.

4. During the afternoon of thirty May 1970 on a direct air support mission in support of the 101st Airborne Division, LtCol A. R. HICKLE flew the squadron's forty thousandth combat sortie since the arrival of the squadron in the Republic of South Vietnam in June 1965.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None

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