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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 13
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 13

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-25 July 1970

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(b) WgO 5750.4
(c) GruO 5750.1D

Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 311

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

2. This report may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Period 1-25 July 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation: MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311 Commander: LtCol. J. M. BANNAN
1-25 July 1970

Subordinate Units: None

2. Location: 1-25 July 1970, Chu Lai Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major James L. McMANAWAY	1-21 July 1970
Executive Officer	Major Jerry R. THOMPSON	22-25 July 1970
S-1 Officer	Major David Y. HEALY	1-25 July 1970
S-2 Officer	1stLt. Michael D. ASHWORTH	1-25 July 1970
S-3 Officer	Major Jerry R. THOMPSON	1-21 July 1970
S-3 Officer	Major John B. PARKER	22-25 July 1970
S-4 Officer	Captain Gordon R. JEFFERSON	1-25 July 1970
Maintenance Officer	Major John B. PARKER	1-21 July 1970
Maintenance Officer	Captain Fred PALKA	22-25 July 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
30	156	1	0	0	0

5. Personnel Losses, Gains and TAD's:

LOSSES		USN		OTHER	
USMC	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
3	16	1	0	0	0

GAINS		USN		OTHER	
USMC	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
1	21	0	0	0	0

Officers total days TAD: 150
Enlisted total days TAD: 215

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-25 July 1970, VMA-311 flew a total of 616.4 hours of which 592.6 were combat hours. A total of 619 sorties were flown of which 594 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 41,295 combat sorties and 50,452 combat hours since arriving in the Republic of Vietnam in June 1965.
3. During the reporting period there was an average of 20 aircraft on board, and an average of 27 Naval Aviators assigned.
4. A total of 983.124 tons of ordnance was expended during the reporting period.
5. During the reporting period, there were two corporals who received meritorious promotions to their present rank. There were also three corporals and two lance corporals who received regular promotions to their present rank.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. During May 1970, the commanding officer of VMA-311 received a warning order stating that VMA-311 would deploy, when directed, to Danang Air Base and join Marine Aircraft Group 11. On 22 July 1970 an advance party, Major D. Y. HEALY, officer in charge, departed Chu Lai for Danang, RVN. The purpose of the advance party was to prepare working and living spaces allocated to VMA-311. On 26 July 1970, VMA-311 departed Chu Lai Air Base for Danang after flying twelve combat sorties. The entire move would span approximately seven days, permitting the squadron to continue combat operations.

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A. Air Operations

(1) During the period 1 - 25 July 1970, VMA-311 was flagged for a total of four hundred fourteen combat sorties. The squadron flew a total of five hundred ninety-four combat sorties during that period.

(2) During the reporting period, VMA-311 provided air support for the following operations:

TEXAS STAR
IRON MOUNTAIN
FREDRICK HILL

GREEN RIVER
GENEVA PARK

(3) Casualties inflicted on the enemy during the reporting period were six confirmed KBA. Also noteworthy was a BDA of ninety-six bunkers, twenty-seven structures, one truck, one mortar position, one .51 cal. gun position, one bridge and one radio tower destroyed, two radio towers damaged and two communications centers neutralized. There were also fourty-four secondary explosions and fourty-two secondary fires recorded.

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3. Maintenance

a. The average daily availability for the period 1 - 25 July 1970 was 72.4 %. The average daily operationally ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 66.2 %.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A4E	26	20	66.2	22.1

(2) Critical Items

Constant Speed Drive

b. Presently five aircraft, bureau numbers 151988, 151186, 150013, 151023 and 151176 are undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. None