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1-30 JUNE 1953

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TASK ORGANIZATION

UNIT	Marine Attack Squadron-251
COMMANDING OFFICER	1-30 June 1953 LtCol Harold A. HARWOOD, USMC
GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	1-8 June 1953 Marine Corps Air Station El Toro (Santa Ana), California 9-30 June 1953 Aboard the USS WINNHAM BAY (T0VE 92) enroute to K-6, Pyongtaek, Korea
NEXT HIGHER ECHELON	1-8 June 1953 Marine Aircraft Group-15 Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific 9-30 June 1953 1st Marine Aircraft Wing c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, California

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During the first eight (8) days of June 1953, Marine Attack Squadron-251 was located at U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California. On 9 June 1953, Marine Attack Squadron-251 departed Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro via bus and private conveyance and boarded the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92) at Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.

An advanced echelon, commanded by Major James W. MERRITT, 011242/7302, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, consisting of three (3) officers and eight (8) enlisted men departed by air for Marine Aircraft Group-12 located at K-6, Pyongyang, Korea, on 4 June 1953.

The remainder of this reporting period was spent aboard the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92) enroute to Yokosuka, Japan for further deployment with Marine Aircraft Group-12 at K-6, Pyongyang, Korea.

During the period 9 June 1953 through 30 June 1953, Marine Attack Squadron-251 was assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

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CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

1 JUNE 1953

Routine Working Day (See Appendix I)

Captain T. E. DAWSON, VMAT-10, and Captain T. E. MURPHY, MTAGS-3, presented a lecture to the officers and pilots of this squadron on the facilities available at K-6, Pyongtaek, Korea.

Marine Aircraft Group-15 Embarkation Order 3-53 was received this date (See Appendix III).

2 JUNE 1953

Twelve (12) AD type aircraft were flown by squadron pilots to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, California to be loaded aboard the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92). Thirty (30) enlisted men were detached to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, California to preserve the aircraft prior to loading. These men remained at Naval Air Station, San Diego, California and rejoined the squadron aboard the USS WINDHAM BAY on 9 June 1953.

3 JUNE 1953

The remaining twelve (12) AD type aircraft assigned to this squadron were flown to the Naval Air Station, San Diego, California.

4 JUNE 1953

Squadron pictures were taken by the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro Photographic Laboratory (See Appendix II).

The advance echelon, commanded by Major James W. MERRITT, 011242/7302 U. S. Marine Corps Reserve and consisting of three (3) officers and eight (8) enlisted men, departed by air for Marine Aircraft Group-12, located at K-6, Pyongtaek, Korea.

7 JUNE 1953

Holiday Routine (See Appendix I)

9 JUNE 1953

Marine Attack Squadron-251 departed Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro (Santa Ana), California via bus and private conveyance at 0700 and arrived aboard the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92) at 1100. Twenty seven (27) officers and one hundred sixty one (161) enlisted men departed Naval Air Station, San Diego, California aboard the USS WINDHAM BAY for Yokosuka, Japan. This movement is in accordance with Chief of Naval Operations dispatch 042006Z, 4 February 1953, Commandant of the Marine Corps Dispatch 052140Z, 5 February 1953, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Embarkation Order 4-53 and Marine Aircraft Group-15 Embarkation Order 3-53.

11 JUNE 1953

At 0800 the USS WINDHAM BAY, (TCVE 92) docked at Pier Number Three, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. All officers and staff non-commissioned officers were granted over-night liberty.

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12 JUNE 1953

At 1600, the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92) departed for Yokosuka, Japan.

18 JUNE 1953

Captain James R. BLUNT, 030505/7302, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, Squadron Intelligence Officer, presented a lecture on Close Air Support to the pilots of this squadron.

A squadron insignia, "Black Patch" was accepted by this squadron and will be forwarded to Headquarters, Marine Corps for approval.

19 JUNE 1953

At 0800, thirty one (31) enlisted men of this command received promotion warrants from the Commanding Officer at a formal presentation on the hangar deck of the USS WINDHAM BAY.

Second Lieutenant F. E. MARTIN, 048528/7304, U. S. Marine Corps, presented a lecture to all pilots of this command on evasion and escape techniques in Korea.

20 JUNE 1953

At 0844, the USS WINDHAM BAY (TCVE 92) Docked at Ford Island, Oahu, T. H. All personnel, except the duty section, were granted liberty until 2400, 21 June 1953.

22 JUNE 1953

At 0900, the USS WINDHAM BAY departed for Yokosuka, Japan.

24 JUNE 1953

Master Sergeant Walter L. SIMPSON Jr., 282099/6519, U. S. Marine Corps, presented a lecture to the pilots of this squadron on the VT and Anti-Withdrawal Fuzes.

25 JUNE 1953

Master Sergeant Walter L. SIMPSON Jr., 282099/6519, U. S. Marine Corps, presented a lecture to all pilots on the types of bombs available in Korea.

