VMA=2//

and Chares

2

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

RES \$ 101 39

3:JJC:jct 031.33766 4 December 1966 Gopy \_ of 4

# CONFÍDENTIAL

From: Commending Officer

To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) Gru0 5750.1C

Encl: V(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period 1-30 November 1966.

- 1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
- 2. This letter is declassified upon removal of enclosure (?.).

W. G. Necoon

DISTRIBUTION: MAG-12 ATTN: S-3 (3)
FILE

JAINERUXX 1 DELMO DEGLET

2 INDEVIDUAL FILOT AUTHORIZATIONS

VMA-211 %
LOG NO 14-66
FILE NO.
-nov 2 of 5

SAC-12	SECS	CGP11
1.12	. ប៉ូ 🤄	3

ENGLOSURE

VMA-211

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-30 NOVEMBER 1365

DOWNGRADED AT 3-YEAR INTERVALS DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DOD DIR 5200.10

ENCLOSURE (1)

## PART I

# A. Squadron Staff

William G. McC66L	LtCol	Commanding	1-30 November 1966
Thomas M. D'ANDREA	Major	Executive Officer	1-30 November 1966
John S. EVANS	Major	Administrative Officer	1-7 November 1966
James F. LLOYD	Major	Administrative Officer	8-30 November 1966
John A. CA.PUANO	lstLt	Intelligence Officer	1-30 November 1966
Jerome L. NORTON	Major	Operations Officer	1-30 November 1966
Henry L. SEARLE	Major	Logistics Officer	1-30 November 1966
John R. KOCH	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-24 November 1966
Ronald E. BLANCHARD	Major	Maintenance Officer	25-30 November 1966
John J. CALDAS	Majer	Aviation Safety Office:	r 1-15 November 1966
Lynn B. HALL	Captain	Aviation Safety Office:	r 16-30 November 1966
Fletcher E. Rimpfer	Lt (MC)	Flight Surgeon	1.8 November 1966
David A. BRIAN	Lt (MC)	Flight Stageon	10-30 November 1966
James W. MORROW	lstSgt	Squadron First Sergean	t 1-90 Movember 1966

# B. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	Officers	32
UEMC	Enlisted	170
USN	Officers	1
USN	Enlisted	3

## PART II

## A. Narrative Summary

- l. During the reporting period Marine Attack Squadron 211 (VMA-211) completed the "settling in" process at Chu Iai, Republic of Viet Nam. All personnel attached to the squadron from VMA-224 for processing and transfer were detached during the first week of November.
- 2. The squadron operated as an entity and full fledged member of Marine Aircraft Group 12 during the entire month of November. Combat flights were flown in support of III Marine Amphibious Force and the Seventh Air Force.

### PART, III

# A. Significant Events

## 1. Paronnel.

- a. Administration: During the reporting period the squadron joined five (5) officers and seven (7) enlisted men. During the same period eighty-four (84) enlisted personnel were transferred from the squadron. Ten (10) Lance Corporals and mine (9) Corporals were promoted to their present ranks.
- b. Awards. Fifteen (15) Air Medals and (1) Purple Heart were awarded to members of the squadron during the month. The Purple Heart was awarded to Captain Fred PALKA for wounds received while serving as a Forward Air Controller in Operation Hastings.
- c. Public Information. Fleet Home Town News Release accompanied by photographs of presentation communies were sent to the appropriate "home towns" for each award presented.
- d. General information is disseminated to all personnel as shown in appendix 4.
- 2. INTELLIGENCE. The squadron Intelligence Officer performs as a member of the (roup "brief-debrief" team and as such briefs and debriefs individual flights. In addition, intelligence briefings on enemy weapoms, strengths, dispositions and capabalities were given to squadron officer personnel weekly.

3

ENCLOSURE (1)



# PART III (continued)

# 3. Air Operations.

a. The following statistical data is submitted as a significant summary of air operations for November 1966:

Combat Sorties	589
Non-Combat Sorties	42
Combat Hours	758.8
Night Hours	146.3
Actual Instrument Hours	95.7
Total Heurs	808.4
Reconnaissance Sorties	18
TPQ Sorties	215
Helicepter/Convoy Escort Scrties	90_
Tally-Ho Sorties	100
Red Blazer Sorties	26
DAS/GAS Sorties	126
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	27
Sorties Receiving Hostile Fire	36
Number of Accidents	. 0
Number of Incidents	1_
Ordnance Tonnage Dropped	557.3

b. Individual Pilot Authorizations are shown in Appendix 2.

٨.

