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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 251
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13
Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Marine Corps Air Station
El Toro (Santa Ana), California

T-Y-P-E "B" R-E-P-O-R-T (H-I-S-T-O-R-I-C-A-L D-I-A-R-Y)

Period 1 July 1951 Through 31 July 1951

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At the beginning of the period covered by this report, VMA-251, as a subordinate of Marine Air Group 13, located at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California, was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Philip "L". CRAWFORD, 07004/7302 USMC. The Executive Officer of VMA-251 was Major Harold A. HARWOOD, 08585/7302 USMC.

During this period, VMA-251 continued to train personnel for implementing the accomplishment of any missions which may be assigned by higher authority.

In July, one(1) additional AD-1 type aircraft was assigned and accepted, bringing the total to twenty-two (22) for this squadron.

A total of 450 Flights were flown by the aviators during this period for a total of 697.9 hours.

At the end of this period, personnel strength of this squadron was 21 officers(18 pilots), and 212 enlisted men (1 NAP).

(See statistical chart for personnel gained and lost during this period).

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C-H-R-O-N-O-L-O-G-I-C-A-L N-A-R-R-A-T-I-V-E

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1 July 1951

Holiday Routine

2 July 1951

This squadron flew thirty (30) sorties on this date, with a total of 36.3 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: eleven (11) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 9.9 flight hours; sixteen (16) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 20.8 flight hours; three (3) sorties consisted of Air Support (1A9), with a total of 5.6 flight hours.

3 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty-eight (28) sorties on this date, with a total of thirty-one (31) flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: nine sorties consisted of Navigation, FAM, and Tactics (1A1), with a total of 4.2 flight hours; sixteen sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 21.8 flight hours; three (3) sorties consisted of Air Support (1A9), with a total of 5.6 flight hours.

4 July 1951

Holiday Routine

5 July 1951

This squadron flew thirty (30) sorties on this date, with a total of 50.0 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: four (4) sorties consisted of Navigation, FAM, and Tactics (1A1), with a total of 3.2 flight hours; ten (10) sorties consisted of field carrier land-

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5 July 1951 (Cont'd)

ing Practice (1A3), for a total of 14.2 flight hours; one sortie consisted of Transition Course (1A5), with a total of 2.0 flight hours, seven (7) sorties consisted of Air Support (1A9), with a total of 15.3 flight hours; and eight (8) sorties consisted of night Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (3A1), with a total of 23.3 flight hours.

6 July 1951

This squadron flew thirty-three (33) sorties on this date, with a total of 55.3 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: twenty-one (21) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 32.0 flight hours; twelve (12) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 23.3 flight hours.

7 July 1951

Holiday Routine

8 July 1951

Holiday Routine

9 July 1951

This squadron flew thirteen (13) sorties on this date, with a total of 22.3 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: seven (7) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 10.5 flight hours; six (6) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 11.8 flight hours.

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10 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty (20) sorties on this date, with a total of 27.6 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: thirteen (13) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 16.9 flight hours; seven (7) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 10.9 flight hours.

11 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty-one (21) sorties on this date, with a total of 37.0 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: nineteen (19) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 34.5 flight hours; one (1) sortie consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 1.5 flight hours; and one (1) sortie consisted of a Test Hop (1L), with a total of 1.0 flight hours.

12 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty-nine (29) sorties on this date, with a total of 48.2 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: nine (9) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 17.1 flight hours; seven (7) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 7.2 flight hours; twelve (12) sorties consisted of night Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (3A1), with a total of 23.4 flight hours; and one (1) sortie consisted of a Test Hop (1L), with a total of 0.5 flight hours.

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13 July 1951

This squadron flew nine (9) sorties on this date, with a total of 10.8 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: one (1) sortie consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 1.0 flight hours; five (5) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 5.9 flight hours; and three (3) sorties consisted of Gunnery (1A7), with a total of 3.9 flight hours.

14 July 1951

Inspection by Commanding Officer. Inspection consisted of Field Marching Pack in working area, and later a Clothing and Equipment inspection in the barracks. No Flights for this date.

15 July 1951

Holiday Routine

16 July 1951

This squadron flew nineteen (19) sorties on this date, with a total of 31.0 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: fourteen (14) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 24.1 flight hours; four sorties consisted of Transition (1A5), with a total of 6.6 flight hours and one (1) sortie consisted of a Test Hop (1L), with a total of 0.5 flight hours.

