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TASK ORGANIZATION

UNIT

Marine Attack Squadron 251

COMMANDING OFFICER

1-5 June 1954
LtCol Frank R. PORTER Jr.
07082/7331, USMC

6-30 June 1954
LtCol John D. NOBLE
010212/7302, USMC

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

K-6 Air Base, Fyongtaek, Korea

NEXT HIGHER ECHELON

Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

MISSION AND TASKS

MISSION

Provide air support of Fleet Marine Force operations by destruction of surface targets.

TASKS

1. Conduct close air support.
2. Conduct strikes against enemy installations, armed reconnaissance and interdiction operations.
3. Conduct visual reconnaissance..
4. Provide smoke laying, illumination and insecticide spraying.
5. Maintain the capability to perform mission and tasks during darkness.
6. Maintain capability to depart from and return to base during all-weather conditions.

INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY

Marine Attack Squadron 251, was located at K-6 Airbase, Fyongtaek, Korea during the period 1 through 30 June 1954.

During the month of June 1954, this squadron flew a total of 557 effective sorties with 21 air aborts, for a total of 807.4 operational hours. The average number of pilots available during the month was 22 or 70% of the pilots assigned. The average number of aircraft available for flight was 13 or 68% of the aircraft assigned.

Four (4) instrument cards were renewed during June. They were issued to Captain R. L. GEVER, Captain J. W. ROBBINS, Captain E. J. SMITH and Second Lieutenant C. D. OVERTURE.

During the period 13 June through 27 June 1954, fourteen (14) officers, twelve (12) enlisted men and three (3) aircraft were TAD to NAS Atsugi, Japan in connection with Special Weapons Training. Training consisted of weapons checkout and loading procedures. During the month of June 1954, two (2) "Yellow Alerts" were sounded. On 28 June 1954 at 0805 the base was declared on a "Simulated" yellow alert. The all clear "Condition White" was sounded at 0830. On 30 June 1954 at 1639 a "Yellow Alert" was sounded and the all clear "Condition White" was sounded at 1703. All flyable aircraft were manned and turned up, but were not dispersed.

While participating in MARLEX VI as tactical air observer Major L.C. BARTON, 025336/7331 experienced an engine failure in AL-4, Bureau number 123887 and was forced to bail out. Pilot recieved class "D" injury while the aircraft was a strike.

Eight (8) aircraft from this squadron participated in operation HOME PLATE on 28 June 1954. This was a Fifth Air Force Radar Defense problem in which Marine Attack Squadron 251 was assigned to the Aggressor forces for the exercise. However due to inclement weather, the aircraft were unable to reach the pre-assigned targets and had to return to base.

During the month June 1954, five (5) officers and three (3) enlisted men were joined. Six (6) officers were detached and nine (9) enlisted men were transferred. Personnel on hand as of 2400, 30 June 1954 were as follows;

Officers	31 NA's	5 AGO's
Enlisted	188 (One NAP included)	

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CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1954

1 JUNE 1954

No flights were launched this date due to the squadron holding a training stand-down. Training began at 0730 with drill for the enlisted men, during this time Lieutenant Colonel Frank R. PORTER, the commanding officer presented warrants to seven (7) Privates First Class and four (4) Corporals who were promoted to the next higher grade.

The enlisted men were then given a lecture by Lieutenant JOHNSON on the history and present situation of China. A lecture was given by Doctor A.L. BEIGLE on Venereal Disease. The squadron NCO's were given examinations on The Pack and the Security of Military Information.

A drill team was sent to K-55 to participate in a parade and review commemorating Armed Forces Day. General ANDERSON was the reviewing officer.

General V.J. McCAUL, Commanding General of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the squadron this date.

Captain William PHILBIN, 052460/0130 USMC was transferred this date to H&MS-12, MAG-12.

2 JUNE 1954

No flights were launched this date due to inclement weather and poor visibility.

3 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	6	Instrument	12
Familiarization	2	Test	2

One aircraft on a Bombing mission aborted due to mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 22
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 31.5
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 41 100 lb. WSF Bombs *

4 JUNE 1954

First Lieutenant Frederick F. McCUNE 047027/7331 USMC joined the squadron this date.

