

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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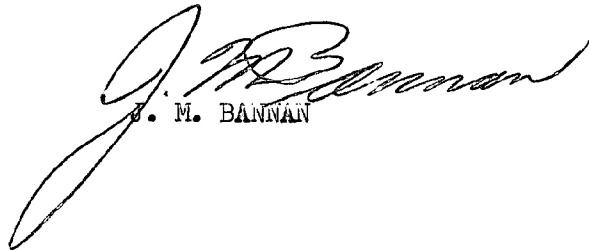
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 311 for 1-30 June 1970

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 1-30 June 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation: MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311 Commander: LtCol J. M. BANNAN
1-30 June 1970
Attached Units: None

2. Location: 1-30 June 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major James L. McMANAWAY	1-30 June
S-1 Officer	Major David Y. HEALY	1-30 June
S-2 Officer	1/Lt Michael D. ASHWORTH	1-30 June
S-3 Officer	Major Jerry R. THOMPSON	1-30 June
S-4 Officer	Captain Gordon R. JEFFERSON	1-30 June
Maintenance Officer	Major John B. PARKER	1-30 June

4. Average monthly strength:

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
31	167	1	0	0	0

5. Personnel losses, gains and TAD's: Officers total days TAD: 84
Enlisted total days TAD: 236

<u>LOSSES</u> USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
3	26	0	0	0	0

<u>GAINS</u> USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
1	9	0	0	0	0

<u>TAD's</u> USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
9	33	0	0	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the month of June 1970, VMA-311 flew a total of 742.7 hours of which 703.3 were combat hours. A total of 695 sorties were flown of which 669 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 40,701 combat sorties and 49,859 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1965.
3. For the month of June 1970 there was an average of 21 aircraft on board and an average availability of 23 pilots.
4. The average daily aircraft availability was 68.0% and the daily operational ready aircraft availability in accordance with MCO 3000.2B was 66.1%.
5. A total of 1041.898 tons of ordnance was dropped during the month of June 1970.
6. A change of command ceremony was held on 1 June 1970. LtCol A. R. HICKLE was relieved by LtCol J. M. BANNAN.
7. During the month of June 1970, there was one appointee to 1stLt, one Master Sergeant, one Staff Sergeant, and sixteen Sergeants promoted to their present rank. In addition, two Corporals and one Lance Corporal were meritoriously promoted to their present rank.
8. In the area of personal recognition, one Marine re-enlisted for six years and two Marines passed the high school GED test. There were nine strike/flight air medals, 1st award, and ten purple heart medals received during the month of June 1970.
9. There was one reduction from Corporal to PFC during the month.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. S-1

A. Awards

(1) The following awards and promotions were received by VMA-311 personnel during the month of June 1970.

(a) Awards received

1stLt.	J. E. BARKSDALE	Strike/Flight Air Medal, 1st Award	
1stLt.	R. E. SCAR	"	"
1stLt.	G. G. SLOAN	"	"
1stLt.	R. J. SHORT	"	"
1stLt.	J. H. WELLS	"	"
1stLt.	J. D. REED	"	"
1stLt.	D. J. HILEMAN	"	"
1stLt.	B. H. PLASSMEYER	"	"
1stLt.	L. R. AAMOT	"	"
SSgt.	G. W. HAMPTON	Purple Heart Award	
SSgt.	C. C. PARK	"	"
Sgt.	J. T. PACKER	"	"
Sgt.	J. B. CIESIENSKY	"	"
Cpl.	L. C. HUMMEL	"	"
Cpl.	R. L. BROOKS	"	"
Cpl.	J. W. ELLER	"	"
Cpl.	M. R. OBLEMAN	"	"
Cpl.	M. L. CONNELLY	"	"
LCpl.	J. W. MERRITT	"	"

(b) Promotions received

1stLt.	C. W. POLK	Promoted to Present Rank	
MSgt.	J. F. EPSTEIN	"	"
SSgt.	C. C. PARK	"	"
Sgt.	K. H. ENDICOTT	"	"
Sgt.	T. A. BOWMAN	"	"
Sgt.	G. T. BUCKLEY	"	"
Sgt.	A. E. BUDA	"	"
Sgt.	M. M. DITTMAR	"	"
Sgt.	D. R. DONNELLY	"	"
Sgt.	A. L. ENRIQUEZ	"	"
Sgt.	L. J. GUPTILL	"	"

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Sgt. R. A. HARRISON	Promoted to Present Rank
Sgt. A. W. KING	" "
Sgt. K. P. LLOYD	" "
Sgt. T. MCNALLY	" "
Sgt. G. C. MELE	" "
Sgt. W. L. PAYNE	" "
Sgt. R. E. SAPP	" "
Sgt. W. J. CLAUDE	" "
Sgt. K. A. BIEREND	" "
Cpl. K. W. MAYFIELD	" "
Cpl. A. A. MOLNAR	" "
LCpl. T. J. WATTS	" "

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A. Air Operations

(1) VMA-311 was fragged for a total of five hundred fifteen combat sorties during the month of June 1970. The squadron flew a total of six hundred sixty-nine combat sorties for that period.

(2) During the month of June 1970, VMA-311 provided air support for the following operations:

PENNSYLVANIA	GENEVA PARK
TEXAS STAR	RANDOLPH GLEN
GOLDEN DRAGON	IRON MOUNTAIN
FREDRICK HILL	

(3) Casualties inflicted on the enemy during the month of June 1970 were seventy-three confirmed KBMA. Also noteworthy was a BDA of fifty-nine structures and two hundred thirty-five bunkers destroyed, three structures and eleven bunkers damaged, six 50 cal positions with gun, and three base camps destroyed. There were also thirty-four secondary explosions and fifty-two secondary fires recorded.

(4) On 7 June 1970, Captain Fred PALKA was flying a DAS combat mission north of Dak To when his aircraft was destroyed by direct enemy action. Captain PALKA ejected and was recovered by helicopter. The pilot received minor injuries.

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3. Maintenance

A. The average daily availability for the month was 68.0%. The average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 66.1%.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allow</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A-4E	26	21	66.1	14.7

(2) Critical Items

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>FSN/PN</u>
Constant Speed Drive	2RG-1680-864-1034-2150

B. Presently four aircraft, bureau numbers 151988, 150013, 151023, and 151176 are undergoing progressive aircraft rework.