似的,这么是确实理想。"你就是让我

Harrist Carry Derivative States

ENCLOSURE (1)

a de grade

د مارية بهدار



PART III (continued)

### 4. Logistics.

a. The material section completed the inspection of equipment acquired from VMA-224 and the evaluation of squadron requirements for this material. Items in excess of requirements was processed through H&MS-12 for disposition.

b. Buildings and Grounds. Improvement of conditions in the living and working spaces centinued throughout the period. Wall Rockers, rugs and small tables were distributed to squadron personnel. A squadron laundry facility consisting of three (3) washing machines was activated. Mobile Construction Battalion 3 completed work on five (5) huts in the working area and repaired several huts in the enlisted living area.

- c. Motor Transport. All assigned vehicles were returned to operational status during early November. Two vehicles received major repairs. Motor Transport Section drivers are now assigned to all vehicles.
- 5. Ground Defense. Two (2) ground defense drills were conducted in November. Bunkers and fighting holes were repaired in working and living areas.

# 6. Training.

- a. Ordnance Loading Team personnel were sent to MCAS Iwakuni for refresher training. Four pilots completed weapons delivery refresher training at Iwakuni. Three (3) pilots attended Jungle Survival School.
- b. A brief on flight operations was conducted to familiarize squadron enlisted personnel with the actual missions performed by squadron pilots/aircraft. This local interest training was well received and will become a permanent part of enlisted training.
- c. All pilots attended a four hour session on SAM, evasive tactics, use of APR-23, Anti-Aircraft capabilities and the specific anti-air environment of Route Package I.
- 7. Aircraft Maintenance. The average aircraft availability for the month of November was 67% with the average number of aircraft ready for the morning launch standing at fifteen (15). The average daily AOCP rate was thirty-two (32). NOR statistics were as follows:

Supply

3566 hours

Unscheduled Maintenance

1178 hours

Scheduled Maintenance

223 hours

5

ENCLOSURE (1)



# PART III (continued)

- 7. Shrike continuity checks were conducted on squadron aircraft by a team of technicians from NOTS, China lake. All squadron aircraft possess some limitations on the complete system.
- 8. Aviation Ordnance. Combat ordnance expenditures for the month of November were as follows:

DOD	NOMENCIATURE	AMOUNT
A 806	20MM, API	2,464
808 A	20MM, HEI	1,993
B 077	LINK MK 6 MOD 4	471
B 078	LINK, LEADING	- 7,2
B 087	LINK, MK 2 MOD 0	3,987
E 144	FIRE BOMB, MK 77-2	224
E 170	FIRE BOMB, MK 79	2
E 465	MK 81 MOD I	1,181
E 477	AN-M64Al TNT OR TRITONAL	114
E 482	MK 82W/CABLE	905
E 503	AN-M65Al	45
E 507	MK 83	40 40
F 372	T 45EL BOOSTER	
F 431	MK 1 ARMING WIRE	2,126 908
F 435	MK 2 ARMING WIRE	· .
F 590	BOX FIN F/AN-64A1	<b>2,</b> 674
F 606		20
F 607	CON FIN F/AN-M64A1	94
	CON FIN F/AN-M65A1	45
F 648	FIN FOR MK 83	40 20 <b>5</b>
F 655	MK 15-0 SNAKEYE FIN	905
F 656	MK 14-2 SNAKEYE FIN	191,181
F 676	FIRE BOMB FUZE M173	248
F 677	MI73Al FUZE	4
F 680	M904E2 FUZE .025 DELAY	64,5
F 681	M904E2 NON DELAY	1,631
G 194	IGNITER ML5 WP	. 4
G 197	IGNITER M23 WP	248
G 274	NUT LOCK F/CON FIN	139
G 275	NUT LOCK F/BOX FIN	20
G 374	18" FUZE EXTENSION	38
Н 343	MK 7-2 JATO	82
H 405	IGNITER F/MK 7 JATO	82
H 539	IAU 3A/A W/181 FUZE	19
H 542	7d POD W/181 FUZE	- 11
J 396	MK 25 PRIMER	21
K 922	MAPALM (1bs)	5,650
M 190	MK 2-1 IMPULSE CTG	2,886
M 341	EXPLOSIVE BOLT MK 1	23
M 815	DETONATOR MK 83-0	23
X 090	FAHENSTOCK CLIP	106,438
X 439	AERO 7E (LAZY DOG)	21
	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	*

6

ENCLOSURE (1)

