

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 311  
Marine Aircraft Group 12  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
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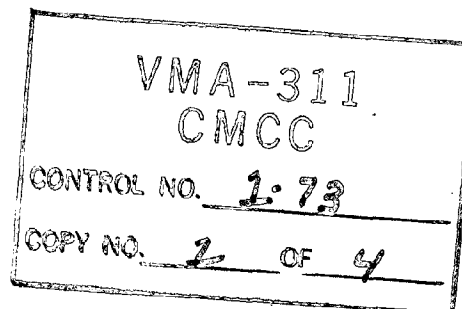
Subj: Command Chronology for the month of December 1972 (U)

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.4  
(b) GruO 5750.1G

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Narrative for period 1 - 31 December 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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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
Period 1 December thru 31 December 1972

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PART I  
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. (U) Designation

Commander

Marine Attack Squadron 311

LtCol J. J. CALDAS Jr.  
1 December - 31 December 1972

2. (C) Location

1 December - 31 December 1972

Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam

3. (C) Staff Officers

Executive Officer

Maj T. L. ELSER 1 Dec - 15 Dec

S-1 Officer

Maj J. T. CLINE 19 Dec - 31 Dec

S-2 Officer

Capt A. W. LIND 1 Dec - 31 Dec

S-3 Officer

1/Lt J. S. ORME 1 Dec - 31 Dec

S-4 Officer

Maj M. R. SNEDEKER 1 Dec - 31 Dec

Maintenance Officer

Capt C. H. CADMAN 1 Dec - 31 Dec

NATOPS Officer

Capt J. L. WOODS 1 Dec - 31 Dec

Capt W. C. PETERS 1 Dec - 31 Dec

4. (C) Average Monthly Strength

USMC  
OFF ENL

20 124

USN  
OFF ENL

0 0

OTHER  
OFF ENL

0 0

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. (U) Bad weather was prevalent at the start of the month and 30 sorties were lost through the first 4 days.
2. (U) Rocket attacks were also prevalent through out the month. Although there were numerous attacks they were of short duration and no damage was sustained by VMA-311.
3. (C) The squadron started giving close air support on a limited basis to Military Region II on 22 December. The radius of action was approximately 250 miles and no significant problems have been encountered thus far.
4. (U) On 23 December an all hands Christmas party was held at the Vietnamese Club at Bien Hoa. The Vietnamese Air Force did everything in their power to help the squadron have a successful party. Col BE the Commander Vietnamese Logistic Command was instrumental in the cutting of red tape. The event was successful in every aspect.
5. (U) The squadron was fortunate enough to have 70 reservations for the Bob HOPE Show at Ton San Nhut Air Base. 52 enlisted and 3 officers attended. The New Year was ushered in quietly with a cease fire commencing 1800 31 December.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (C)

1 December	Rocket attack 0505. Lost 12 sorties due to weather.
2 December	Lost 6 sorties due to weather.
3 December	Squadron Commander flew his 100th combat mission. Lost 12 sorties due to weather.
4 December	Rocket attack 0420.
6 December	Lost 2 sorties due to weather.
15 December	Rocket attack 0410.
16 December	Rocket attacks 0113, 0305 and 0910.
21 December	53 squadron personnel attended Bob HOPE Show at Tan San Nhut AB.
22 December	Started bombing Military Region II.
23 December	Squadron Christmas Party.
30 December	Lost 2 sorties due to weather.

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2. (C) Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

Day Sorties Scheduled	780	Day Sorties Flown	784
Night Sorties Scheduled	0	Night Sorties Flown	0
Total Sorties Scheduled	780	Total Sorties Flown	784
		Write in Sorties Flown	34

b. Units Supported

ARVN  
KHMER

c. Types of Sorties

CAS	750
TEST	15
FERRY	17
TRNG	0
DIVERTS/RTB	2

d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours	882.3
Operational Hours	43.6
Total Hours	925.9

e. Ordnance

20MM	19,627
MK-81	3,379
MK-82	2,394
MK-83	0
5" Rockets	0
Total Tons:	1051.20

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f. (C) Bomb Damage Assesment	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
KBA (Confirmed) 260		
Secondary Fires 11		
Sustained Fires 10		
Secondary Explosions 141		
Structures	148	32
Fortified Positions	90	45
Sampans	17	
Bunkers	250	45
Buildings	2	4
Supply Boxes	16	
51 Cal Sites	3	
Trucks	2	1
Roads Cut	9	1
Barracks	20	
Claymore Mines	150	
Foxholes	35	
Trails	6	
570 meter trench line destroyed		
40 AK's captured		
100 bags rice destroyed		
15 bags of mail captured		

### 3. (U) Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Personnel. During the reporting period one Sergeant and one Lance Corporal were promoted to their present rank.

b. Awards. Two Cross of Gallantry medals with silver, one with bronze star, four Good Conduct awards, two meritorious masts.

c. Aviation Safety. During this reporting period this squadron had four aircraft incidents. To date, the squadron has accumulated 2011.4 hours of accident free flying.

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1 January 1973d. (C) Maintenance

Sched Maint Hrs	286.0	Unsched Maint Hrs	1668.1
%	1.2	%	8.6
NORS Hrs	834.1	A/C Allowed	16
%	7.3	Assigned	21
		On Hand	16
		Op Ready	8707.8
		%	75.7
NORM	2788.2		
%	24.3		

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) NORSPart Number

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(2) Requisitions

NORS carried over from November	1
Total requisitions	257
Total filled	224
Total pending	33

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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