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Marine Aircraft Group 13
3d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

Marine Attack Squadron 311

COMMANDER

Lieutenant Colonel M. D. SMITH
14 November - 31 December 1983

SUBORDINATE UNITS: NONE.

ATTACHED UNITS: NONE.

REPORTING UNIT CODE: 01311

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION NUMBER: 8854R

2. LOCATION

14 November to 31 December 1983.

MCAS El Toro Bldg Hanger # 453

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer: Major Thomas R. CARSTENS
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Administrative Officer: Captain Robert F. DIETRICH III
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Intelligence Officer: Captain Richard M. KEANE
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Operations Officer: Major Michael R. HAFEN
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Logistics Officer: Captain Eugene J. RICHARDSON III
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Aviation Maintenance Officer: Major Russell V. DUDLEY
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Aviation Safety Officer: Captain Hobart M. HARMON
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
NATOPS Officer: Captain Douglas E. LINDEN
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Staff Historian: Captain Richard M. KEANE
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83
Sergeant Major: Sergeant Major Billy H. GRANT
14 Nov - 31 Dec 83

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
November	33	179	0	0	0	0
December	31	195	0	0	0	0

5. MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT

19 A-4M Aircraft

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The VMA-311 "Tomcats" returned to CONUS and MAG-13 on 14 November, 1983. This date earmarked the accomplishment of the goal set by the squadron six months ago to bring everyone safely home without the loss of an aircraft while maintaining a high state of operational readiness. Upon completion of the highly successful WESTPAC tour, the Tomcats "turned to" afresh to complete acceptance inspections on all aircraft inherited from the VMA-211 Avengers. Operations in November consisted mostly of post maintenance check flights and local area familiarization flights. The squadron flew 217 flight hours and 130 sorties from 18-30 November. December began with the successful completion of the maintenance department's post-deployment inspection which resulted in a grade of satisfactory. The mission capable and full mission capable figures for this squadron are 74.4% and 50.2% respectively. 5-9 December was "Beirut week" dedicated to the families of fallen Marines in Lebanon. The VMA-311 "Tomcats" collected \$337.00 to be combined with other squadrons of the Group and Wing and forwarded to the families. On 15 December, this squadron's NATOPS department underwent a 3rdMAW A&M inspection which resulted in a grade of "excellent". Also during this month, VMA-311 debriefed our lessons learned in WESTPAC on the use and supply support of the Angle Rate Bombing System (ARBS). In attendance at this debrief were representatives from HQMC, NARF Pensacola, Hughes Aircraft Co., Navy Weapons Training Center- China Lake, IBM, MAWTS and 3rdMAW. Finally, the month of December closed with VMA-311 designating two new section leaders, two new division leaders and flying 526 flight hours and 311 sorties.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 14 November 1983 - VMA-311 arrives in MCAS El Toro, CA. Following 1983 WESTPAC deployment.
- 5-6 December 1983- Post-Deployment Maintenance inspection satisfactorily completed.
- 5-9 December 1983- "Beirut Week" VMA-311 donated \$337.00
- 15 December 1983 - Squadron NATOPS department's A&M inspection resulting in a grade of excellent.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

(NONE)