Appendix 1

VMA--211

The Diamond Digest

Appendix 1

THE



2 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUAPRON FIRST SERGEANT

NEW POST OFFICE HOURS. The post office will be open until further notice every day of the week as indicated below:

Money Orders 0830-1630

Stamp Sales

0830-1730

NEW PX HOURS. Effective Wednesday, 2 Nov 1966, the PX will be open during the following hours:

Monday through Saturday

0900-1700

Sunday

1300-1600

MAIL WHILE ON TAD OR LEAVE (R&R). When you leave Chu Lai for any period of time on TAD or leave, it is required that your mail be forwarded to you. If you're only going to be gone a short time, and do not desire to have mail forwarded, you must sign a statement authorizing the squadron mail orderly to hold it. The statements are available from the mail orderly.

FORWARDING OF MAIL AFTER ROTATION TO CONUS. Personnel are reminded to submit a change of address card to the MAG-12 Fost Office prior to rotation to the states for separation or for further assignment. Mail received for personnel who have rotated and failed to submit a change of address card will be returned to the sender.

TAILOR MADE CLOTHES AVAILABLE THROUGH PX. Clothes may be ordered through a tailor who is currently available at the PX two days a week (Monday and Wednesday) during the hours 1100-1630. Material samples are available, as are catalogues of both men's and women's clothing. He also has measurement charts which you can send to your wife (or favorite female) to obtain the vital statistics. Delivery takes approximately 6 weeks; and you will be required to pay 20% when placing your order, the balance on delivery.

EXCHANGE MAIL ORDER SERVICE. Mail order catalogues and order blanks from the M Toro exchange are available in every shop or from the First Sergeant. It's a fine way to do your Christmas shopping, and the prices include the cost of handling, mailing and insurance.

TWO YEARS BETWEEN OVERSEAS TOURS. An immediate goal of not less than two years between overseas unaccompanied assignments for every Marine has been announced by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in MCBul 1300 of 3Aug65.

TAKE IN YOUR DRY CLOTHES SO THAT OTHERS MAY USE THE CLOTHESLINES!!

PICK UP THE CLOTHES UNDER THE CLOTHESLINES THAT HAVE BLOWN OFF!!

J. W. MORROW

letSgt, USMC



THE

D I A M O N D



DIGEST

4 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

INSPECTION EVERY SATURDAY. There will be an inspection of all living and work areas every Saturday. Things are looking better, but there's still much room for improvement.

DEALINGS WITH OVERSEAS AUTO SALES. Any member of this squadron who has had transactions with any overseas automobile dealer that he considers to be unscrupulous or fraudulent, please give all the pertinent data to the Legal Officer or First Sergeant. This information is required so that action can be taken against any agent or firm that may be using unothical business practices.

LDO PROGRAM. Staff NCO's (and temporary officers/temporary WO's appointed during FY 1966 & 1967) with at least 15 years active Naval service on 1 July 1967, and a GCT or AA of 110, are eligivle to apply for appointment to second lieutenant as a Limited Duty Officer (Temporary). See the First Sergeant or Admin Chief for details. (Ref: MCO 1040.23C)

DO YOU HAVE NSLI UNDER PREMIUM WALVER? Your dependents may not receive the maximum survivor benefits unless you cancelled the in-service waiver and began paying premiums after 1 May 1957. For further information see the First Sergeant.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS AVAILABLE IN SAIGON. The Chase Manhattan Bank and the Bank of America have opened up branches in Saigon and will offer 5% interest on checking accounts with a balance of \$100 or more. There will be no service charge. Any serviceman in Vietnam may open a checking account by mail. For information and addresses see the First Sergeant.

AUDIT OF SRB. The annual Service Record Book audit is underway. A list is published daily of the personnel scheduled for each evening. Please report to the Admin Office at the time designated.

TV NOW AVAILABLE. War is really hell isn't it! A TV set has been installed in the Ready Room, and is available in the evening for the viewing of all squadron personnel. The Ready Room will not be used as a lounge, but for TV viewing only. There is no schedule of programs available in this area.

Speaking about television - have you ever thought what a debt of gratitude we owe to Thomas Edison. Why, if he hadn't invented electricity, we'd be watching TV by candle light.

J. W. MORROW lstSgt. USMC



MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FFO, San Francisco 96602

SqdnBul 3740 3:JLN;jct 8 November 1966

## SQUADRON BULLETIN 3740

From: Commanding Officer To: Distribution List

Subj: Individual Pilot Authorizations

- 2. Action. The following individual pilot authorizations are established. An asterisk (\*) indicates TAC(A).