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STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

1. PERSONNEL:

(a) Personnel authorized:

Officers AG 6 NA 53 Enlisted 179 NAF 0 TOTAL 238

(b) Personnel assigned:

Officers AG 4 NA 28 Enlisted 169 NAF 3 TOTAL 201

2. AIRCRAFT:

(a) Aircraft authorized

Type AD Number 24

(b) Aircraft assigned

Type AD Number 24

(c) Aircraft lost

None

3. OPERATIONS:

Availability of pilots-----26
 Availability of aircraft-----24
 Total flight sorties-----26
 Total flight hours-----20.5

4. ORDNANCE :

Expenditure for the month of June 1953

None

RECAPITULATION OF FLIGHTS

<u>TYPE OF FLIGHT</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Ferry	25	19.6
Test	<u>1</u>	<u>.9</u>
total	26	20.5

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PLAN OF THE DAY

<u>Daily (Including Saturday)</u>		<u>Sundays and Holidays</u>
0600	Reveille	None
0630-0730	Breakfast	0700-0800
0700	Duty Section Muster and Sweepdown	1300
0730	General Muster in Squadron Area	None
0800	Turn To	None
0800-0900	Sick Call	0800-0900
1130-1230	Noon Meal	1130-1230
1200*	Liberty (Saturday Only)	Regular Liberty all day Sunday
1300	Turn To	None
1300-1400	Sick Call	1300-1400
1615	General Muster in Squadron Area	None
1630	Liberty	Regular Liberty all day Sunday
1700-1800	Evening Meal	1630-1715
1800	Duty Section Muster & Sweepdown	1300
1800-1830	Sick Call	1800-1830
2130	Duty Section Muster & Sweepdown	2130
2145	Call to Quarters	2200
2200	Taps, Lights Out	2215

* Normal Holiday Routine shall prevail from 1200 on Saturday until 0730 on the following Monday unless otherwise specified by the Squadron Commander or higher authority.

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MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP-15
Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Marine Corps Air Station,
El Toro (Santa Ana), California
28 May 1953

EMBARKATION ORDER)

: Embarkation of VMA-251
NUMBER - - 3-53)

Ref: (a) AIRFMFAC Embarkation Order 4-53
(b) AIRFMFAC Supply Bulletin 14-53
(c) AIRFMFAC General Order No. 37-53

1. ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION

a. Reference (a) directs Marine Aircraft Group-15 to issue instructions for the movement and embarkation of Marine Attack Squadron-251.

(1) Embarkation Team #1 (Advance echelon, 3 officers, 8 enlisted men).

(2) Embarkation Team #2 (Main Body)

b. Shipping Assignment

(1) Embarkation Team #1 by air, on or about 5 June 1953.

(2) Embarkation Team #2, embark aboard USS WHIDMAY BAY (TOTE 92) at Pier "WAN", Quaywall, North Island, San Diego, 0745, 8 June 1953.

c. Advance Parties: As determined by Embarkation Officer, VMA-251

2. Supplies and Equipment to be Embarked

a. Amounts and types of supplies to be embarked.

(1) Embarkation Team #1 allowed 65 plus 100 lbs. baggage per individual.

(2) Embarkation Team #2- 24 AD-4, 40 M/T Aeronautical and organizational material, records and personal gear.

b. Preparation of Supplies and equipment.

(1) Office records and aeronautical material will be packed and marked in accordance with reference (b).

(2) Aircraft will be preserved by FASRON-7, NAS, North Island, San Diego. Arrangements to be made by VMA-251 Embarkation Officer.

3. Embarkation Points and Cargo Assembly Area

a. Local cargo assembly areas - in VMA-251 area.

b. Cargo assembly at POB - Pier "WAN", Quaywall, North Island, San Diego, California.

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4. Control

a. VMA-251 Embarkation Officer will arrange with Lieutenant BENSON, COM-AIRPAC Supply regarding staging area of cargo on Pier "NAN" and traffic route to pier.

b. VMA-251 will be responsible for security of supplies, equipment and aircraft during all phases of embarkation.

c. Communications - Currently established facilities.

5. Movement and Embarkation of Personnel and Equipment

a. Embarkation Team #2

(1) Personnel proceed by bus from MCAS, El Toro, to arrive at Pier "NAN", North Island, San Diego, prior to time indicated by Port Control Officer. (On or about 9 June 1953)

(2) Aircraft to proceed by air from MCAS, El Toro to NAS, San Diego, to arrive 2 and 3 June for preservation by PASRON-7.

(3) Supplies and equipment to be moved overland from MCAS, El Toro to staging area Pier "NAN", North Island to arrive prior 0745, 3 June 1953.

6. Miscellaneous

a. The officer in charge of embarkation group ABLE report with personnel indicated on the embarkation roster to the Commanding Officer, USS WINTHAM BAY (TCVE 92) for transportation and subsistence. MSTB Tariff rates including subsistence for officers and enlisted men chargeable to MCF 1731105.18 expenditure account No. 74900.

b. Embarkation rosters will be submitted as follows:

(1) Embarkation Team #2: Seventy five (75) copies to 11th Naval District Passenger Transportation and six (6) copies to Commanding General, Aircraft, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL POTTINGER

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CHARLES N. ENDWEISS
Lieutenant Colonel, USMC
Executive Officer

O-P-F-I-C-I-A-L

W. J. WEBSTER
Major, USMC
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Landing SignalO	Capt	7381					
RadDefO	Lt	5710	*BURTON, John R.	1stLt	6510		052503

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

A/C EnginO	Capt	6410	ENTON Byron A.	1stLt	6410		052509
Asst A/C EnginO	Lt	6410					

* An Additional Duty

MATERIEL

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ELECTRONICS

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Medical Officer	Lt(MC)						
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