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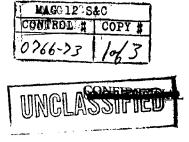
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY Period 1 January thru 30 June 1973

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PART I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation

Commander

Marine Attack Squadron 311

LtCol J. J. CALDAS JR 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1973

2. Location

1 Jan - 29 Jan 1973: Bien Hoa, Air Base, Vietnam

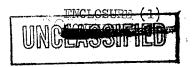
30 Jan - 8 Mar 1973: MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan 9 Mar - 7 Apr 1973: NAF Naha, Okinawa 8 Apr - 30 Jun 1973. MCAS, Iwakuni, Japan

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj J. T. CLINE	1 Jan – 30 Jun 1973
S-1 Officer	Capt A. W. LIND	1 Jan – 16 Jan 1973
	Capt J. A. BOHN	17 Jan - 30 Jun 1973
S-2 Officer	Lt J. S. ORIÆ	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1973
S-3 Officer	Maj M. R. SNEDEKER	1 Jan - 23 Mar 1973
	Capt H. G. ROSER	24 Mar - 30 Jun 1973
S-4 Officer	Capt C. H. CADMAN	1 Jan - 25 Feb 1973
	Capt M. A. DAVIS	26 Feb - 30 Jun 1973
Maintenance Officer	Capt J. L. WOODS	l Jan 30 Jun 1973
NATOPS Officer	Capt W. C. PETERS	1 Jan - 20 Mar 1973
	Capt J. F. PERRY	21 Mar - 30 Jun 1973

4. Average Monthly Strength

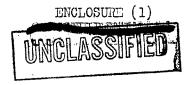
USMC		USN	OTHER	
	OFF ENL	OFF ENL	OFF	∴NL
Jan	20 114	0 0	0	0
Feb	20 115	0 0	0	0
liar	19 112	0 0	0	0
${\tt Apr}$	18 110	0 0	0	0
May	18 115	0 0	0	0
Jun	20 120	0 0	0	0

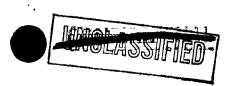




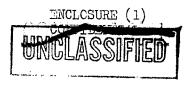
PART II NARRATIVE SULMARY

- 1. On 29 January 1973, VIIA-311 retrograded from R. V. N. with a grand total of 54, 625 combat sorties. The squadron was again operational one day after returning to Iwakuni.
- 2. The first month saw the Tomcats refamiliarizing themselves with the Japan flying area. The squadron had one aircraft accident during this period; fortunately there was no one injured.
- 3. On 9 March 1973, VMA-311 deployed to Waha to fulfill the requirement for special weapons requalification. The Tomcats were the first complete Marine Squadron to deploy to Naha in 3 years. Extensive training in shrike, walleye, and nuclear weapons delivery was completed. Conventional ordnance delivery and close air support missions were also flown. T. P. Q. missions were flown in support of MACS-4 to give their radar operators much sought after training.
- 4. Returning to Iwakuni, 6 enlisted troops were detached to Kwang-Ju to form a turn around crew for MAG-12 aircraft, utilizing the targets in Korea. This gave the squadron much needed flexibility in using the Korean low level routes and bombing ranges for training. Also during this period extensive training was accomplished using the E. C. M. equipment aboard the aircraft. The airplanes were peaked up. All M. C. M. antennas were swept giving VMM-311 a full systems capability with 90 percent of it's aircraft.
- 5. On 28 April 1973, a 4 plane detachment was sent to NAS Cubi Point to fly simulated close air support for 3rd MARDIV. Faker runs against USS RANGER were also flown to test the ships GCI and fixe control radar.
- 6. On 30 April 1973, WLA-311 was the primary participant in operation Commando Jade. Eight aircraft were flown in 2 flight of four to test the South Korean early warning and GCI radar. The operation was flown in conjunction with EA6B and RF4's who provided jamming and photo reconnaissance. The two Tomcat flights penetrated Korean airspace, crossed the Korean peninsula, attacked their designated target, and retrograded to Kwang-Ju airbase completely undetacted. All aircraft were fully ECM equiped and maximum utilization was made of chaff and onboard deception repeater equipment. Low level navigation was used to and from the target with maximum use of terrain marking.
- 7. On 13 May 1973, a 4 plane VMA-311 detachment was sent to Naha to participate in an armed forces display and provide simulated C. A. S. for the 3rd MARDIV.





- 8. On 10 April 1973, the squadron started training in earnest for an NWAI. Most of the squadron personnel were involved in one way or another participating in practice loads, background screening, aircraft preparation, etc. On 21 May 1973, VMA-311 was certified and became the first Marine Attack squadron in West Pac to be ready to accept a SIOP commitment in over a year.
- 9. During the period covered by this narrative it is interesting to note that a personnel shortage existed throughout the squadron but, in usual Tomcat fashion, VMA-311 came through first with the best.





PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

29 January Retrograde from Bien Hoa, R. V. N.

6 February Aircraft Accident

9 March Deployed to Naha

10 April Training and Administrative processing for NWAI

13 April Turn around crew to Kwang-Ju

16 April Extensive use of Korean target and low level structure;

18 April E. C. M. training for pilots

28 April Detachment to NAS, Cubi Point

30 April Commando Jade

3 May Detachment to Naha

19 June MAI

2. Summary of Air Operations

a. Sorties

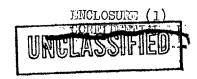
Day Sorties Scheduled	2434	Day Sorties Flown	2206
Night Sorties Scheduled.	145	Night Sorties Flown	106
Total Sorties Scheduled	25 7 9	Total Sorties Flown	2312
		Write-in Sorties Flown	1 34.

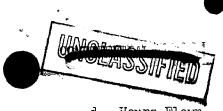
b. Units Supported

ARVN KHLIER

c. Types of Sorties

CAS 669
Test 52
Ferry 68
Training 1765
Operational 108





d. Hours Flown

Combat Hours 781.0 Operational Hours 2236.0 Total Hours 3017.0

e. Ordnance

MK-81		2232
MK 82		2765
201111		12413
Total 7	ons:	1083.25

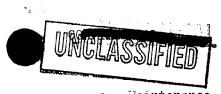
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int ov	KBA (Confirmed) KBA (Probable) Secondary Fires Sustained Fires Secondary Explosions Structures Fortified Positions Sampans Bunkers Buildings Supply Boxes 51 Cal Sites Trucks Tanks Tunnel Fighting Holes Water Tank Ferry 80 Meters Trail Destroyed 1,020 Meters Trench Line 2 TIC Broken	123 362 396 3 77 6 7 1	40 41 6 78 3 3 4 2 1

3. Summarization of Individual Sections

a. Awards. During this reporting period 1 Bronze Star, 2 Single Mission Air Medals, 212 Strike/Flight Air Medals, 12 Navy Commendation Medals, 10 Navy Achivement Medals and 8 Vietnamese Cross of Gallenty Medals were awarded to squadron personnel.

b. Aviation Safety. During the reporting period this squadron has had one major aircraft accident and zero fatalities. To date, the squadron has accomplished 1547.0 hours of accident-free flying time.





c. Maintenance

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	<u> HAY</u>	JUN
Sched Maint Hrs	556.7 .049	687202 7•4	1022.0 10.2	550.0 4.6	1653.0 11.9	2892.0 20.4
Unsched Haint Hrs % Unsched		2089.0 22.3		1966.0 16.6	1969.7 14.2	
NORS Hrs	912.0 .013			1426.0 12.0	2187.2 15.9	700.0 4.9
A/C Allowed Assigned On Hand	16 21 15	16 21 15	16 21 14	16 20 17	16 20 19	16 20 20
OP Ready	889.0 .077	5377.0 5 7.6		7914.0 66.8	8038.1 58.0	8069.0 56.9
NORH	144.0 .013		25 1 6.0 21.2	2776.0 29.8	3622.7 26.1	5414.4 38.2

d. <u>Logistics</u>. The squadron has listed below the Hard Down MORS Items by month; and also the requistions pending, filled, and pending from previous submissions by month.

January Work Unit Code

Fuel Press Trans Switch Assy Brake Cylinder Fire Warning Detector ARC-51A

February

AFT MLG DOOR LATCH ASSMEBLY	13422
NOC (FUEL HOSES)	46319
FUEL DUMP COMPONENTS	46510
STANDBY COMPASS	51312
IEK 2488A/AJBB3 (TI) COMPASS COMPONENTS	7311F



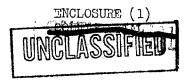


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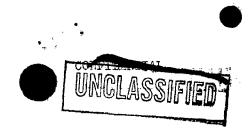
March	Work Unit Code
NOC (FUEL HOSES) AN/AJB3 LOFT BOIJB COMPATER SET AIR DAT SENSOR RELEASE ANGLE COMPUTER FUEL CONTROL	46319 72110 5751E 7311H 23562
April	
ELERGENCY AIR DRIVEN GENERATOR HOSE ASSY ANTI-G VALVE SPEEDBRAKE MECH COMPONENTS HOOK ASSY	42311 41415 41411 14410 13825
May	
DISPLACEMENT GYRO NOC (FUEL HOSES) CSD CANOPY SHAL PRESS REG VALVE RECEIVER TRANSMITTER	7311H 46319 42221 11362 71431
<u>June</u>	
NOC MLG ACTUTING CYLINDER MLG DRAG LINK CYLINDER AERO 20A-1 EJECTOR RACK HOSE ASSY	29629 13131 13132 75480 41415

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