# a. Combat Division Leaders

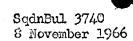
RAUK HAME		SER NO	COMP
*LtCOL W. G.	McCOOL	051612	USINC
*Major T. M.	D'ANDREA	063908	USMCR
*Major J. J.	Chillis	0701.23	USMC
*Major J. R.	KCCH	069337	USMC
*Major J. L.	HCRITON	066066	USMC
*Capt J. F.		085029	USMC
*Cant J. F.		086900	USMCR
*Cant J.D.	Haylus	077567	USMC
*Cart T. E.	MURCLET	078448	USIAC
*Capt W. J.	PARSON	037622	USMCR
*Capt P.A.	TREMBLAY	073592	USMC
*lstLt C. B.	SEXTH	090693	USMCR

## b. Combat Section Leaders

*Major	R.	E.	BLANCHAID	067886	USMC
			LLCTD .	066570	USMC
Major				07.1445	USMC
			SEALS	072100	USMC
			BOOHER.	074003	USMC
			CLARK	0861.86	USMC
Cart				0\$7705	USMC
Cant	R.	D.	PAPPAS	Ø88493	USMC
*Ca t				084238	USMC
			MARRA	087423	USMC

# c. Maintenance Test Pilots

Ltcol	W.	C.	McCOOL	051612	USMC
Major	T.	M.	D'AMDREA	0639 <b>0</b> 8	USMCR
Major	Ï.	$\mathbb{R}_{\bullet}$	KCCH	069337	USMC



# c. Maintenance Test Pilots(continued)

RANK NAME	SER NO	COM
Major R. E. BLANCHARD	067886	USI.C
Major J. J. CAIDAS	070123	US. C
Major C. J. SEALS	0723.00	USMC
Capt P. A. TREMBIAY	073592	USIC
Capt J. F. FLOURNOE	086900	USMCR

# d. MATOPS (IN-TYPE) Check Pilots

•		D'AIDREA	063908		USMCR
Major J.			069337		USMC
Major R.	E.	BLANCHARD	067886		USMC
Major J.	J.	CALDAS	0703-23		USFIC
Major J.	I.	MORTON	066066~		USMC
Capt R.	В.	BOOLER	074003	٠٠٠	USMC

# e. Instrument Check Pilots (M.G-12)

Major J.	$\mathbb{R}$ .	KOCH	069337	USMC
Major R.	E.	BLANCHARD	06788 <b>6</b>	USLC
Major J.	J.	CALDAS	0701.23	USMC
Major J.	L.	NORT OF	066066	USMC

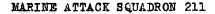
3. Self Cancellation. 31 December 1966.

J. L. HORTON
By direction

DISTRIBUTION "A" plus

Officers concerned Officers Qual Jackets SDO Log

S-3 Log Clerk



THE DIAMOND DIGEST

#### SPECIAL MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY EDITION

#### COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIRTHDAY MESSAGE - 10 NOVEMBER 1966

As Marines the world over pause to commemorate the 191st anniversary of the founding of our Corps, we find ourselves once again called upon to defend the freedom which has been the American heritage since our country's inception. Today, as in previous periods of unrest, free nations are being threatened by an aggressor who would bring communism not only to other countries, but to our own shores as well, if not suppressed.

Marines in South Vietnam are demonstrating that they possess the ability and determination to meet the challenge, and the strength to uphold the traditions of the Corps that are held in the highest esteem throughout the world. We have fought in many lands, and under a wide variety of circumstances, but seldom have the obstacles been greater and the effort more demanding. Yet, under the most adverse conditions, a job is being accomplished that will add still another chapter to a proud Marine Corps history.

It is with a deep sense of pride and personal gratitude that I observe the daily effort of all members of this squadron in accomplishing the tasks assigned, be they in the air or on the ground. It is never easy to leave our loved ones, and the personal sacrifices are countless; but your spirit and fortitude are speeding the day of ultimate victory. To each of you and your family, may I offer my most sincere best wishes for the years that lie ahead as Marines and Americans.

/s/ W. G. McCOOL LtCol, USMC

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS. The Commanding Officer, MAG-12, Colonel J. W. Hubbard will be present at each club tonight, and an appropriate ceremony with band, color guard, cake, and birthday message will be held at the times indicated below:

1630-1700 Enlisted Club 1715-1745 NCO Club 1800-1830 Staff NCO Club

Immediately following each ceremony, <u>free</u> drinks will be served for two hours.

(The Staff Club will not open until 1745 due to construction work)

RED CROSS GIRLS TO SERVE YOU. Today, 10 November, from 1315-1615, Red Cross girls will be at the Enlisted Club dispensing free coffee and donuts.