SORTIES:

Bombing	4	Interdiction	4
Instrument	12	GCA	2
Test	1		

Two (2) aircraft on a Instrument flight aborted due to mechanical failure.

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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 23
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 37.5
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 21 100 lb. WSF Bombs

5 JUNE 1954

The squadron participated in a Group Parade and Review. Colonel Michael SAMPAS, Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12 was the Reviewing Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank R. PORTER Jr. 07082/7331 USMC was detached this date.

Captain Jack W. ROBBINS 049637/7331 USMC was transferred this date.

SORTIES:

Bombing 3

One aircraft on a Bombing mission aborted due to Mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 3
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 3.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 16 100 lb. WSF Bombs

6 JUNE 1954

Lieutenant Colonel John D. NOBLE, 010212/7302 USMC assumed command of Marine Attack Squadron 251 this date. (See Appendix (1))

SORTIES:

Instrument	2	GCA	12
Test	2		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 16
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 25.9
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

7 JUNE 1954

Second Lieutenant John H. DUNN, 059941/7331 USMC was transferred this date.

SORTIES:

Bombing	18	Interdiction	4
Familiarization	4	Test	1
Rockets	8	Division Tactics	4

Four (4) aircraft on a Bombing flight aborted due to Electrical Failure.

Two (2) aircraft on a Bombing mission aborted due to Weather.

One aircraft on an Interdiction flight aborted due to Weather.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 39
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 54.6
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 107 100 lb. WSF Bombs
 57 2.25" Rockets

8 JUNE 1954

Second Lieutenants Frederick P. CULLEN Jr., 062434/7302 USMCR, George GIANOFULOS, 062224/7331 USMCR, Gordon W. HOLM, 061935/7331 USMCR and David M. LONG, 062436/7302 USMCR joined the squadron this date.

SORTIES:

Familiarization 2

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 2
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 3.0
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

9 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	12	CAS	8
Interdiction	4	Test	3
Rockets	7	Weather Reconnaissance	1

Four (4) aircraft on a Bombing flight aborted due to Radio Failure.
 One aircraft on a Bombing mission aborted due to Mechanical Failure.
 One aircraft on a Rocket flight aborted due to Mechanical Failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 35
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 40.3
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 51 2.25" Rockets
 44 100 lb. WSF Bombs

10 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

MPQ	2	GCA	6
Test	1	Weather Reconnaissance	1

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 10
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 9.4
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

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11 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Interdiction	4	Instrument	4
Test	1		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 9
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 20.3
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

12 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	15	Interdiction	4
Instrument	1	Familiarization	9
Division Tactics	4	Ferry	1

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 34
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 46.5
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 86 25 lb. Practice Bombs
 32 Miniature Bombs

13 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	20	Cross-country	4
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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 24
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 28.6
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 158 25 lb. Practice Bombs

14 JUNE 1954

Five (5) officers and twelve (12) enlisted men departed for Atsugi, Japan this date in connection with Special Weapons Training. Three (3) AD-4B aircraft were flown to Atsugi in connection with this training.

SORTIES:

Bombing	18	MPQ	2
Cross-country	6	Navigation	1
Instrument	2	Familiarization	8
Test	3		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 40
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 50.2
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 61 25 lb. Practice Bombs
 24 100 lb. WSF Bombs
 8 500 lb. GP Bombs
 8 1000 lb. WSF Bombs
 4 1000 lb. GP Bombs

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15 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	4	Cross-country	6
Instrument	2	CAS	4
Test	1		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 17
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 32.2
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 30 25 lb. Practice Bombs

16 JUNE 1954

AL-4, bureau number 123887 caught fire while in flight and began to disintegrate. The pilot, Major Leroy BARTON 025336 USMC, was forced to bail out and landed without injury, he was immediately picked up by Helicopter. The wreckage was located at DS9078. See operations summary for further information.

