

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 251

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 13

Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Marine Corps Air Station

El Toro (Santa Ana), California

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

Period 1 June 1951 Through 30 June 1951

I-N-T-R-O-D-U-C-T-O-R-Y S-U-M-M-A-R-Y

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).

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

Sorties:

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:

Hours: 0.9 16.8

Type Flights: 1L (Daylight Flight check) lAl (Daylight Familiarization)

2 June 1951

Flights for day: Sorties: Hours:

3.1 1.3

Type Flights: lAl (Daylight Familiarization) 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:

14.0

lAl (Daylight Cross Country)

4 June 1951

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

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:

Type Flights:

40 0.9

56.1 1A7 (Attack, Rockets and bombs) lal (Daylight Cross Country)

5 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours: 46.4

Type Flights:

1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) lAl (Daylight Cross Country)

6 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours: 55.4

Type Flights:

1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) lal (Daylight Cross Country)

7 June 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours: Type Flights:

0.8

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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: 2.1 6 12.0 43.4 | Type Flights: 1L (Daylight, Flight Check) 1Al (Daylight, Cross Country) 1Al (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) |
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9 June 1951

| Flights for Sorties: 32 7 | day: Hours: 39.4 9.9 | Type Flights: 1A7 (Daylight 1A1 (Daylight | Attack, Rockets Cross Country) | and E | ombs) |
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11 June 1951

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

| 4 11 27 | Type F 1A5 1A1 1A9 | (Daylight | Transition) Familiarization) Special Type Training) Attack, Rockets and Bombs) |
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12 June 1951

| Flights for Sorties: 1 1 28 4 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) |
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13 June 1951

| Flights for | | | |
|-------------|--------|--|--|
| Sorties: | Hours: | Type Flights: | |
| 20 | 29.2 | 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) | |
| 4 | 8.2 | 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training) | |
| 4 | 6.2 | 3Al (Night Visual, Training formations) | |

14 June 1951

| Flights for | day: | |
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| Sorties: | Hours: | Type Flights: |
| 6 | 6.2 | lAl (Daylight Cross Country) |
| 21 | 30.3 | 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) |
| 5 | 11.1 | 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training) |
| 11 | 17.2 | 3Al (Night Visual, Training formations) |
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15 June 1951

| Flights for | day: | |
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| | Hours: | Type Flights: |
| 4 | 6.4 | lal (Daylight Cross Country) |
| 22 | 22.9 | 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) |
| 13 | 28.3 | 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training) |
| 7 | 10.8 | 3Al (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: Type Flights:
5.2 IAl (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:

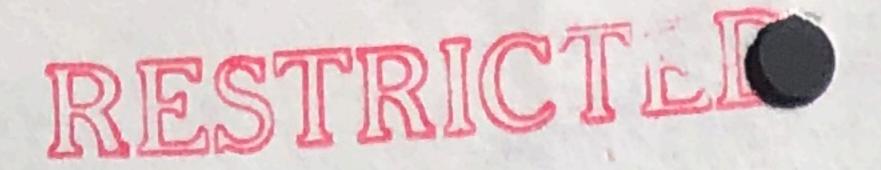
| Sorties: | Hours: | Type Flights: |
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| 1 | 1.0 | 1A5 (Daylight Transition) |
| 8 | 15.5 | 3Al (Night Visual, Training formations) |
| 12 | 14.0 | lAl (Daylight Cross Country) |
| 2 | 1.4 | 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) |
| 1 | 1.4 | lL (Daylight Flight Check) |

20 June 1951

| Flights for Sorties: | day: Hours: | Type Flights: |
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| 2 5 6 7 | 3.0 6.7 9.5 12.3 | 1A5 (Daylight Transition) 1A1 (Daylight Cross Country) 1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs) 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training) |

21 June 1951

| Filights for Sorties: | Hours: | Type Flights: | |
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| 20 | 23.0 | 1A1 (Daylight Cross Country) 1A5 (Daylight Transition) 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training) | |



22 June 1951

Flights for day:
Sorties: Hours:
20.5
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Type Flights: 1Al (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

26 June 1951

Flights for day:
Sorties: Hours: Type Flights:
7.0 lAl (Daylight Cross Country)
1A7 (Daylight Attack, Rockets and Bombs)
1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)
1A9 (Daylight Visual, Training formations)

27 June 1951

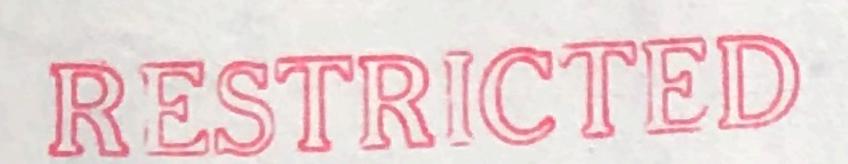
Clothing and equipment inspection in barracks at 1700 hours. This inspection was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel P. "L". CRAWFORD, Commanding Officer.

28 June 1951

Flights for day:
Sorties: Hours: Type Flights:

11 13.0 1Al (Daylight Cross Country)
7 9.4 1A9 (Daylight Special Type Training)
7 3Al (Night Visual, Training Formations)

29 June 1951



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 |