

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 11
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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Encl: (1) VMA-311 Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions set forth in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.
2. This report may be downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1):

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Period 1-31 March 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
Marine Attack Squadron 311 LtCol. J. T. HAGEN 1-31 March 1971
 2. Location
1-31 March 1971: Danang, RVN
 3. Staff Officers:

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Executive Officer | Maj. R. E. BLANCHARD | 1-31 March 1971 |
| S-1 Officer | Maj. R. L. WOOD | 1-15 March 1971 |
| | Capt. W. R. BUNKER | 16-31 March 1971 |
| S-2 Officer | Capt. W. R. BUNKER | 1-31 March 1971 |
| S-3 Officer | Maj. D. C. FITZGERALD | 1-31 March 1971 |
| S-4 Officer | Capt. M. F. WILLIAMSON | 1-31 March 1971 |
| Maintenance Officer | Maj. D. A. CAVAGNARO | 1-15 March 1971 |
| | Maj. R. L. WOOD | 15-30 March 1971 |
| | Maj. N. MARSHALL | 31 March 1971 |
 4. Average Monthly Strength

| USMC | | USN | | OTHER | |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> | <u>OFF</u> | <u>ENL</u> |
| 32 | 185 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
- Joins: 29

Transfers: 24

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During March, VMA-311 provided close and direct air support for all allied units in the northern provinces. The squadron also flew 440 sorties in support of Operation Lam San 719. A highlight of this support occurred on 3 March when a flight was credited with destroying one tank and four trucks. On 7 March the squadron flew its' 46,000th RVN combat sortie. Col. A. C. POMMERENK, Commanding Officer of MAG-11, flew his 100th combat mission with VMA-311 on 11 March. This month also marked the squadron's 12,202.9 accident-free hour.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 March 1. Mission 6212 destroyed one tank and four trucks in support of Operation Lam Son 719.
Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 7 March 1. Squadron flew its' 46,000th RVN combat sortie.
Ref: Daily report of Air Operations (Group S-3)
- 11 March 1. Col. A. C. POMMERENK flew his 100th combat mission. LtGen ROBERTSON and BGen QUINN were guests of honor at the celebration.
- 23 March 1. Five First Lieutenants were promoted to Captain on this day.
Ref: Unit Diary #078-71

2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled 698
Night Sorties Scheduled 86
Total Sorties Scheduled 784
Sorties Cancelled 74
Non-Combat Sorties Flown 36

Day Sorties Flown 740
Night Sorties Flown 123
Total Sorties Flown 863
Write-in Sorties Flown 57
Scramble Sorties Flown 60

b. Units Supported

1stMAW 144
Americal Division 4
1st of 5th Mechanized 72
7th Air Force 440
CIDG 2
Viet M. C. 4

1st Marine Division 69
101st Airborne Division 101
1st ARVN Division 10
51st ARVN Division 15
1st Task Force 2

c. Types of Sorties

Close Air Support 135
Direct Air Support 39
TPQ-10 138
Abort 70
RESCAP 8

Steel Tiger 432
Test 26
Ferry 10
VR's 4

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d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours 980.1
Operational Hours 37.5
Total Hours 1017.6

e. Ordinance

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MK81 LDGP Bomb 22.49/173 | CBU-24 202.11/487 |
| MK82 LDGP Bomb 664.36/2507 | MK12 Smoke 7.20/24 |
| MK82 SE Bomb 333.63/1181 | MK45 Flare .36/24 |
| MK83 LDGP Bomb 53.01/99 | ZUNI 7.33/137 |
| MK77 Firebomb 152.62/587 | 20mm 4.04/13,480 Rds. delivered |
| Rockeye II 20.58/84 | |
| Total Tons 1467.73 | |

f. Bomb Damage Assessment

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bunkers Destroyed 77 | Tanks Damaged 5 |
| Bunkers Damaged 13 | Bulldozer Destroyed 1 |
| KBMA Confirmed 18 | Weapons Destroyed 5 |
| Structures Destroyed 18 | Weapons Damaged 7 |
| Structures Damaged 4 | Gun Positions Destroyed 6 |
| Secondary Explosions 445 | Gun Positions Damaged 1 |
| Secondary Fires 181 | Fords Destroyed 1 |
| MTRS Treeline Destroyed 250 | Fighting Holes Destroyed 10 |
| MTRS Road/Trail Cuts 725 | Spider Holes Destroyed 26 |
| Tunnel Complex Destroyed 1 | Bridge Destroyed 1 |
| Caves Uncovered 8 | Rice Paddies Destroyed 2 |
| Trucks Destroyed 21 | Ammo Dump Damaged 1 |
| Trucks Damaged 9 | Barrels of POL Destroyed 10 |
| Tanks Destroyed 5 | Armor Personnel Carrier 1 |

On 5 March an unknown number of Rockets and Mortars were destroyed.
On 27 March an unknown amount of POL was destroyed.

g. Aircraft Dispersal

(1) One aircraft was diverted to another field for one night because of adverse weather conditions.

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period 5 Captains, 1 Master Gunnery Sergeant, 2 Gunnery Sergeants, 2 Sergeants and 3 Lance Corporals were promoted to their present ranks.

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b. Awards. During the month of March 18 Air Medals, 5 Good Conduct Medals, and 1 Meritorious Mast were awarded to squadron personnel.

c. Aviation Safety. The squadron accomplished its' mission with another month of accident-free flying bringing the total accident-free time to 12,202.9 hours.

d. Maintenance. The average daily availability for the month of March was 58.9%. The average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 67.5%

(1) Aircraft Status

| <u>Aircraft Type</u> | <u>Allowed</u> | <u>O/H</u> | <u>% Ready</u> | <u>% Norm</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| A4E | 24 | 23 | 58.9 | 41.1 |

(2) Presently one aircraft, bureau number 150085 is undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

e. Logistics. The squadron has 35 requisitions pending and 5 pending from previous submission. This past month has again seen this squadron in receipt of numerous wrong items received. This has caused excessive delay in getting aircraft up and the loss of valuable man hours. Examples of wrong items received are as follows:

| <u>Nomenclature</u> | <u>Document Number</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Control Assy | 1280-089-1033 |
| Voltmeter | 2955-045-9966 |
| Transmitter | 6620-871-0592 |
| Amplifier, Computer | 6615-605-8295 |
| Control Box | 5821-681-0416 |

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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