

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

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1G

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1-28 February 1967.

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

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Appendix ✓(1) Diamond Digest
 ✓(2) Operations Memo
 ✓(3) Squadron Officers Duty Assignments

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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William G. MacCOOL	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-25 February 1967
Knowlton P. RICE	LtCol	Commanding Officer	26-28 February 1967
Jerome L. NORTON	Major	Executive Officer	1-28 February 1967
James F. LLOYD	Major	Operations Officer	1-28 February 1967
Willis E. WILSON	Major	Administration Officer	1-28 February 1967
Robert F. CLARK	Captain	Intelligence Officer	1-4 February 1967
James R. CAMPBELL	Major	Intelligence Officer	5-28 February 1967
Henry L. SEARIE	Major	Logistics Officer	1 February 1967
Kevin M. JOHNSTON	Major	Logistics Officer	2-28 February 1967
Ronald E. BIANCHARD	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-28 February 1967
Howard D. MAINES Jr.	Major	Aviation Safety Officer	1-28 February 1967
David A. BRIAN	Lt (MC)	Flight Surgeon	1-28 February 1967
James W. MORROW	1stSgt	Squadron First Sergeant	1-28 February 1967

B. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	Officers	26
USMC	Enlisted	210
USN	Officers	1
USN	Enlisted	0

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1. During the reporting period Marine Attack Squadron 211 conducted all combat operations from Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam.

2. Combat missions were flown in support of III Marine Amphibious Force, I Corps, and Seventh Air Force. Specific units supported included the First and Third Marine Division, The ROK Marine Brigade and the Second ARVN Division as well as U. S. Army Special Force units. Major operations supported included DeSoto, Chinook, Deckhouse VI, and Rio Grande with its associated ROK and ARVN operations.

PART IIIA. Significant Events

1. Personnel.

a. Administration. During the reporting period the squadron joined five officers and twenty enlisted. ~~Six~~ officers and five enlisted were transferred.

b. Promotions. The following promotions were effected:

- 1 SSgt to GySgt
- 2 LCpl to Cpl
- 1 PFC to LCpl

c. Awards. One single mission Air Medal and 42 strike-flight awards were presented to squadron pilots during February. The awards officer is processing 16 recommendations for Distinguished Flying Cross awards in connection with emergency night close air support missions 26-27 January 1967.

d. Public Information. Two articles concerning squadron pilots in outstanding missions were published by the wire services during February. ISO releases continued and included the Change of command. First MAW ISO personnel were about the squadron throughout the month in connection with HQMC documentary, "The A4 in Combat".

e. Civil Affairs. Three bundles of clothing received from a church in New York were distributed to the children of Binh San Orphanage.

f. General information is disseminated to all personnel as shown in Appendix 1. ("Diamond Digest")

g. Officer Assignments. Changes in squadron officer duty assignments are reflected in Appendix 2. (Squadron Special Order)

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2. Intelligence. The Intelligence Section continued briefing and debriefing combat missions. Four briefings were held for the Staff NCO's in the squadron as part of a continuing weekly program instigated this month. These briefs cover the general situation and the contribution of VMA-211 in the preceding week. They have been interesting and well received. All Officers meetings were held three times during the month for the purpose of intelligence brief and instruction on the enemy air order of battle.

3. Air Operations.

a. The following statistical data is submitted as a summary of air operations for February 1967:

Combat Sorties	<u>656</u>
Non-Combat Sorties	<u>46</u>
Combat Hours	<u>858</u>
Non-Combat Hours	<u>53</u>
Night Hours	<u>167</u>
Actual Instrument Hours	<u>81</u>
Total Hours	<u>911</u>
TPQ Sorties	<u>182</u>
MSQ	<u>5</u>
Armed Reconnaissance	<u>16</u>
Leaflet Drop	<u>2</u>
Blue Blazer Sorties	<u>6</u>
Helicopter Escort Sorties	<u>65</u>
Tally-Ho Sorties	<u>52</u>
Red Blazer Sorties	<u>8</u>
DAS/CAS Sorties	<u>238</u>
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	<u>26</u>
SLTH Sorties	<u>56</u>
Sorties Receiving Hostile Fire	<u>118</u>

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Number of Accidents	<u>1</u>
Number of Incidents	<u>6</u>
Tons of Ordnance Dropped	<u>943.6</u>

b. Squadron policy concerning specific areas of Air Operations are published in the form of Operations Memos. Appendix 3 (Operations Memo #15)

4. Logistics.

a. Transactions to complete change of LMRL continued during February and the project was completed.

b. Maintenance Material Management schooling for supply personnel was conducted during the month, two supply men attended.

c. The daily AOCF rate has shown marked improvement, dropping from an average of 28 in January to the present 12.

d. The Motor Transport section completed an almost total rehabilitation of one of the units M676 trucks. Vehicle assignment was rearranged to provide better utilization of the limited assets.

5. Training.

a. All but 24 of the enlisted members fan-fired their T/O weapon during February.

b. Two first aid training sessions were held, a total of 84 attended.

c. Weekly Intelligence briefings for Staff NCO's continued with good results.

