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MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 251
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 15
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 JANUARY 1952 THROUGH 31 JANUARY 1952

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Marine Attack Squadron 251 was located at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California. The commanding officer from 1 January through 3 January was Lieutenant Colonel Joe L. Warren 09309/7302, U. S. Marine Corps; and from 4 January through 31 January was Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Moran 08610/7302, U. S. Marine Corps.

This squadron was a unit of Marine Aircraft Group 13, commanded by Colonel Ernest R. West 04731/9907, U. S. Marine Corps from 1 January through 3 January; and from 4 January through 31 January was a unit of Marine Aircraft Group 15, commanded by Colonel Edward B. Carney 04620/9907, U. S. Marine Corps.

During the period covered by this report, 1 January through 31 January 1952, Marine Attack Squadron 251, conducted routine assignment of personnel, on the job training, and basic training in order to accomplish the missions and tasks assigned. (See Appendix 1 for daily routine)

The missions of this squadron are:

- a. The primary missions of a Marine Attack Squadron is to conduct flight operations in support of the Fleet Marine Force and Naval Forces afloat in Amphibious operations.
- b. The secondary missions of a Marine Attack Squadron is to augment or replace Naval air units aboard aircraft carriers and to provide air defense of advanced Naval bases.

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The tasks assigned are:

- a. Must be prepared to provide adequate close air support through ability to deliver:
 - (1) Accurate dive bombing attacks;
 - (2) Accurate glide bombing attacks;
 - (3) Accurate strafing attacks.
- b. Must be prepared to provide adequate air defense by ability to intercept and destroy all attacking enemy aircraft.
- c. Must be prepared to assist in defending against enemy surface attack.
- d. Must be prepared to operate from either a land base or a carrier base.
- e. Must be prepared to support offensive action as follows;
 - (1) Deliver coordinated attacks against ship and land targets;
 - (2) Deliver attacks against the enemy's air forces.
- f. Must be prepared to provide Anti-submarine defense as directed.
- g. Must be prepared to provide spotting for Naval gunfire and shore artillery as directed.
- h. Must be prepared to furnish visual aerial reconnaissance.

On 4 January Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Moran relieved Lieutenant Colonel Joe L. Warren. Major Floyd G. Phillips assumed the duties of executive officer.

On 15 January Major Leslie C. Reed reported aboard and assumed the duties of executive officer.

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On 24 January Major Clarence H. Moore reported aboard and assumed the duties of executive officer.

On 26 January Marine Attack Squadron 251 provided one platoon for the Battalion Parade and Review. The commanding officer held a personnel, and clothing and equipment inspection.

During the month of January 1952 there were no aircraft accidents in Marine Attack Squadron 251.

During the month of January 1952 Naval Aviators assigned to the squadron participated in a total of four hundred and thirty four (434) flights, for a total of six hundred and seventy three and six tenths (673.6) hours.
(See Appendix 2)

At the end of the period covered by this report, the personnel strength of Marine Attack Squadron 251 was seventy one (71) officers and one hundred and seventy nine (179) enlisted men. (See Appendix 2)

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3 JANUARY 1952

Marine Attack Squadron was reassigned to Marine Aircraft Group 15, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro from Marine Aircraft Group 13, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, Marine Corps Air Station El Toro.

Two (2) F4U-4 type aircraft were received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81310, 80781)

Five (5) F4U-4 type aircraft were transferred to VMF-235 (Bureau #97341, 97320, 97943, 97349, 96781)

4 JANUARY 1952

Lieutenant Colonel Joe L. Warren 09309/7302 U. S. Marine Corps was relieved by Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Moran 08610/7302 U. S. Marine Corps. Major Floyd G. Phillips 016482/7333 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve assumed duties as executive officer.

Four (4) F4U-4 type aircraft were transferred to VMF-235 (Bureau #81111, 81184, 96840, 97074)

Two (2) F4U-4 type aircraft were received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81218, 81831)

7 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81466)

Four (4) F4U-4 type aircraft were transferred to VMF-235 (Bureau #96761, 97226, 96998, 81177)

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7 JANUARY 1952

Two (2) F4U-4 type aircraft were received from VMF-451 (Bureau #97382, 81691)

8 JANUARY 1952

Captain Richard N. Schade 039762/7331 returned from TAD at NAATC NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.

Four (4) F4U-4 type aircraft were transferred to VMF-235 (Bureau #81064, 81264, 81400, 96789)

9 JANUARY 1952

Ten officers were sent to NAS San Diego for Night Vision and Oxygen course.

11 JANUARY 1952

Four (4) F4U-4 type aircraft were received from VMF-235 (Bureau #96959, 81414, 82058, 80926)

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was transferred to VMF-235 (Bureau #82120)

13 JANUARY 1952

Captain Harold Z. Gray 038165/7302 was sent TAD to the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California for Air Support School.

14 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81343)

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15 JANUARY 1952

Major Leslie C. Reed 010909/7302 relieved Major Floyd G. Phillips 016482/7333 as executive officer.

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81191)

18 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was received from VMF-235 (Bureau #96863)

20 JANUARY 1952

2ndLt Gordon B. Schumacher 054555/7301 was sent TAD to March Air Force Base for Survival, Escape and Evasion school.

21 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was received from VMF-235 (Bureau #81242)

24 JANUARY 1952

Major Clarence H. Moore 09918/7302 relieved Major Leslie C. Reed 010909/7302 as executive officer.

25 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was transferred to NAS San Diego (Bureau #81422)

26 JANUARY 1952

The commanding officer held a personnel, clothing and equipment inspection. One (1) platoon from the fourth duty section was provided for a Battalion Parade and Review.

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27 JANUARY 1952

Captain Harold Z. Gray 038165/7302 returned from TAD at the Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California, Air Support school.

2ndLt Gordon B. Schumacher 054555/7301 returned from TAD at March Air Force Base Survival, Escape and Evasion school.

28 JANUARY 1952

Captain Emery E. Nelson 031421/7302, Captain Philip J. Keleher 025398/7302, and Captain Robert D. Keller 020551/7302 were sent TAD to Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Virginia for Aircraft Engine and Maintenance School.

30 JANUARY 1952

One (1) F4U-4 type aircraft was transferred to NAS San Diego (Bureau #81674)

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