

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 11
3rd Marine Amphibious Brigade
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11
Subj: Command Chronology for period 15-30 April 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 enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Period 15-30 April 1971

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
Marine Attack Squadron 311 LtCol. J. T. HAGEN 15-30 April 1971

2. Location
15-30 April 1971: Danang, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj. R. E. BLANCHARD	15-30 April 1971
S-1 Officer	Maj. R. D. BAKER	15-30 April 1971
S-2 Officer	1/Lt. M. O. TURNER	15-30 April 1971
S-3 Officer	Maj. D. C. FITZGERALD	15-30 April 1971
S-4 Officer	Capt. M. F. WILLIAMSON	15-30 April 1971
Maintenance Officer	Maj. N. MARSHALL	15-30 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>
35	180	0	0	0	0

Joins: 14 Transfers: 7

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During the period 15-30 April, VMA-311 continued to provide close and direct air support for all allied units operating in the northern provinces. The squadron also flew 120 Steel Tiger sorties in support of the Seventh Air Force. This period also saw the squadron credited with 14 trucks destroyed, 9 KBMA and 57 secondary explosions. On 26 April, an aircraft mishap ended the squadron's accident free record at 13,061.7 hours.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 15 April 1. Mission 6219 was credited with one truck and one quad ZPU anti-aircraft gun destroyed.
Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)
- 26 April 1. WL-17 blew a tire on landing and ran off of the runway incurring substantial damage. The pilot ejected successfully.
Ref: VMA-311 Msg 261420Z April 71.
- 28 April 1. Mission 6460 was credited with 8 KBMA.
Ref: Operational Sitreps (Group S-3)

2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled 391	Day Sorties Flown 404
Night Sorties Scheduled 98	Night Sorties Flown 125
Total Sorties Scheduled 489	Total Sorties Flown 529
Sorties Cancelled 28	Write-in Sorties Flown 28
Non-Combat Sorties Flown 32	Scramble Sorties Flown 8

b. Units Supported

1st MAF 49	1st Marine Division 33
Americal Division 13	101st Airborne Division 222
1st of 5th Mechanized 9	1st ARVN Division 21
7th Air Force 120	ROK Marine Corps 8
51st ARVN Division 6	

c. Types of Sorties

Close Air Support 127	Steel Tiger 120
Direct Air Support 135	Test 10
TPQ-10 109	Ferry 20
Landing Zone Prep 4	Abort 2
RESCAP 2	

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours 519.1
Operational Hours 28.8
Total Hours 547.9

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e. Ordnance

MK82 LDGP Bomb 2681/710.46	MK82 SE Bomb 449/126.84
MK83 LDGP Bomb 13/6.96	MK20 20 Rockeye II 56/13.72
MK77 Firebomb 212/55.12	MK77 CS 8/1.88
CBU 24 50/20.75	MK45 Flare 126/1.58
Zuni 39/2.65	MK12 Smoke 4/2.00
Total Tons: 942.06	

f. Bomb Damage Assessment

Trucks Destroyed 14	Trucks Damaged 2
Bunkers Destroyed 34	Bunkers Damaged 13
Road Cuts 60	Road Slides 21
Secondary Fires 41	Secondary Explosions 57
Structures Destroyed 15	Structures Damaged 1
Bull Dozers Damaged 1	Caves Uncovered 1
Bridges Destroyed 1	POL Areas Destroyed 3
ZPU's Destroyed 4	LZ's Constructed 9
KBM 9	Supply Cache Destroyed 3
Ammo Dumps Destroyed 1	Trenches Destroyed 100 meters

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period one Sergeant, one Corporal, and three Lance Corporals were promoted to their present ranks.

b. Awards. During the reporting period three Meritorious Hosts were awarded to Squadron personnel.

c. Aviation Safety. The Squadron, to date, has accomplished 92.7 hours of accident-free flying time.

d. Maintenance. The average daily availability for the period of 15-30 April was 52.6%. The average daily operational ready aircraft in accordance with MCO P3000.2B was 60.0%.

(1) Aircraft Status

<u>Aircraft Type</u>	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>% Ready</u>	<u>% Norm</u>
A4E	24	21	52.0	21.2

(2) Presently two aircraft, bureau numbers 150085 and 150105 are undergoing Progressive Aircraft Rework.

e. Logistics. The Squadron has 23 requisitions pending and 0 pending from previous submission. At present there is a problem associated with unit maintenance/logistics. The following critical items are:

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Nomenclature

Displacement Gyro
Anti-G Valve
Temperature Control

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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