

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
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Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1-30 June 1966; submission of
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Encl: ✓(1) VMA-211 Command Chronology for 1-30 June 1966
1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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VMA-211
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-30 June 1966

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CONFIDENTIALA. Commanding Officer and Staff

Thomas J. AYERS	Major	Commanding	1-30 June 1966
John J. MCCANTHY	Major	Executive Officer	1-18 June 1966
John R. KOCH	Major	Executive Officer	19-30 June 1966
John R. KOCH	Major	Operations Officer	1-18 June 1966
Francis H. LOGAN	Captain	Operations Officer	19-30 June 1966
Paul A. TREMBLAY	Captain	Maintenance Officer	1-30 June 1966
Julius A. RUIZ	Captain	Logistics Officer	1-30 June 1966
John D. HAYNES	Captain	Administrative Officer	9-30 June 1966
William W. ALLEN	Captain	Administrative Officer	1-8 June 1966
Gary E. SNYDER	1stLt	Intelligence Officer	1-30 June 1966

B. Task Organization: NoneC. Average Strength for Period

<u>MARINE</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
Officer	28	Officer	1
Enlisted	159	Enlisted	1

CONFIDENTIALNARRATIVE SUMMARY

During June, VMA-211 flew 639 sorties, amassing 821.1 flight hours, 761.7 of which were combat hours. The squadron dropped 343.2 tons of ordnance and fired 9,053 rounds of 20mm on these combat missions. Since arriving incountry on 12 October 1965, VMA-211 has flown a total of 6,415.6 combat hours.

Daily aircraft availability was 67% during June. NOR statistics were 4,345 NOR hours of a total 12,204 aircraft hours for the month. Six aircraft were involved in "Shoehorn" modification at NAS Cubi Point and another five were in R&R during June. These aircraft losses affected the squadron's availability the entire month.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel/Administration

During the subject period, 5 officers and 23 enlisted were joined while 14 officer and 43 enlisted were transferred. This brings the squadron's chargeable strength to 24 officers and 150 enlisted.

Four gunnery sergeants, six staff sergeants, nine sergeants, one corporal and three lance corporals were promoted to their present rank while the Commanding Officer awarded three Meritorious Hosts during June. The Commanding Officer held one Office Hours under Article 92 of the UCMJ. Thirty days extra duty and a three month suspended reuction were awarded.

On 23 June 1966, a pre-rotation Administration inspection was conducted by IAG-12. Only minor discrepancies were noted and an overall excellent to outstanding was awarded the section.

2. Civil Affairs/Morale

Five enlisted were awarded R&R during June. The Commanding Officer presented a pre-R&R brief and a medical briefing was given to all personnel prior to departure. During the same period, six officers and three enlisted were TAD in connection with aircraft ferry, refresher courses and service schools. At the beginning of the month 14.6% of the squadron's personnel were enrolled in the savings bond program. At present, 82% are enrolled.

3. Intelligence

Two special briefing on rules of engagement and escape & evasion were presented to all pilots. Enlisted briefings and basic intelligence training continued throughout the month.

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VIA-211 flight operations were hampered by light daily frags and aircraft at PAR and Cubi Point, P.I.. Even though, the average was 20 combat sorties per day for a total of 761 combat hours. Sortie breakdown was as follows: Special 125, Helicopter Escort/Cover 148, Blue Blazer 66, Close Air Support/Cap 15, Landing Zone Prep/Cap 15, TPQ-10 145.

On 22 June the squadron was on hot pad alert and scrambled 6 sorties south of Quang Ngai which resulted in 35 KBA confirmed and 50 KBA estimated.

The Squadron started using the IX 4 gun pod on 27 June with about 60% firing success.

Two new pilots reported aboard and 6 pilots were detached. The high experience level is still maintained because of the low rotation of pilots and squadron minimum requirements before flying certain sorties.

Lieutenant General WALT visited VIA-211 line area 22 June and observed a repelling drill, and use of the FRC49B.

5. NBC

An all hands NBC drill was held on 5 June. Further training for the month consisted of five men attending NBC school and nine men attending "Buddy Aid" lectures.

6. Logistics/Supply

The month of June has shown a slight decrease in ACCP/AITE rate. This represents a low for the squadron since our arrival in RVN.

The logistics section completed satisfactorily the Pre ADM inspection in preparation for our coming rotation to Japan.

7. Motor Transportation

Squadron prime mover availability reached 94% for the subject period.

The section lost 3 men during this period while gaining 2.

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8. Aircraft Maintenance

On board, class A-1 status aircraft, totaled 515 aircraft days for June. This yielded a 1.24 mission/aircraft day utilization factor. The AACP for the month was 14, ranging from 7 to 23. The ACFE average was 37, ranging 27 to 48.

Squadron Special Order 9-66 named Capt TREMBLAY as Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Capt SCHARAR as Asst. Maintenance Officer and 1stLt IRELAND as Ordnance Officer.

With the continuation of "Shoehorn", 5 aircraft were sent to Cubi Point during the month. An average of 5 aircraft remained at PAR throughout the month also.

Avionics reports a shortage of men and test equipment. At present, Avionics is operating 8 men under TO. Only one AFCS tester now exists in the entire group thus causing A/C to be placed on limitation until other squadrons finished using it.

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