

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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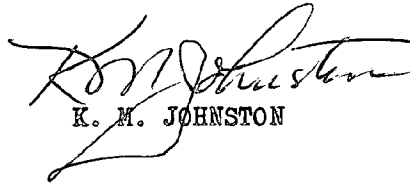
From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

Subj: Command Chronology period of 17 May thru 31 May 1972

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(b) GruO 5750.1G

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).


K. M. JOHNSTON

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
Period 1 May thru 31 May 1972

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DesignationCommander

Marine Attack Squadron 311 LtCol K. M. JOHNSTON 17 May - 31 May 1972

2. Location

18 May - 31 May 1972: Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj T. L. ELSER	17 May - 31 May 1972
S-1 Officer	Capt A. W. LIND	17 May - 31 May 1972
S-2 Officer	1stLt J. L. BLOCHER	17 May - 31 May 1972
S-3 Officer	Maj M. R. SNEDEKER	17 May - 31 May 1972
S-4 Officer	Capt G. K. MITTEER	17 May - 31 May 1972
Maintenance Officer	Capt R. F. CAROLL	17 May - 31 May 1972
NATOPS Officer	Capt A. R. SCHUELE	17 May - 31 May 1972

4. Average Strength

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u> <u>ENL</u>
May	25 147	0 0	0 0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Ten (10) VMA-311 A-4E aircraft left Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan at 0555 Local Time on the 17th of May for Bien Hoa, Vietnam while at the same time the six (6) VMA-311 aircraft at NAS Cubi Point, Philippines departed for Bien Hoa, Vietnam. VMA-311's first aircraft landed in Bien Hoa, Vietnam at 0725 on the 17th of May 1972. VMA-311 officially reentered the Combat Area on the 17th of May 1972.
2. On the 18th of May 1972 VMA-311 troops were flown into the Combat Area from Iwakuni, Japan with an enroute stop at Clark AFB, Philippines. On the 19th of May 1972, VMA-311's first combat sortie in the combat zone was flown by LTCOL JOHNSTON, the Squadron Commanding Officer. From the 19th of May thru the 31st of May this squadron flew 203 Combat Sorties and 263.1 Combat Hours in support of the South Vietnamese.
3. It is interesting to note that VMA-311 was the last Marine Fixed Wing Squadron to depart Vietnam in May 1971 and the first Marine A4 Squadron to return in Vietnam to resume the combat role.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 17 May VMA-311 left MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan and arrived at Bien Hoa Air Base, RVN to commence combat operations against insurgent Viet Cong and NVA units in South Vietnam's Military Regions III and IV
- 19 May VMA-311 flew first Combat Mission
- 25 May VMA-311 Aircraft Accident 3-72A (minor) caused by material failure

2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled	195	Day Sorties Flown	210
Night Sorties Scheduled	0	Night Sorties Flown	0
Total Sorties Scheduled	195	Total Sorties Flown	210
		Write-in Sorties Flown	22

b. Units Supported

ARVN

c. Types of Sorties

CAS	203
Test	6
Ferry	1
Training	0

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours	263.1
Operational Hours	5.8
Total Hours	268.9

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e. Ordnance 19 May - 31 May 1972

MK-81	330
MK-82	876
CBU-24	48
ZUNI(5" Rockets)	26
2.75" Rockets	731
Total Tons:	284.36

f. <u>Bomb Damage Assessment</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
KBA (Confirmed) 72		
KBA (Probable) 5		
Fortified Fighting Positions	12	
Bunkers	31	2
Structures	18	8
Sampans	2	
Secondary Explosions	16	
Secondary Fires	2	
Sustained Fire	1	

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period 1 LCPL, 13 CPL, 1 SGT, and 3 SSGT were promoted to their present rank.

b. Awards. None.

c. Aviation Safety. During the reporting period this Squadron has had one minor aircraft accident and zero fatalities. To date, the Squadron has accomplished 2981.9 hours of accident-free flying time.

d. Maintenance

Sched Maint Hrs.	53.0	Unsched Maint Hrs.	539.3
% Sched.	1.4	% Unsched.	14.1
NORS Hrs.	270.6	A/C Allowed	16
%	7.1	Assigned	22
		On Hand	16
NORM	539.8	OP Ready	3181.9
%	14.1	%	83.4

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e. Logistics. The Squadron has listed below the Hard Down NORS Items and has two previous requisitions pending.

Work Unit Code

WING FLAP MECHANICAL COMPONENTS	14519
CANOPY SYSTEM	11369
ANTENNA	71377
AERO 7A RACK FAIRING	75471
FUSELAGE FUEL QTY PROBE	46611

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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