



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251

MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 31

2D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMF, ATLANTIC

MCAS, BEAUFORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 29904

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. 20380
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Subj: Command Chronology; period of 1 January 1983 to 30 June 1983

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SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

VTMFA 251

1. Unit Designation

- a. Reporting Unit Code: 01251
- b. Table of Organization Number: 8849N

2. Period Covered and Location

- a. 1 January 1983 through 30 June 1983
- b. Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina 29904

3. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

LtCol G. L. EESTEN	1 January 1983 - 30 June 1983
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b. Executive Officer

Major H. L. LOGAN	1 January 1983 - 18 January 1983
LtCol D. L. DOYLE	19 January 1983 - 30 June 1983

c. Administrative Officer

Major W. A. PEPPER	1 January 1983 - 17 May 1983
Major B. F. RAMEY	18 May 1983 - 30 June 1983

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ENCLOSURE (5)

d. Intelligence Officer

Capt T. W. THOMAS	1 January 1983 - 15 March 1983
Capt P. R. MORIARTY	16 March 1983 - 31 May 1983
Capt J. M. COOKE	1 June 1983 - 30 June 1983

e. Operations Officer

Major J. M. GAUTREAUX	1 January 1983 - 30 June 1983
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f. Logistics Officer

Capt J. M. COOKE	1 January 1983 - 31 May 1983
Capt R. J. LEVESQUE	1 June 1983 - 30 June 1983

g. Safety Manger

Capt W. F. PRATT	1 January 1983 - 30 June 1983
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h. Staff Historian

Capt J. R. HEDGES.	1 January 1983 - 30 June 1983
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i. Sergeant Major

SgtMaj C. N. DORSEY	1 January 1983 - 6 May 1983
GySgt D. E. HAWKINS	7 May 1983 - 23 June 1983
1stSgt D. E. RIPLEY	24 June 1983 - 30 June 1983

4. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January 1983	31	172
February 1983	31	173
March 1983	33	179
April 1983	31	178
May 1983	32	172
June 1983	32	174

5. Equipment:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Type</u>
January 1983	11 F-4S
February 1983	12 F-4S
March 1983	11 F-4S
April 1983	12 F-4S
May 1983	12 F-4S
June 1983	11 F-4S

SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations and Training

The VMFA-251 "S" Sections stood an inspection by the Second Marine Aircraft Wing's A&M Inspection Team early in January 1983. The squadron received satisfactory marks in all areas. With the A&M completed, the squadron's training focused on preparing aircrews for an air-to-air missile fire exercise and an upcoming MCCRES evaluation.

VMFA-251 deployed seven F-4S aircraft to NAS Roosevelt Roads in Puerto Rico on 14 February to participate in a "shoot-on-arrival" missile fire exercise. Utilizing air refueling with Marine KC-130 tanker aircraft, the aircraft were flown non-stop to Puerto Rico from Beaufort with "live" AIM-7 and AIM-9 missiles aboard each F-4. The four day evolution terminated successfully.

Upon return to Beaufort, the entire squadron deployed to MCAS Yuma on 18 February for air-to-ground training and its MCCRES evaluation. VMFA-251 aircrews enjoyed a 5.00% CRP increase by flying a variety of missions to include fighter escort and multi-plane coordinated strikes in simulated medium and high threat environments. The MCCRES evaluation found the squadron combat ready and VMFA-251 returned to Beaufort on 10 March.

During the night hours of April 12 and 13, VMFA-251 conducted night intercept training as a participant in the NORAD exercise "AMALGAM CHIEF". The month terminated with an inspection by the Marine Corps IG Team on 25, 26 and 27 April.

Exercise "Solid Shield" was conducted during the first two weeks of May with squadron aircrews flying air-to-air missions against numerous dissimilar adversaries to include the Air Force F-15 and F-16. The training received was invaluable as a build up for the forth coming "College Dart" exercise held 15-27 May. VMFA-251 deployed to Tyndall AFB for this evolution and flew numerous air-to-air sorties against Marine AV-8A and Air Force F-106 and F-15 adversaries in a variety of scenarios.

June found VMFA-251 in garrison flying local sorties emphasizing all weather intercepts and air-to-air training to indoctrinate the numerous newly arrived aircrews in preparation for a projected redeployment to Tyndall in August 1983.

SECTION III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

January 1983 VMFA-251 flew 181 sorties/228,8 hours
12 A&M Inspection.

February 1983 VMFA-251 flew 233 sorties/312.7 hours

14-17 Seven aircraft depart Beaufort for NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico carrying live AIM-7/9 missiles to participate in a "shoot-on-arrival" missile fire exercise.

18-28 VMFA-251 deploys to MCAS Yuma for three weeks of air-to-ground training and MCCRES evaluation.

March 1983 VMFA-251 flew 197 sorties/230.9 hours

1-10 VMFA-251 still deployed to MCAS Yuma.

April 1983 VMFA-251 flew 214 sorties/264.6 hours

12-13 VMFA-251 participated in the NORAD exercise AMALGAM CHIEF performing night intercept missions.

25-27 IG Inspection.

May 1983 VMFA-251 flew 291 sorties/312.1 hours

2-13 VMFA-251 participated in exercise SOLID SHIELD flying air-to-air missions out of Beaufort.

15-27 VMFA-251 participated in COLLEGE DART at Tyndall AFB flying air-to-air missions against F-15, F-106 and AV-8 adversaries.

June 1983 VMFA-251 flew 230 sorties/325.4 hours.


G. L. ELSTEN