

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 November 1972 (U)  
 Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4  
 (b) GruO 5750.1G  
 Encl: (1) Command Chronology Narrative for period 1 - 30 November 1972  
 1. (U) In accordance with the provisions set forth in references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.  
 2. (U) This report is unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
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Period 1 November thru 30 November 1972

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PART I  
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. Designation

Marine Attack Squadron 311

Commander

LtCol J. J. CALDAS Jr.  
1 November - 30 November 1972

2. Location

1 November - 30 November 1972 Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj T. L. ELSEY 1 Nov - 30 Nov

S-1 Officer

Capt A. W. LIND 1 Nov - 30 Nov

S-2 Officer

1/Lt J. S. ORME 1 Nov - 30 Nov

S-3 Officer

Maj M. R. SNEDEKER 1 Nov - 30 Nov

S-4 Officer

Capt C. H. CADMAN 1 Nov - 30 Nov

Maintenance Officer

Capt R. F. CARROLL 1 Nov - 2 Nov

NATOPS Officer

Capt C. K. LUNN 3 Nov - 30 Nov

Capt W. C. PETERS 1 Nov - 30 Nov

4. Average Monthly Strength

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USN

OTHER

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21 132

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (U) November saw VMA-311 starting off with a total of 52,411 combat sorties flown. Our 26 sorties per day pace was continued with 6 sorties lost to weather and cancelled by higher authority.
2. (U) Two VMA-311 pilots flew their 200th combat mission this tour and two pilots flew their 100th combat mission.
3. (C) VMA-311 began airstrike coordination with VNAF FAC's with good results.
4. (U) An ice cream and cake party for the squadron sponsored orphanage was given at the base mess hall. At this time the squadron commander presented the orphanage "sisters" with \$1,000.00 that was collected from squadron members. Along with this, numerous boxes of clothing were also given.
5. (U) A pilot training session was held for VMA-311 pilots. The ejection seat, aircraft electrical system and fuel systems were discussed with emphasis placed on detecting malfunctions and pilot corrective action to be taken.
6. (U) On 10 November a party celebrating the Marine Corps birthday was held for squadron personnel. Gen. TAYLOR was guest of honor at the Officer, SNCO ball.
7. (C) On 11-12 November cracks were discovered on the left inboard side of two aircraft intakes. These were patched by intermediate level maintenance a Safety UR was sent recommending reinforcing this area. It is strongly suspected that gun blast is causing the cracks. On 25 November two more aircraft were discovered to have hairline cracks in this same area. These were stop drilled and potted. Gun firing has been limited to only lucrative targets.
8. (C) On 16 November a 9 man advance party departed for Iwakuni in anticipation of a 20 November retrograde from R.V.N.
9. (U) Thanksgiving dinner was served to all hands at the Shain Memorial mess hall, various news media were represented.
10. (U) A free telephone home program has been instituted by the squadron for Sgt and below. The funds are being provided by Miss Josephine McDONELL 401 North Saginaw St., of Owosso, Michigan who gathers them from different patriotic groups. There have been 10 free call's home completed to date.
11. (C) VMA-311 completed the month of November with 776 combat sorties flown.

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12. (C) As the month closed and it became evident that the squadron would remain at Bien Hoa for the foreseeable future the advance party at Iwakuni was returned to country.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (C)

3 November Squadron all hands picnic.

9 November Bird strike on aircraft BuNo 150049

11-12 November Cracks found behind intakes of aircraft 151038 and 149972.

12 November Rocket attacks 0245 and 0520.

12 November Wing PIO visited squadron.

14 November Open house in squadron operating spaces.

16 November 9 man advance party to Iwakuni.

24 November Admiral HOLLOWAY visited squadron.

25 November Hairline cracks found in aircraft 151044 and 151999.

30 November 776 combat sorties flown by VMA-311 for the month.

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Day Sorties Scheduled	774	Day Sorties Flown	792
Night Sorties Scheduled	0	Night Sorties Flown	0
Total Sorties Scheduled	774	Total Sorties Flown	792
		Write in Sorties Flown	16

b. Units Supported

ARVN  
KHMER

c. Types of Sorties

CAS	776
TEST	10
FERRY	6
TRNG	0
DIVERTS/RTB	0

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours	900.9
Operational Hours	20.1
Total Hours	921.0

e. Ordnance

20MM	24,856
MK-81	1,955
MK-82	3,400
MK-83	167
5" Rockets	61
Total Tons:	1279.27

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f. (C) Bomb Damage Assesment		<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
KBA (Confirmed)	42		
KBA (Probable)	10		
Secondary Fires	11		
Secondary Explosions	188		
Structures	62	20	
Fortified Positions	93	19	
Sampans	20	8	
Bunkers	95	23	
Buildings	6	4	
Supply Stacks	16		
51 Cal Sites	4		
Mortar/Gun Positions	3		
Roads Cut	1	1	
Trucks	2		
Tractors		1	
105 MM Howitzer	1		
Ferrys	1		
Trenches	2		
VC Flag	1		
Rice Cache	1		
10 Foxholes uncovered			
3 Bunkers uncovered			
4 TIC broken			
1 50 meter trench line destroyed			

3. (U) Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period a Captain and 2 Corporal's were promoted to their present rank. One PFC was reduced to Private.

b. Awards. Three meritorious masts, three air medals, two good conduct awards and one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry were awarded.

c. Aviation Safety. During this reporting period this squadron had three aircraft incidents. To date, the squadron has accumulated 1085.5 hours of accident free flying.

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d. (C) Maintenance

Sched Maint Hrs	133.0	Unsched Maint Hrs	986.5
%	1.2	%	8.6
NORS Hrs	235.5	A/C Allowed	16
%	2.0	Assigned	19
		On Hand	16
NORM	1355.0	Op Ready	10165.0
%	11.8	%	88.2

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

(1) NORS

	<u>PART NUMBER</u>
HOSE ASSY	S2548087-32-0493
DOOR ASSY	8TJ59GAL2

(2) Requisitions

NORS carried over from October	2
Total requisitions	270
Total filled	242
Total pending	28

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