J. W. MORROW lstSgt. USMC



DIAMOND



THE

DIGEST

12 Nov 1966

### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

INSPECTION TODAY. It's Saturday again, and the weekly inspection of living and work areas will commence at 1300. Put some effort into it, and we'll only do it once.

Next Saturday, 19 Nov, we will be inspected by representatives from Group Headquarters at 0900.

CASH OR CHECK ON PAYDAY. It is now possible to receive your pay on the 1st and 15th in the form of a check (\$50 minimum), or check and cash both. In order to do this you must first complete a "Statement of Recipient of Government Check" (one time only) which will be filed in the disbursing office (S-1 has the forms). When the payroll is circulated prior to payday, you must indicate that you desire a check and state the amount.

No checks will be cashed in Vietnam. The check must be mailed to your bank or an individual in the U.S.. Prior to mailing you must write on the back "For deposit only to (name of bank) and sign it, or "Payable only to (person you desire to have cash it)" and sign it.

Have an envelope ready when you receive the check, and mail it immediately before it gets lost, stolen or mutilated.

INFO REGARDING R&R. The trips to Bangkok have been cancelled until further notice. For the future - all personnel going on R&R must comply with the following:

- a. Have sufficient funds on departure (\$125.00 minimum). Personal checks and U.S. Savings Bonds will not be cashed by disbursing or banking facilities in-country or out-of-country.
- b. Have up-to-date immunization card. (Check with the Medical Dept. if in doubt about shots being current)
  - c. Be at departure point at the time designated.

LOST WEAPONS. Many weapons have been reported lost in the Chu Lai area. Each man is requested to check the serial number of his weapon. If any discrepancy is found, report it to Capt. Wright (Material office) immediately.

WALL LOCKERS & RUGS. Lockers may be picked up (2 per hut) Saturday, 12 Nov at 1500, and again on 16 Nov. Rugs may be picked up (4 per hut) at any time.

782 GEAR. Each man in the squadron should have in his possession the items listed below. If you do not have all the items, see Capt. Wright or Sgt McCord at the Squadron Marine Corps Property tent prior to 15 Nov.

1 Helmet (complete w/cover)

1 Cup, canteen

1 Belt (cartridge or pistol)

- 1 First Aid packet
- 1 Knife, fork, spoon (Sgts & below)
- 1 Poncho
- 4 Magazines & pouches (rifle carriers only) 1 Shelterhalf
- 1 Mont can w/cover (Sgts & below)
- 2 Canteens, w/cover (1 canteen if that's all you signed for
- 1 Bayonet (rifle carriers only)
- 1 K-Bar (pistol & grease gun carriers)

In addition, each man should have turned in a haversack, knapsack, tent pole, tent pins & line, gas mask, and suspenders to the Squadron Marine Corps 11/11/21 Property tent.

J. W. MORROW latsgt, USMC

THE



16 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

COFFEE FREE ON THE LINE. Effective immediately, there will be free coffee in the "211" work area. It requires the assistance of all personnel to keep the coffee area clean -- are you helping or hindering???

TAPES NOW SENT FREE. The free mailing privilege has been expanded to include sound-recorded communications having the character of personal correspondence. Addressing procedure will be the same as for letters.

DOGS MUST BE TIED. The Group Headquarters has again warned that dogs found wandering around lose will be destroyed. Also, it is imperative that the required shots for dogs be kept current.

NEW MEDAL AUTHORIZED. The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal has been authorized for personnel who have served 6 months in South Vietnam, or who have been wounded, captured, or killed as a result of hostile action or in the line of duty, since 1 March 1961.

It is anticipated that the ribbon bar with device will be issued; however, the RVN Campaign Medal with device and the miniature medal will have to be purchased by the individual, and are being made available from American sources.

(Ref: SecNavInst 1650.26 of 220ct66)

<u>VIETHAM SERVICE MEDAL & ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL</u>. The Vietnam Service Medal will be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who serve at any time in Vietnam between 4 July 1965 and a terminal date to be announced.

Personnel who earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam between 1 July 1958 and 3 July 1965 may elect to be issued either the Expeditionary Medal or the Vietnam Service Medal. No individual may be issued both medals for service in Vietnam, and no person will be entitled to more than one award of the Vietnan Service Medal. There is no authorization to wear a device to indicate battle action.

(Ref: SocNavNote 1650 of 3Mar66)

WING TENNIS TOURNAMENT. Personnel interested in participating in the 1st Marine Air Ving Tennis Tournament must submit their name to Group Special Service prior to 1600, 20 Nov 1966.

