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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 May 1951 Through 31 May 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 Gregory J. WEISSENBERGER 05589/7303 USMC.

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

In May, five (5) additional AD-1 type aircraft were assigned and accepted, bringing the total assigned aircraft to thirteen (13) for this squadron.

A total of 333 flights were flown by Naval Aviators of the squadron for a total of 407.3 flight hours.

During the period of this report, additional enlisted men and officers were being assigned to bring strength up to level.

At the end of this period, personnel strength of this squadron was 36 officers and 220 enlisted men and 3 Navy medical Corpsmen.

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1 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
7	8.4
5	5.2

Type Flights:

1A1A (Daylight Familiarization)
1A1J (Daylight Fam w/Division Tactics)

2 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
12	12.6

Type Flights:

1A1A (Daylight Familiarization)

3 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
8	8.4

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

4 May 1951

Lieutenant Colonel Philip L. CRAWFORD 07004/7302, USMC, assumed command of VMA 251, vice Lieutenant Colonel Gregory J. WEISSENBURGER 05589/7303, USMC, relieved per Marine Aircraft Group 13 Special Order 132-51 dated 12 May 1951, effective 2 May 1951.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
11	12.9

Type Flights:

1A7 (Daylight Familiarization of Attack)

5 May 1951

The squadron participated in a Battalion Inspection. Squadrons were inspected by Commanding Officers of other squadrons of Marine Aircraft Group 13.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
N O N E	

Type Flights:

6 May 1951

Flights for day:

N O N E

7 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
15	15.3

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

8 May 1951

One hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance checks were completed on two (2) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau numbers 09327 and 09295.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
11	13.9

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

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9 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
12	13.8
1	0.6
1	0.5

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1L (Daylight Flight Check)
1J (Daylight Ferry Flight)

10 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
8	10.2
1	0.9

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1L (Daylight Flight Check)

11 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
1	1.0
2	1.0

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1C1 (Daylight Cross Country Proficiency)

12 May 1951

The squadron participated in a Regimental Review at which time Band presentations were made and two (2) Distinguished Service Crosses were posthumously awarded to next of kin.

Flights for day: N O N E

13 May 1951

Flights for day: N O N E

14 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
13	15.5
2	1.0
2	2.0

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1J (Daylight Ferry Flight)
1B1 (Daylight, Instrument rating)

15 May 1951

Flights for Day:

Sorties:	Hours:
19	24.7

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

16 May 1951

One hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance checks were completed on two (2) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau numbers 09206 and 09204.

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16 May 1951 (Con't)

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
6	7.0
8	10.0
1	1.2
2	1.0
2	1.3

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1A7 (Daylight Fam of Attack)
1L (Daylight Flight Check)
1J (Daylight Ferry Flight)
1B1 (Daylight, Instrument rating)

17 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
18	20.8
1	0.7

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1L (Daylight Flight Check)

18 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
5	7.3

Type Flights:

1Q4 (Daylight, Air Show)

19 May 1951

Armed Forces Day. Aircraft from this squadron participated in the Air Show held in this area. Squadron Area was held open to visitors.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
8	10.4

Type Flights:

1Q4 (Daylight, Air Show)

20 May 1951

Flights for day: N O N E

21 May 1951

Squadron volunteers aided in the search for Patricia Hull, who was believed to have been abducted. The results of this search were negative.

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
11	7.4
2	1.3

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1C1 (Daylight, Cross Country Proficiency)

22 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties:	Hours:
25	29.5

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

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23 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:
18 25.2
1 0.3

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1A7 (Daylight Fam of Attack)

24 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:
4 4.6
25 33.6
2 1.2

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1A7 (Daylight Fam of Attack)
1C1 (Daylight, Cross Country Proficiency)

25 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:
22 23.2

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)

26 May 1951

Flights for day: N O N E

27 May 1951

Flights for day: N O N E

28 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:
2 4.6
4 9.6

Type Flights:

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1A7 (Daylight, Cross Country Proficiency)

29 May 1951

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:
8 16.2

Type Flights:

1A7 (Daylight, Cross Country Proficiency)

30 May 1951

Flights for day: N O N E

31 May 1951

A one hundred and twenty (120) hour acceptance check was completed on one (1) AD-1 type aircraft, bureau number 09320.

Flights for day:

Sorties: Hours:

Type Flights:

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31 May 1951 (COM't)

15
2
9

22.2
2.5
18.0

1A1 (Daylight Familiarization)
1L (Daylight, Flight Check)
3A1 (Night Visual, training for-
mations of night flying)

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