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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 June 1951 Through 30 June 1951

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At the beginning of the period covered by this report, VMA 251 located at Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California, was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Philip "L". CRAWFORD, 07004/7302 USMC.

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

In June, seven (7) additional AD-1 type aircraft were assigned and accepted, bringing the total assigned aircraft to twenty-one (21) for this squadron.

A total of 629 flights were flown by Naval Aviators during this period, for a total of 934.7 flight hours.

Additional officers and enlisted men were assigned during this period to bring personnel strength up to level.

At the end of this period, personnel strength of this squadron was 37 officers (32 pilots), and 215 enlisted men. (See statistical chart for personnel gained and lost during period).

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1 June 1951

One hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance checks were completed on two (2) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau numbers 09294 and 09201.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
2	0.9	1L (Daylight Flight check)
9	16.8	1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

2 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
2	3.1	1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1	1.3	1A5 (Daylight Transition)

3 June 1951

Departed Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California for two (2) weeks training at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, El Centro, California.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
16	14.0	1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

4 June 1951

Began operations at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, El Centro, California.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
40	56.1	1A7 (Attack, Rockets and bombs)
1	0.9	1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

5 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
27	46.4	1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)
1	0.8	1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

6 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
37	55.4	1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)
1	0.8	1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

7 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:	Type Flights:
23	48.0	1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)

One hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance checks were completed on two (2) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau numbers 09189 and 09260.

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8 June 1951

Flights for day:  
Sorties: Hours:  
3 2.1  
6 12.0  
33 43.4

Type Flights:  
1L (Daylight, Flight Check)  
1A1 (Daylight, Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)

9 June 1951

Flights for day:  
Sorties: Hours:  
32 39.4  
7 9.9

Type Flights:  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

11 June 1951

A one hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance check was completed on one AD-1 type aircraft, bureau number 09307.

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:  
1 2.0  
4 3.3  
11 27.5  
11 15.3

Type Flights:  
1A5 (Daylight Transition)  
1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)

12 June 1951

Flights for day:  
Sorties: Hours:  
1 0.5  
1 1.7  
28 42.0  
4 8.1  
5 7.5

Type Flights:  
1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)  
1A5 (Daylight Transition)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)

13 June 1951

Flights for day:  
Sorties: Hours:  
20 29.2  
4 8.2  
4 6.2

Type Flights:  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)

14 June 1951

Flights for day:  
Sorties: Hours:  
6 6.2  
21 30.3  
5 11.1  
11 17.2

Type Flights:  
1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)

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15 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
4	6.4
22	22.9
13	28.3
7	10.8

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)

16 June 1951

Departed Naval Auxiliary Air Station, El Centro, California at completion of two weeks training period, for Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
6	5.2

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

18 June 1951

A one hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance check was completed on one (1) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau number 09115.

19 June 1951

A one hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance check was completed on one (1) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau number 09300.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
1	1.0
8	15.5
12	14.0
2	1.4
1	1.4

Type Flights:

1A5 (Daylight Transition)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)  
1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1L (Daylight Flight Check)

20 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
2	3.0
5	6.7
6	9.5
7	12.3

Type Flights:

1A5 (Daylight Transition)  
1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)

21 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
20	23.0
1	1.0
7	13.2

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A5 (Daylight Transition)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)

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22 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
15	20.5
6	10.4

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)

23 June 1951

Clothing and equipment inspection held in the barracks. This inspection was conducted by Colonel CAMPBELL, Commanding Officer, Service Squadron, Marine Aircraft Group 13.

25 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
6	10.1
19	22.6

Type Flights:

1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)

26 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
5	7.0
5	8.5
8	12.7
7	15.3

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training formations)

27 June 1951

Clothing and equipment inspection in barracks at 1700 hours. This inspection was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel P. "L". CRAWFORD, Commanding Officer.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
8	13.7
9	21.5
1	2.0

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
1L (Daylight Flight Check)

28 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
11	13.0
7	9.4
7	4.7

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)  
3A1 (Night Visual, Training Formations)

29 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
3	5.8
8	9.0
4	5.5

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Cross Country)  
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)  
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)

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30 June 1951

Review and presentation of Posthumous award of Silver Star medal.

Total Flights for month	629
Total Flight Hours	934.7
Average Aircraft Availibility	62.2 %
Average Pilot Hours	33.4
Officers assigned at end of month	37
Pilots assigned at end of month	32
Enlisted assigned at end of month	215

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