SORTIES:

Bombing	16	CAS	3
Interdiction	2	Cross-country	2
Test	1	Search	2

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 26
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 30.9
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 62 Miniature Bombs
 54 25 lb. Practice Bombs

17 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	11	Familiarization	4
Interdiction	4	CAS	4
Division Tactics	4	Test	2
Ferry	4		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 33
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 43.0
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 40 Miniature Bombs
 32 25 lb. Practice Bombs

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18 JUNE 1954

Second Lieutenant Thomas F. MILLER, 060252/7331 was transferred this date.

SORTIES:

Bombing	12	CAS	4
Interdiction	2	MPQ	2
Instrument	6	Test	2

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	28	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		52.0
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	48	100 lb. WSF Bombs
	32	500 lb. WSF Bombs
	31	25 lb. Practice Bombs
	30	500 lb. GP Bombs
	8	1000 lb. GP Bombs

19 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	16	Instrument	3
Test	1	Division Tactics	4

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	24	
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -		34.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	87	5.0" Rockets
	32	Miniature Bombs
	31	100 lb. WSF Bombs
	15	Fire Bombs

20 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Test	1
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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - -	1
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - -	.5
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - -	NONE

21 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	21	TAC/A	2
MPQ	2	Familiarization	5
Test	2	MIR Reconnaissance	4
AAA Tracking	1		

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One aircraft on a Bombing mission aborted due to Mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 37
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 42.2
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 78 Miniature Bombs
71 25 lb. Practice Bombs

22 JUNE 1954

Captain Robert M. PETERSON 029653/7302 USMCR was transferred this date.

SORTIES:

Bombing	9	Test	1
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Two (2) aircraft on a Bombing flight were aborted due to Mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 10
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 12.3
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 64 25 lb. Practice Bombs

23 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	9	Interdiction	4
Instrument	3	Test	2
Rockets	8	Familiarization	4

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 30
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 44.9
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 81 5.0" Rockets
71 25 lb. Practice Bombs
16 11.75" Rockets

24 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	22	Familiarization	7
Interdiction	4	CAS	4
Cross-country	3	Test	1

One aircraft on a CAS mission aborted due to Mechanical failure.

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 41
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 46.8
ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 85 25 lb. Practice Bombs
46 Miniature Bombs
31 100 lb. WSF Bombs

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25 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	4	Cross-country	3
Instrument	2	Interdiction	4
Rockets	9		

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 22
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 37.8
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 93 5.0" Rockets
 32 25 lb. Practice Bombs
 16 11.75" Rockets

26 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	9	Instrument	2
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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 11
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 11.5
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 72 25 lb. Practice Bombs

27 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Bombing	20	Interdiction	6
Test	2	Cross-country	3

TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 31
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 41.7
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - 157 100 lb. WSF Bombs

28 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Interdiction	8
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TOTAL SORTIES - - - - - 8
 TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS - - - - - 21.9
 ORDNANCE EXPENDED - - - - - NONE

29 JUNE 1954

No flights were launched this date due to a squadron training stand-down. The enlisted men were given a lecture by the Sergeant-Major in keeping with the squadron information program. A lecture was then presented by First Lieutenant WEATHERWAX on the Technique of Instruction. The pilots held their weekly meeting and were given a lecture by Captain J. L. HELMS 045620, on exchange duty with the United States Air Force and their tactics. He also covered the performance of the F-86 in comparison with the MIG-15.

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30 JUNE 1954

SORTIES:

Familiarization	1	Test	1
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TOTAL SORTIES	- - - - -	<u>2</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL HOURS	- - - - -	<u>4.3</u>
ORDNANCE EXPENDED	- - - - -	NONE

* One Signal, Practice Bomb expended with each Miniature Bomb, WSF Bomb and 25 lb. Practice Bomb.

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STATISTICAL SUPPLEMENT

1. PERSONNEL:

(a) Personnel authorized:

Officers	AG's	5	NA's	53
Enlisted		220		

(b) Personnel assigned:

Officers	AG's	5	NA's	31
Enlisted		188	(One NAP included)	

(c) Personnel Lost:

None

2. AIRCRAFT:

(a) Aircraft authorized:

Type	AD-3	AD-4	AD-4B	Total	24
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(b) Aircraft assigned:

Type	AD-3	AD-4	AD-4B	Total	19
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(c) Aircraft Lost:

