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MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER SQUADRON 312
 Marine Aircraft Group 11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 11 (Attn: S-3)
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Encl: ✓(1) Marine All Weather Fighter Squadron 312 Command Chronology for
 December 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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MARINE ALL WEATHER FIGHTER SQUADRON 312
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR DECEMBER 1965

Part I - Organizational Data

- a. Designation Location
VMF(AW)-312 Da Nang, AB, RVN
- b. Period Covered
1-31 December 1965
- c. Task Organization
N/A
- d. CO and Executive Staff

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
NEWPORT, R. B.	CO	LTCOL		LTCOL
SMITH, C. E.	XO	MAJ		MAJ
WEBER, D. J.	S-1	LT		LT
MAVRETIC, J. L.	S-2	LT		CAPT
NALLE, T. A.	S-3	MAJ		MAJ
MANZ, J. W.	S-4	WO		CAPT

e. Average Strength

NA - 18
NG - 3
MAR ENL - 174
NAVY ENL - 1

f. Visitors to Command - None.

Part II - Highlights. On 19 December 1965, the squadron deployed to Da Nang, AB, RVN to join Marine Aircraft Group Eleven for Combat Operations. ✓
This is the first time a Marine F-8 squadron has been deployed in RVN as a part of First Marine Aircraft Wing.

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Part III - Sequential Listing of Events.

(c) a. Personnel (Confidential) - At the end of the reporting period the squadron was distributed as follows (read in two columns):

DA NANG
NA-18
NG-2
MAR ENL-161
NAVY ENL-1

CUBI POINT, P.I.
NG-1
ENL-13

b. Administration (Secret) - The squadron continues with preparations to effect a smooth and rapid transfer of personnel and equipment to VMF(AW)-235.

c. Civil Affairs/Military Government - N/A.

d. Moral/Welfare Programs - N/A.

e. Public Information - N/A.

f. Casualties - N/A.

g. Intelligence/Counter Intelligence - N/A.

h. Air Operations (Secret) - Between 21 and 31 December the squadron flew one hundred three combat sorties for a total of one hundred thirty three hours. These sorties consisted of air-to-ground missions in the I and II Corps areas, helicopter escort and TPQ-10 missions in support of III MAF forces plus special missions. On 30 December the squadron instituted a ground alert helicopter escort alert which is to be responsive to unscheduled helicopter requirements. On 26 December, Major C. E. SMITH, in Buno 149190, flew the first combat F8E TPQ-10 mission in RVN. He dropped two MK-81 bombs each on coordinates AT 999326, AT 985345 and AT 970340.

() i. Air Defense - N/A.

j. Ground Defense - N/A.

k. Special Operations - The squadron maintains four on-call pilots during the hours of darkness for unscheduled commitments.

l. ECM - N/A.

m. Photo - N/A

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n. Command and Control (Confidential) - As of 190030H December 1965, VMF(AW)-312 changed OPCON/ADCON from MAG-13 to MAG-11.

o. Training - N/A.

p. NBC - N/A.

q. Logistics - The squadron moved from MCAS Iwakuni, Japan to Da Nang, AB, RVN by flight ferry, air and sea lift with minimum difficulty.

r. Supply.- N/A.

s. Motor Transport - The requirement to close squadron vehicles by slow seatail has imposed some transportation difficulties for the squadron.

t. Engineering - N/A.

u. Maintenance (Confidential) - Average daily aircraft availability rate, based upon on-hand aircraft strength, has been above eighty percent.

v. Communications/Electronics - N/A.

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