

MARINE FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRON 251
Marine Aircraft Group 32, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFLant
Marine Corps Air Station
Beaufort, South Carolina, 29902

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant fo the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: (1) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 32
(2) Commanding General, Second Marine Aircraft Wing
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic

Subj: Command Chronology, Period 1 July 1969 to 31 December 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1
(b) WgO 5750.1

Encl: (1) VMFA-251 Achieved 25,000 Accident Free Hours in the F4 Phantom Jet
(2) Weapons Deployment to MCAS YUMA, Arizona
(3) VMFA-251 Self-Contained Missile Shoot
(4) First MAG-32 Pilots to Complete the Air Combat Environment and Aerial Combat Tactics Course Conducted by MAWTULANT

1. Organizational Data

a. Designation/Location

Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron Two Five One, Marine Corps
Air Station, Beaufort, South Carolina, 29902

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b. Period Covered

1 July 1969 to 31 December 1969

c. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	LTCOL R. O. LAWRENCE	1Jul-31Dec69
Executive Officer	MAJOR W. W. HARDING	1Jul-31Dec69
Operations Officer	MAJOR M. G. WADSWORTH	1Jul-31Dec69
Administrative Officer	CAPT F. E. GUILLE	1Jul-14Oct69
	MAJOR D. J. KIELY	14Oct-31Dec69
Intelligence Officer	CAPT D. E. FRITZ	1Jul-14Oct69
	CAPT S. R. FULK	14Oct-31Dec69
Logistics Officer	CAPT J. C. SEASE	1Jul-31Dec69
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	MAJOR T. J. LYMAN	1Jul-14Oct69
	MAJOR R. J. PEDERSON	14Oct-31Dec69
Flight Surgeon	LTCMDR R. A. OAS	1Jul-31Dec69
SgtMaj	SGTMAJ C. T. CAIN	1Jul-31Dec69

d. Average Squadron Strength

<u>Month</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
JULY	46	272
AUGUST	48	268
SEPTEMBER	42	266
OCTOBER	41	258
NOVEMBER	46	247
DECEMBER	41	222

2. Sequence of Events

a. Personnel/Administration

During this reporting period the following promotions were awarded:

Four (4)	First Lieutenants to Captain
Three (3)	Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant
Twenty Three (23)	Corporals to Sergeant
Forty Seven (47)	Lance Corporals to Corporal
Sixty Nine (69)	Private First Class to Lance Corporal
Three (3)	Privates to Private First Class

b. Intelligence

During the past six months the intelligence activities have been curtailed due to the intelligence chief's filling the billet of administrative Chief.

c. Training/NBC

During the reporting period a total of Ninety Six hours was set aside for training.

d. Special Operations

14-16 October 1969 VMFA-251 conducted a AIM-9/AIM-7D Maneuvering FIREX

3-7 November 1969 VMFA-251 participated in a MAG-31 AIM-7D FIREX

e. Close Combat/Fire Support

None Conducted

f. Logistics

During this reporting period the logistics section completed a successful deployment to and from MCAS YUMA, Arizona.

g. Air Defense

29 October 1969 VMFA-251 participated in a 33rd AIRDIV Exercise SNOWTIME 70-2-E.

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h. Close Air Support

During this reporting period VMFA-251 provided Close Air Support for AO School, 2nd MARDIC, and 2nd ANGLICO.

i. Civil Affairs

During this reporting period two groups of children from the Beaufort area schools were guests of the squadron. While here they were given a presentation on the F-4B Phantom Jet.

3. Narrative Summary of Events

VMFA-251 started the first half of Fiscal Year 1970 under the command of LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE. The squadron had 16 F-4B aircraft assigned as of 1 July 1969 with 12 aircraft on hand.

During this reporting period while training aircrewmembers for WESTPAC replacement, VMFA-251 flew a total of 2,617.0 accident free hours, accumulating 872 syllabus credits. Aircrew training resulted in transferring 24 aircrewmembers to WESTPAC in a combat ready posture.

From 17 August 1969 to 6 September 1969, VMFA-251 was deployed to MCAS Yuma, Arizona. While there the squadron flew 353 air to ground sorties for 529.3 flight hours accounting for 358 syllabus credits. The squadron participated in numerous bombing runs in the Chocolate Mountain area, carrying different types of ordnance. The training accomplished through the utilization of HML-267's OV-10 was absolutely realistic and the most valuable of the deployment.

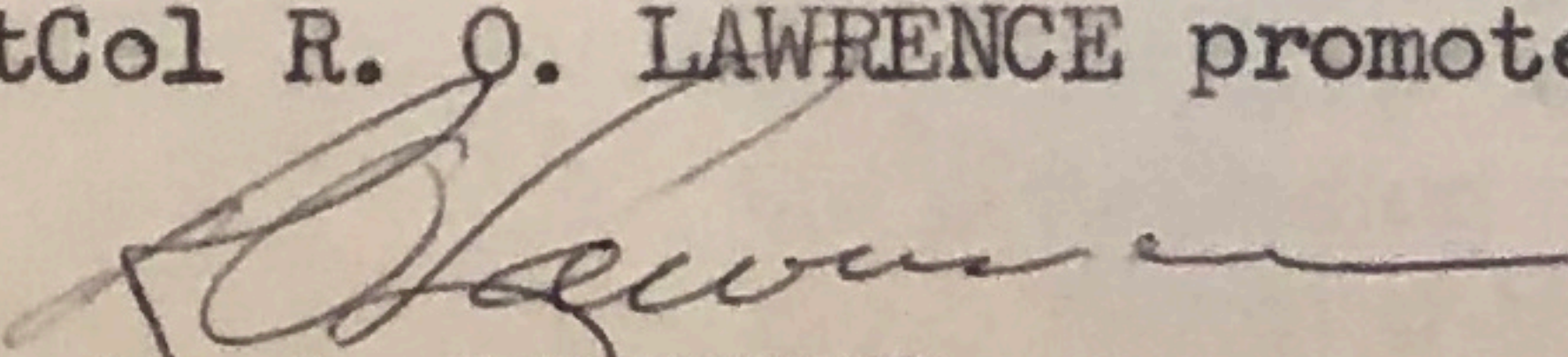
On September 6, 1969, VMFA-251 became the first unit of any branch of the Armed Forces to complete 25,000 accident free hours in the F-4 Phantom Jet. Mr James WALKER of McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation presented LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE, a plaque commending the squadron for its outstanding safety record.

During the period from 14-16 October 1969, VMFA-251 conducted a self-contained missile shoot firing a total of 16 Sidewinders and 4 Sparrow missiles as part of its continuing program to keep at a high peak of combat readiness. This effort qualified 15 replacement aircrews in the firing of these missiles.

On 29 October 1969, the squadron participated in Exercise SNOWTIME 70-2-E.

During the period 3-7 November 1969, VMFA-251 participated in a MAG-31 AIM 7D FIREX, flying a total of 29 sorties for 51.0 hours and firing 9 Missiles.

During the reporting period, LtCol R. O. LAWRENCE promoted a total of 7 Officers and 142 Enlisted.


R. O. LAWRENCE

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