17 July 1951

Pre-I.G. Inspection of working area, troop drill and administration. This inspection was conducted by an inspecting party from MAG-15. A total of 12.5 flight hours and eight (8) sorties were flown on this date. In conjunction with the foregoing, the

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17 July 1951 (con't)

following breakdown is given: eight (8) sorties consisted of night Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (3A1), with a total of 12.5 flight hours.

18 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty-three (23) sorties on this date, with a total of 33.0 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: one (1) sortie consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 2.0 flight hours; six (6) sorties consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 10.8 flight hours; thirteen (13), sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 14.9 flight hours; and three (3) sorties consisted of Transition (1A5), with a total of 5.2 flight hours.

19 July 1951

Instrument syllabus training began. This squadron flew thirty-three (33) sorties on this date, with a total of 57.2 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: one (1) sortie consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 2.0 flight hours; thirteen (13) sorties consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 23.0 flight hours; seven (7) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 9.1 flight hours; six (6) sorties consisted of night Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (3A1), with a total of 13.2 flight hours; four (4) sorties consisted of night Instruments (3A2), with a total of 8.4 flight hours; and two (2) sorties consisted of Test Hops (1L) with a total of 1.5 flight hours.

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20 July 1951

This squadron flew nineteen (19) sorties on this date, with a total of 29.8 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: one (1) sortie consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 1.7 flight hours; six (6) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 7.6 flight hours; one (1) sortie consisted of Transition (1A5), with a total of 2.6 flight hours; nine (9) sorties consisted of Bombing and Rockets (1A6), with a total of 14.3 flight hours; and two (2) sorties consisted of Tow Planes (1M), with a total of 3.6 flight hours.

21 July 1951

Duty sections 2 and 4 secured after one hour drill (0800-0900). Duty sections 1 and 3 remained on duty for week-end flying. This squadron flew twenty (20) sorties consisting of Instruments (1A2), for a total of 37.3 flight hours for the day.

22 July 1951

The total sorties flown on this date was 41, with a total of 50.2 flight hours. Flying on this date began at 0445 and continued until 1530. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown of sorties and flight hours is given. Twelve sorties consisting of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 22.4 flight hours, fourteen (14) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 20.3 flight hours, and five (5) sorties consisted of Transition (1A5), with a total of 7.5 flight hours.

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23 July 1951

This squadron flew twenty-two (22) sorties on this date, with a total of 26.5 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: five (5) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 6.3 flight hours; two (2) sorties consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 1.6 flight hours; eight (8) sorties consisted of Field Carrier Landing Practice (1A3), with a total of 8.2 flight hours; six (6) sorties consisted of Gunnery (1A7), with a total of 9.4 flight hours; and one (1) sortie consisted of a Test Hop (1L), with a total of 1.0 flight hours.

24 July 1951

This squadron flew ten (10) sorties on this date, with a total of 10.4 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: two (2) sorties consisted of FAM, Tactics, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 2.3 flight hours; seven sorties consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 6.3 flight hours; and one (1) sortie consisted of Maintenance of Flight Proficiency (1B1), with a total of 1.8 flight hours.

25 July 1951

This squadron flew ten sorties on this date, with a total of 10.4 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: three (3) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 6.0 flight hours; four (4) sorties consisted of Maintenance of Flight Proficiency (1B1), with a total of 5.8 flight hours.

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26 July 1951

This squadron flew ten (10) sorties on this date, with a total of 16.4 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: five (5) sorties consisted of FAM, Tactics, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 10.2 flight hours; five (5) sorties consisted of Maintenance of Flight Proficiency (1B1), with a total of 6.2 flight hours.

27 July 1951

This squadron flew nine (9) sorties on this date, with a total of 9.9 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: eight (8) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 8.5 flight hours; one (1) sortie consisted of Maintenance of Flight Proficiency (1B1), with a total of 1.4 flight hours.

28 July 1951

Holiday Routine

29 July 1951

Holiday Routine

30 July 1951

This squadron flew sixteen (16) sorties on this date, with a total of 37.0 flight hours. In conjunction with the foregoing, the following breakdown is given: thirteen (13) sorties consisted of Tactics, FAM, and Navigation (1A1), with a total of 32.2 flight hours; two (2) sorties consisted of Instruments (1A2), with a total of 4.4 flight hours; and one (1) sortie consisted of a Test Hop (1L), with a total of 0.4 flight hours.

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