(Ref: WingBul 1710 of 10Nov66)

A PASSING THOUGHT. Don't try to persuade men to do the right thing by dwelling on the awful truth of doing the wrong thing. Confidence, not fear, is the thing for which to strive.

J. W. MORROW

lstSgt, USMC



THE

DIAMOND



24 Nov 1966

#### THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Once again Marines are being called upon to serve their country in a far off land to preserve the freedom that America's founders had envisioned. The Pilgrims had much for which to be thankful, and we today have no less reason to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon us. You have your families, living in a free country; and many of you have brought children into the world - surely one of God's greatest blessings.

It is indeed unfortunate that families must be separated, but the necessity is obvious if we are to preserve that for which American's before us have fought and died. Perhaps those of us in Vietnam are even more aware of the meaning of Thanksgiving, and how high the cost of freedom. It is only through your untiring effort and continued devotion to your family, the Marine Corps, and your country that our nation will continue to flourish.

Pause with me on this day, and let each of us in his own way give thanks. It is with a deep sense of pride that I extend to each officer and man of this squadron my appreciation to you and your family for the unselfish sacrifices you are making to ensure that the world will be a better place in which to live.

W. G. McCOOL LtCol, USMC Commanding

### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

ADVANCE LEAVE PAY AUTHORIZED. Effective immediately payment in advance for leave rations for periods of authorized leave of a duration of 10 days or more is authorized. This advance may be for any type of authorized leave, chargeable or nonchargeable, other than excess leave, and will be in addition to any other advances of pay or pay and allowances which may otherwise be authorized. Such advance payment must be specifically requested. Approval of leave will constitute approval of advance leave rations.

MORE DETAILS RECEIVED ON SPECIAL 30 DAY LEAVE. Additional information has been received on the new leave to be granted for extensions of 6 months or more, and we should have most of the answers to your questions. See the Admin Chief or the First Sergeant.

SPECIAL SERVICE GEAR AVAILABLE. Like to have some pinochle cards, checkers, cribbage board, swim trunks, tennis shoes; or maybe you'd like to borrow a beach umbrella for the day. Group Special Service has quite a variety of items - some may be retained, others checked out on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. For complete listing of items available, see the Squadron Special Service Officer, Captain Coates or the First Sergeant.

J. W. MORROW lstsgt, USMC

THE

DIAMOND



28 Nov 1966.

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE. This current tout of overseas duty is one of the best chances you'll ever have to put away a few pennies. Why not take advantage of good interest rates and build for the future through regular investments in Savings Bonds or the new 10% Savings Deposit Program.

<u>DEADLINE FOR RUGS AND METAL LOCKERS</u>. If you want a rug or a metal wall locker, you'll have to pick them up from Marine Corps Property by 1600 Wednesday, 30 Nov. They will not be available for issue after that date.

<u>DON'T NEGLECT YOUR WEAPON!</u> Facilities for cleaning your weapon have been established at the new Marine Corps Property hut. See Sgt McCord, and he'll provide you with the necessary cleaning gear. Take care of that "bullet launcher" -- it could mean the difference between living or dying some day (or night).

DON'T BUY WOODEN BOXES IN "VIL" It is strongly recommended that you not buy wooden locker boxes in the local villages. The wood is very often infested with bugs, and you will not be permitted to take the box with you when you return to the states.

WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE? Do you know the chain of command in your present assignment? Know your leaders - from the squadron level right on up. Can you name them --

Commander-in-Chief - - - - - Lyndon B. Johnson

(President of the U.S.)

Secretary of the Navy - - - - Paul H. Nitze

Commandant of the Marine Corps - Gen Wallace M. Greene, Jr.

CG, FMFPac - - - - - - - LtGen Victor H. Krulak

CG, III MAF ----------- LtGen Lewis W. Walt

CG, 1st MAW - - - - - - MajGen Lewis B. Robertshaw

CO, MAG-12 - - - - - - - - Col Jay W. Hubbard

CO, VMA-211 ------ LtCol William G. McCool

Dept Head (Maintenance) - - - - Maj Ronald E. Blanchard

Section Head - - - - - - - Know your officer-in-charge

NCO-in-charge

Immediate supervisor

IS YOUR WIFE'S HUSBAND ALL WET? Shortly before leaving the states last summer, my wife had just returned from a wedding shower when my 7 year old daughter asked - "Daddy, aren't showers ever given for the groom?" "No need to give him a shower," replied Dad. "The storms will begin just as soon as the bride starts to reign."

