

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12
Subj: Command Chronology for the month of August 1972

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Narrative for period 1-31 August 1972

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 August thru 31 August 1972

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ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Designation Commander
Marine Attack Squadron 311 LtCol K. M. JOHNSTON 1 August - 31 August 1972
2. Location
1 August - 31 August 1972: Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam
3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj T. L. ELSEY 1 August - 31 August 1972
S-1 Officer	Capt A. W. LIND 1 August - 31 August 1972
S-2 Officer	Capt J. L. BLOCHER 1 August - 31 August 1972
S-3 Officer	Maj M. R. SNEDEKER 1 August - 31 August 1972
S-4 Officer	Capt G. K. MITTEER 1 August - 31 August 1972
Maintenance Officer	Capt R. F. CAROLL 1 August - 31 August 1972
NATOPS Officer	Capt A. R. SCHUELE 1 August - 31 August 1972
4. Average Monthly Strength
- | <u>USMC</u> | <u>USN</u> | <u>OTHER</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The month of August started and ended with a bang for VMA-311. Rocket attacks were delivered on the first and last days of the month. Fortunately the Squadron sustained only three WIA during the two attacks. Three aircraft were damaged during the 1st of August attack but all were back in an up status by the following day.
2. The month was a memorable and a historic one for the Squadron. Eleven pilots flew their 100th Combat Sortie in Vietnam. The 50,000th Combat Sortie for VMA-311 was flown on 29 August by 1stLt Chuck REED.
3. 100% of the Squadron personnel were graduated from the Human Relations Program ending 20 hours of intense discussion and debate. Two hours of the Human Relations Program were devoted to the problems of Drug Abuse.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 August Rocket Attack at 0517. A total of 101 122MM Rockets were fired from five positions around the field. 86 Rockets landed within the perimeter. VMA-311 sustained three (3) WIA's and three (3) aircraft damaged.

1 August VMA-311 Cruise Book for Bien Hoa was completed

3 August Wing Training Conference held at Iwakuni, Japan, Captain PETERS represented VMA-311

5 August General METZGER CG 3rd MAF visited MAG-12 and toured the squadron area.

20 August Aircraft #18 sustained battle damage. Captain CADMAN flying A-4E 151096 received 2 rounds of 51 Cal. through the left intake while pulling off target. RTB and landing were routine.

23 August Party for Air Force Forward Air Controllers. Hosted by the 8th SOS (A-37) and MAG-12, the party was held at the Base Pool and gymnasium with steaks, beer and live entertainment, the party was a overwhelming success.

25-29 August 1st MAF Safety/NATOPS inspection was conducted.

29 August Pre IG Inspection: S-1, Maintenance, Material, and Embarkation were inspected.

31 August Rocket Attack at 0600. A total of 80 122MM Rockets were fired from three positions around the field. 64 Rockets landed within the perimeter. VMA-311 had no casualties, and no aircraft damage sustained.

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2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled	792	Day Sorties Flown	812
Night Sorties Scheduled	0	Night Sorties Flown	0
Total Sorties Scheduled	792	Total Sorties Flown	812
		Write-in Sorties Flown	19

b. Units Supported

ARVN
KHMER Ground Forces

c. Types of Sorties

CAS	793
Test	15
Ferry	4
Training	0

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours	996.4
Operational Hours	20.7
Total Hours	1017.1

e. Ordnance

20MM	22481
MK-81	2339
MK-82	2339
MK-83	72
MK-84	33
5" Rockets	1012
Total Tons:	1035.73

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<u>f. Bomb Damage Assessment</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
KBA (Confirmed) 81		
KBA (Probable) 51		
Sustained Fires 9		
Secondary Fires 5		
Secondary Explosions 92		
Structures	93	58
Fortified Positions	88	14
Sampan	8	3
Bridges	1	4
Bunkers	86	22
Tanks	4	1
Gun Positions	4	4
Supply Stacks	5	2
51 Cal. Sites	7	2
Cemetery	1	
Trench Lines	2	
Spider Holes	17	
82 MM Mortar	3	
Staging Area	1	
Dam		1
Trucks		4
Observation Post		1

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period 2 SSGT's, 1 SGT (Meritorious), 1 CPL (Meritorious) and 2 LCPL's were promoted to thier present rank.

b. Awards. Two meritorious masts, ten Good Conduct Medals were awarded during this period. One individual was recommended for the Navy Achievement Medal.

c. Aviation Safety. During the reporting period this Squadron has had no aircraft accidents and zero fatalities. To date, the Squadron has accomplished 5753.6 hours of accident-free flying time.

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d. Maintenance

Sched Maint Hrs.	749.0	Unsched Maint Hrs.	1441.7
%	6.4	%	12.3
NORS Hrs.	300.6	A/C Allowed	16
%	4.3	Assigned	22
		On Hand	16
		OP Ready	9068.7
		%	77.1
NORM	2190.7		
%	18.6		

e. Logistics. The Squadron has listed below the Hard Down NORS Items and also the requisitions pending, filled, and pending from previous submissions.

(1) NORSWork Unit Code

FIRE WARNING CABLES	49113
STATIC PORT	51512
TAIL PIPE	29621
MANIFOLD AIR CONDITION	41110
CANOPY SEAL REGULATION	11362

(2) Requisitions

NORS carried over from July	7
Total requisitions	261
Total filled	212
Total pending	49

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

NONE

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