


MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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(b) MGO 5750.4
(c) GruO 5750.1B

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 (1).


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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Period 26-31 July 1970

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation: MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311 Commander: LtCol. J. M. BANNAN
26-31 July 1970

Subordinate Units: None

2. Location: 26-31 July 1970, Danang Air Base, RVN

3. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer	Major Jerry R. THOMPSON	26-31 July 1970
S-1 Officer	Major David Y. HEALY	26-31 July 1970
S-2 Officer	1stLt. Michael D. ASHWORTH	26-31 July 1970
S-3 Officer	Major John B. PARKER	26-31 July 1970
S-4 Officer	Captain Gordon R. JEFFERSON	26-31 July 1970
Maintenance Officer	Captain Fred PAIKA	26-31 July 1970

4. Average Monthly Strength:

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

5. Personnel Losses, Gains and TAD's:

LOSSES		USN		OTHER	
USMC		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
OFF	ENL	0	0	0	0
0	5				

GAINS		USN		OTHER	
USMC		OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
OFF	ENL	0	0	0	0
0	9				

Officers total days TAD: 4
Enlisted total days TAD: 6

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 26-31 July 1970, VMA-311 flew a total of 108.4 hours of which 93.6 were combat hours. A total of 109 sorties were flown of which 91 were combat sorties.
2. VMA-311 has flown 41,386 combat sorties and 50,546 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 99.360 tons of ordnance was expended during the reporting period.

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PART III
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 26 July 1970, VMA-311 came under the operational and administrative control of Marine Aircraft Group 11. The first contingent of twelve aircraft arrived at Danang at approximately 1345. The entire move would span approximately seven days, permitting the squadron to continue combat operations against insurgent forces.

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a. Air Operations

(1) During the period 26 - 31 July 1970, VMA-311 was fragged for a total of sixty-eight combat sorties. The squadron flew a total of ninety-one 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 ten confirmed KBMA. Also noteworthy was a BDA of nine bunkers, eleven structures and one .51 cal. gun position destroyed. There were also four secondary explosions and three secondary fires recorded.

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3. Maintenance

a. The average daily availability for the period 26 - 31 July 1970 was 72.4 %. The average daily operationally ready aircraft in accordance with MCO F3000.2B 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