J. W. MORROW 1stSgt, USMC

THE DIGEST

30 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE TOLL MOUNTING. Thirty-four III MAF personnel have been killed, and an even greater number seriously wounded, by accidental discharge of firearms since 1 Jan 1966. It is imperative that every possible precaution be taken to prevent such accidents, not only to yourself, but to all friendly forces whith whom you may ocme in contact.

Most accidents of this nature can be traced to a lack of individual care and respect for the lethality of weapons, improper or lack of training and indoctrination, insufficient or professionally inadequate supervision, lack of understanding of password procedures, and poor judgement and CARELESSNESS.

Most accidents have occured when the weapon being handled was erroneously thought to be unloaded. ASSUME THAT EVERY WEAPON IS LOADED, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES!!

VOLUNTARY EXTENSIONS OF OVERSEAS TOURS. Requests for reassignments in conjunction with extensions of overseas tours are submitted with the understanding that the request for extension must not be contingent upon reassignment, but in addition to such request, and that there is no assurance that the reassignment will be effected even though the request for extension is approved.

While this policy remains in effect when requesting transfer to units not within the lst MAW, the Wing policy has been modified to permit personnel desiring to extend overseas, contingent upon reassignment to other lst MAW units, to submit such requests. Every effort will be made to accommodate such intra-wing transfers. Reassignments will, however, be made only to a requested Group, and no assurance of specific Suty assignments will be given.

<u>DEADLINE TODAY</u> FOR WALL LOCKERS & RUGS. If you intend to draw a metal wall locker or a rug - do it today. There are still some available, and will be issued up until 1600, 30 November (that's today)

FREE MAILING PRIVILEGE EXTENDED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. Letters addressed to foreign countries may now be posted without stamps. Such letters will NOT be marked "Free" however. Instead, the words "POSTAGE PAID" and the French equivalent "POST PAYE" must appear in the upper right hand corner of the envelope. This must be mechanically printed or applied by rubber stamp, and cannot be hand printed, hand written, or typewritten. Airmail service is authorized if the envelope is of distinctive airmail design, or if POD Label 19 "PAR AVOIN" is affixed. S-l is prepared to place the required printing on your envelopes if you so desire.

PROTECT YOUR BAQ. When you return to the states, before making arrangements to live off-base, you'd better get your orders endorsed as to the non-availability of public quarters. The Department of Defense requires a 98% occupancy rate of public quarters at all times, and there have been instances where Marines rented civilian housing when government quarters were available - only to lose their Basic Allowance for Quarters.

J. W. MORROW lstSgt, USMC Appendix 2

VMA-211

Individual Pilot Authorizations

Appendix 2





THE

I N O M A I, C



20 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

INSPECTION RESULTS GRATIFYING. The Commanding Officer has asked that I pass along a "well done" to all hands for the fine results achieved in Saturday's group inspection. Although we haven't seen the inspection report, the comments indicated that your efforts during these past weeks carried us through in excellent fashion.

There were some minor discrepancies, but with a continuing effort toward improvement, we should be ready for any future inspection without a great deal of added effort. We can't rest on our laurels though, or we'll find ourselves sliding backward. Once the construction work is completed, let's clean house good - and then keep it right up to snuff.

As a matter of interest, favorable comments were received on both your working and living area. There's been a tremendous improvement since the CO conducted his first inspection 3 weeks ago. GOOD WORK & KEEP IT UP!!

ATTENTION CIGAR SMOKERS. We have friends we didn't even know about -- as yesterday's mail brought a box filled to overflowing with an assortment of fine cigars.

It seems that the students at the Aviation Electronics Class A School, Memphis, Tenn. present their instructors with cigars on completion of the course, and the instructors have seen fit to pass them along to us. As their Senior Instructor put it - "we're banking on the fact that a Marine in a 100 degree desert, working 12 to 16 hours a day, would enjoy a nasty cigar a dawn sight better than a Girl Scout cooky or cake from mother."

Here's a rather unusual and very thoughtful program from which all of us eigar smokers can benefit. I'll express our appreciation to Chief Ingram and his staff, and in the meantime - drop by the First Sergeant's office, join me in a cigar and tell me your problems — or better yet, just pick up a cigar and smoke it at work.

SPECIAL 30 DAY LEAVE. The long awaited law authorizing a special 30 day period of leave (exclusive of travel time) to personnel who extend their tour of duty in Vietnam for at least 6 months went into effect 2 Nov 1966. Round-trip transportation will be furnished at government expense to the leave site selected.

