

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
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3rd Marine Amphibious Brigade
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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 1-14 April 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
Marine Attack Squadron 311 LtCol. J. T. HAGEN 1-14 April 1971
2. Location
1-14 April 1971: Danang, RVN
3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. R. E. BLANCHARD	1-14 April 1971
S-1 Officer	Capt. W. R. BUNKER	1-5 April 1971
	Maj. R. D. BAKER	6-14 April 1971
S-2 Officer	Capt. W. R. BUNKER	1 April 1971
	1/Lt M. O. TURNER	2-14 April 1971
S-3 Officer	Maj. D. C. FITZGERALD	1-14 April 1971
S-4 Officer	Capt. M. F. WILLIAMSON	1-14 April 1971
Maintenance Officer	Maj. W. MARSHALL	1-14 April 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	187	0	0	0	0

Joins: 7 Transfers: 5

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 1-14 April 1971, VMA-311 continued to provide close and direct air support for all allied units operating in the northern provinces. The squadron also flew 224 Steel Tiger sorties in support of the Seventh Air Force. Noteworthy bomb damage assessments during this period include 17 confirmed KBWA, 9 trucks destroyed and one 23mm anti-aircraft gun destroyed. April also saw the squadron flying its' 47,000th RVN combat sortie. The squadron's safety record continues to build showing 12,741.2 accident-free hours through 14 April.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 April 1. Event 6301 credited with 5 KBMA
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 4 April 1. Events 6302 and 6306 credited with 4 KBMA and 30
 structures destroyed
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 6 April 1. Event 460 credited with 4 KBMA
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 8 April 1. Event 468 destroyed 3 trucks
 2. Event 476 credited with 4 KBMA
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 9 April 1. Event 465 destroyed one 23mm antiaircraft gun
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 12 April 1. Squadron flew its 47,000th RVN combat sortie
 Ref: Daily Report of Air Operations (Group S-3)
- 14 April 1. Event 214 destroyed 3 trucks
 Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)

2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled 351
Night Sorties Scheduled 119
Total Sorties Scheduled 470
Sorties Cancelled 52
Non-Combat Sorties Flown 16

Day Sorties Flown 368
Night Sorties Flown 104
Total Sorties Flown 472
Write-in Sorties Flown 1813
Scramble Sorties Flown 25

b. Units Supported

1st MAW 30
Americal Division 29
1st of 5th Mechanized 12
2nd ARVN Division 2

7th Air Force 228
1st Marine Division 66
101st Airborne Division 97
51st ARVN Division 8

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c. Types of Sorties

Close Air Support	120	Test	3
Direct Air Support	37	Ferry	9
TPQ-10	54	Abort	15
Landing Zone Prep	6	VR's	4
Steel Tiger	224		

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours 523.1
Operational Hours 15.2
Total Hours 538.3

e. Ordnance

MK82 Gp Con	580.62/2191	MK77 Firebomb	56.68/218
MK82 Gp SE	137.01/485	CBU-24	21.17/51
MK82 Gp Q	5.30/20	MK45 Flare	3.40/272
Rockeye II	42.39/173	20mm	2.01/6325 Rds. Delivered
Total Tons: 848.58			

f. Bomb Damage Assessment

Secondary Explosions	23	Structures Destroyed	30
Trucks Destroyed	9	Bridges Destroyed	1
Trucks Damaged	18	Mortar Pits Destroyed	4
Secondary Fires	33	23mm Guns Destroyed	1
Bunkers Destroyed	23	Hootches Destroyed	1
Bunkers Damaged	2	MTRSR Fords Destroyed	141
MTRSR Road Cut	878	MTRSR Trenchline Destroyed	20
MTRSR Treeling	200	KEWA Confirmed	17
MTRSR Road Slide	45	KEWA Probable	8

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period one (1) 1stLt was promoted to his present rank.

b. Awards. None

c. Aviation Safety. The squadron, to date, has accomplished it's mission of accident-free flying bringing the total accident-free time to 12,741.2 hours.

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d. Maintenance. The average daily availability for the period of 1-14 April was 54.3%. The average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 64.2%.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A4E	24	23	64.2	19.1

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

e. Logistics. The squadron has 32 requisitions pending and 4 pending from previous submission. At present there are problems associated with unit maintenance/logistics. The following are critical items:

Nomenclature

Constant Speed Drive
AJB-3 Stand By Gyro's
TACAN Mounts

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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