

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-31 March 1971

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4
(b) GruO 5750.1B

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 enclo-
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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	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
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 Son 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 its¹ 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	Day Sorties Flown	740
Night Sorties Scheduled	86	Night Sorties Flown	123
Total Sorties Scheduled	784	Total Sorties Flown	863
Sorties Cancelled	74	Write-in Sorties Flown	57
Non-Combat Sorties Flown	36	Scramble Sorties Flown	60

b. Units Supported

1stMAW	144	1st Marine Division	69
American Division	4	101st Airborne Division	101
1st of 5th Mechanized	72	1st ARVN Division	10
7th Air Force	440	51st ARVN Division	15
CIDG	2	1st Task Force	2
Viet N. C.	4		

c. Types of Sorties

Close Air Support	135	Steel Tiger	432
Direct Air Support	39	Test	26
TPQ-10	138	Ferry	10
Abort	70	VR's	4
RESCAP	8		

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d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours 980.1
Operational Hours 37.5
Total Hours 1017.6

e. Ordnance

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
KBIA 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 MC0 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

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