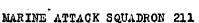
Special leave shall not commence earlier than 90 days before, or 30 days after, your normal rotation date. Provisions of the new law do not apply to any man who extended his duty assignment in Vietnam prior to 2 Nov 1966 and who is currently serving the extended portion of his tour.

The formal implementing directive has not been received as yet, so don't bother S-1 with questions until they have all the answers. Word will be passed when the details have been received.

ITEMS FOR YOUR HUT. The Marine Corps Property hut still has available for issue some air mattresses, metal lockers, and rugs. See Sgt McCord in the new building on the hill.

"DIAMOND JIM" MORROW First Sergeant, USMC





THE

DINOND



25 Nov 1966

#### INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

SATURDAY INSPECTION AS USUAL. Now that the Thanksgiving "holiday" is past, it's time for the weekly inspection. NOTE THE TIME -- Saturday, 0900. Be sure the night crew folds or hangs the clothes they take off and cleans their area before climbing in the rack.

BEWARE THE "NON-REG" HEADGEAR. To repeat what was published 21 oct 1966 -"Headgear other than a utility cap (or steel helmet when appropriate) will NOT
be worn." Doesn't leave much room for some of the strange specimens seen
lately.

BAD BOOZE BAD BUSINESS. Did you read in the "Chu Lai Chatter" of 23 Nov about the case of acute alcohol poisoning in MAG-12? On 25 Oct I quoted portions of the Group Order on liberty regulations. So that there's no doubt in anyones mind, I'll quote again -- Group Order 1050.6D, par 6:

"g. Personnel will not be authorized to purchase beer or soft drinks to consume locally or to bring back into the MAG-12 area.

h. The purchase or consumption of foodstuffs, beverages served in glasses, ice, or water is specifically prohibited in the interest of protecting the health and welfare of the individual."

These regulations are made for your own protection. I'd suggest you give serious thought to your actions while on liberty.

<u>VD IN RVN NO JOKE</u>. There are currently 8 cases of VD in NAG-12 that can be traced to An Tan. There is 1 confirmed case of syphilis, and another man has 3 different types of VD. There are diseases in Vietnam for which there is no known cure. IS IT WORTH THE RISK?? Stop and think — and if you value your health, you'll have no contact with the local populace.

THINKING OF REQUESTING A TRANSFER? Before you ask the Admin Office (S-1) to prepare a request for transfer or similar type action which requires an AA Form (Administrative Action), you <u>MUST</u> first go through your section and department officer-in-charge prior to having the form prepared. The officer-in-charge will in each case make a recommendation concerning the request.

PROTECT YOUR DOG - AND YOUR FRIENDS. Rabies inoculations for pets will be given at "B" Med on 2 Dec 1966 from 0930 to 1130. Be sure all "211" dogs have the required shots. You must be able to produce a written certificate as well as the metal tag.

<u>SAY IT WITH FLOWERS</u>. Need an idea for that special occasion like Christmas, birthday, or anniversary? Remember that flowers always carry a special message, and it's so easy to arrange. See the Squadron Special Service Officer for the price list and order blanks.

J. W. MORROW

1stSgt, USMC





MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
Marine Aircraft Group 12
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac
FPO, San Francisco 96602

3:JLN:ee 12 December 1966

# OPERATIONS MEMO #12

From: Operations Officer To: All Pilots etc.

Subj: Preparation of Alert Aircraft

- 1. To standardize procedures and reduce reaction time on alert scrambles pilots pre-flighting aircraft that are set aside for the alert will:
  - a. Conduct a thorough pre-flight to include ordnance load.
  - b. Leave Seat and Gear Pins in appropriate safety positions.
  - c. Conduct pre-start checks.
  - d. Start aircraft and complete all post start checks to include:
    - (1) Setting trim 6 degrees Nose up \*
      0 Rudder
      Ailerons faired
- \* When heavy rain is falling the trim will be set at 4 degrees nose up.
  - (2) UHF raido check operation then position to T/R + G (Ch-50)
  - (3) IFF Standby; Mode 1, Code 0; Mode 3, Code 13.
  - (4) TACAN Receive only (Ch-50).
  - (5) Flap set at 1/2.
  - (6) Pressurezation on, Rheostat knob at approximately 12 of clock position.
  - (7) On up aircraft configured with JATO, the system will be checked to include the first "four (4) fingers" checks.
  - (8) Check MER/TER for homing.
- 2. Pilots being scrambled will utilize the pre-take off check list prior to take off.

J. CALDAS