One (1) AD-4 Bureau Number 123887

3. OPERATIONS:

Availability of pilots	- - - - -	22
Availability of aircraft	- - - - -	13
Total effective sorties	- - - - -	557
Total air aborts	- - - - -	21
Total flight hours	- - - - -	807.4

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RECAPITULATION OF FLIGHTS

<u>NON-COMBAT FLIGHTS</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Bombing	249	320.8
Interdiction	42	99.0
Instrument	59	85.5
Rockets	32	51.3
Familiarization	46	47.9
CAS	31	42.9
Cross-country	27	41.3
GCA	20	29.1
Division Tactics	16	24.2
Test	31	23.5
MPQ	8	14.2
Ferry	5	9.0
MLR Reconnaissance	4	6.5
TAC/A	2	4.8
Navigation	1	2.8
Search	2	2.2
Target Spotting	1	1.3
Weather Reconnaissance	2	1.1
	<u>578</u>	<u>807.4</u>
AIR ABORTS	<u>21</u>	
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SORTIES	<u>557</u>	

ORDNANCE EXPENDED:

Bombs, Signal, Practice - - - - -	1677
Bombs, 25 lb. Practice - - - - -	847
Bombs, 100 lb. WSF - - - - -	492
Bombs, Miniature - - - - -	290
Rockets, 5.0" - - - - -	261
Rockets, 2.25" - - - - -	108
Bombs, 500 lb. GP - - - - -	38
Bombs, 500 lb. WSF - - - - -	32
Rockets, 11.75" - - - - -	32
Bombs, Fire - - - - -	15
Bombs, 1000 lb. GP - - - - -	4

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GLOSSARY

TAC/A	- - - - -	Tactical Air Coordinator, Airborne
AIA	- - - - -	Airborne Intercept Aircraft
WSF Bombs	- - - - -	Water, Sand filled bombs
CAS	- - - - -	Close Air Support
JOC	- - - - -	Joint Operational Center
MLR	- - - - -	Main Line of Resistance
BADGER	- - - - -	Code name for Tactical Air Direction Center
FREE TRADE	- - - - -	Code name for Tactical Air Direction Center
GCA	- - - - -	Ground Controlled Approach
MARLEX VI	- - - - -	Marine Division Landing Exercise

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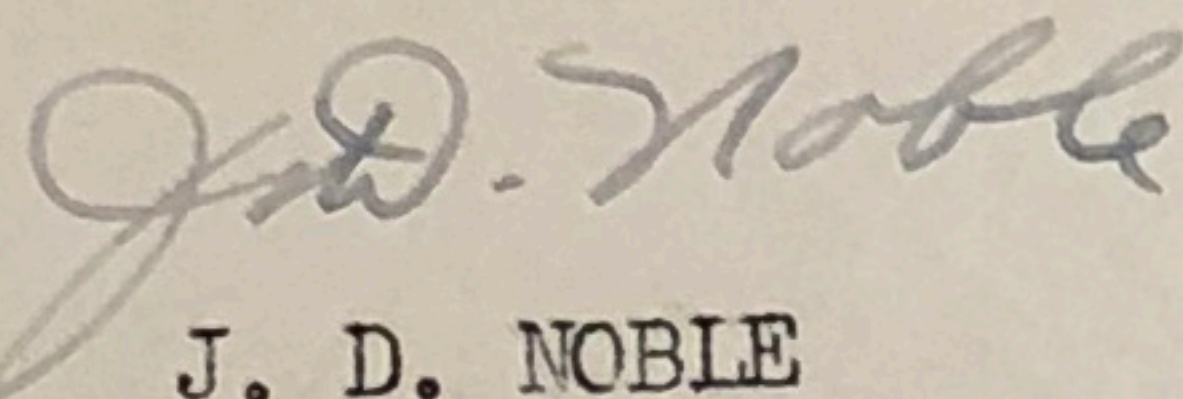
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SQUADRON ORDER)

: Assumption of Command

NUMBER...13-54)

1. I have this date assumed command of Marine Attack Squadron 251,
Marine Aircraft Group 12, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Fleet Marine Force.
All orders and directives issued by my predecessor remain in effect until
revoked or revised.



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Appendix (1)

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