6. Aircraft Maintenance. The month of February was a hard month for the Wake Avengers due principally to engine availability problems. This reflects in the following.

a. NOR Statistics

Operationally Ready	7551 hours
NOR, Supply	2977 hours
NOR, Maintenance	1188 hours

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b. NOR Comparison

"Normal" (OPNAVINST 05442.4A) VMA-211, February

ORCA	75%	67%
NOR, Supply	15%	24%
NOR, Maintenance	10%	9%

c. Average Availability for February was 63%, reflecting that usually 12 aircraft were ready for morning launch. An average of five engines out prevailed during February.

d. On 20 February 1967, aircraft BuNo 151042 was hit by hostile fire. Damage dictated pilot ejection and the aircraft crashed at sea and was struck from the inventory. Two other hostile fire hits were incurred, one of which resulted in an engine change.

e. On 16 February 1967, BuNo 150124 was accepted as a replacement for an aircraft struck in January.

8. Aviation Ordnance. Ordnance expended during February was as follows:

<u>NALC</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
A806	20MM, API	17,866
A808	20MM, HEI	1,167
E144	Fire Bomb, MK-77	233
E465	Bomb, MK-81 250 lb	2,681
E482	Bomb, MK-82 500 lb	1,639
E503	Bomb, MK-65A1 1,000 lb.	14
E539	Rocket Launcher, LAU 3A/A	33
H542	Rocket Launcher, Aero 7D	31

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Appendix 1

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The Diamond Digest

Appendix 1

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211

THE
DIAMOND DIGEST

13 Feb 1967

STATE INCOME TAX INFORMATION

WHO IS SUBJECT TO TAX. A member's state and local tax liability, if any, is determined on the basis of the tax laws of his place of domicile. In general, the fact that an individual is absent from his home state, or the fact that he is a serviceman, is immaterial and does not automatically exempt him from his state and local taxes. This is true even when serving at a foreign duty station.

Copies of wage and tax statements are being furnished to states which members indicate to be their domicile. Each United States citizen member of the Armed Forces has a "domicile" or, as it is frequently referred to, a "home state." The law recognizes, however, that such a member has but one home state or domicile, that is, only one state in which he is a legal resident for tax purposes. It is the member's obligation to ascertain and discharge his personal tax liability to his "home state."

COMBAT ZONE EXCLUSIONS. The exclusions for Armed Forces personnel vary from state to state; and some states changed existing, or added new, combat zone exclusions. Consult the tax laws of your particular state.

DEFERMENTS FOR FILING. Most states have provisions authorizing deferments for filing returns and paying taxes where good cause is shown by the taxpayer.

ASSISTANCE. It is the taxpayer's personal obligation to obtain necessary forms, file returns, and pay his taxes. Legal assistance officers do not have supplies of state income tax forms and instructions, and therefore are able to assist only taxpayers who have obtained them from their home state.

OTHER TAXES. Cities and other local governments have been authorized to impose local income taxes by some states. Military personnel are subject to taxation in some, exempt in others. Members should inquire of their home city and county for information on their local income tax liabilities.

FOR OFFICERS ONLY. Of the states having combat zone exclusions based on Federal law, several increased the exclusion. Some states, however, still retain the \$200 per month exclusion for officers. Taxpayers should read state income tax instructions carefully to determine if the \$200, \$500 or some other dollar amount applies with respect to their combat zone service.

HAVE A QUESTION? A summary of income tax laws of states and possessions of the United States is contained in JAG Notice 5840 of 12 Jan 1967. The First Sergeant has a copy of this Notice; and although the summary for each state is very brief, an address is furnished where an individual may obtain detailed information for a particular state.

DO NOT CONFUSE THIS WITH FEDERAL INCOME TAX REQUIREMENTS! THIS PERTAINS TO THE TAX REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE YOU CLAIM AS YOUR "HOME OF RECORD."


"DIAMOND JIM" MORROW
First Sergeant, USMC

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INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE - MESSAGE FROM CG, III MAF. "As III MAF emerges from the mud and dirty weather of the wet monsoon, I desire to convey to all of you my warm appreciation for your splendid performance during the past trying months. I have witnessed the hardships of the troops in the field. I am mindful of the flying hazards to which our pilots were exposed. I have seen the problems of supply multiplied many fold by the rain, and the gale winds. It has not been easy. Despite these obstacles, you have done your jobs with such valor, devotion, and professionalism that you have stolen from the enemy his best chance to meet us on his terms. I share with you the well-founded pride which you may feel in this accomplishment. Well done." (From LtGen Walt, CG, III MAF)

CHANGE OF COMMAND. Saturday, 25 Feb at 1600, a change of command ceremony will be held at which time LtCol K. P. Rice will relieve LtCol McCool as Commanding Officer of VMA-211. A squadron bulletin will be published with all the details, but in the meantime let's get clean utilities and shined boots prepared to give the colonels a good "welcome aboard" and "farewell."

NEED A STRAIGHT SHOT? A corpsman will be glad to oblige on Wednesday morning, 22 Feb starting about 0800 in the ordnance hut. Have your shot card checked even though you're certain no shots are required. Night crew and stragglers report between 1500 & 1600. Please enter the hut at the end facing the road.

BOOT REPAIR. All boots that need repair should be turned in to the Material Office. They will be sent out at 0800 each Thursday morning.

READY ROOM DRESS & DECORUM. The Ready Room is the squadron command center. As such it is open at all times and is frequented by senior officers, new personnel, and officials from other commands. By the nature of its purpose, the Ready Room must be kept orderly. Therefore, personnel using the TV privileges will maintain proper decorum and appearance. The expected minimum dress requirements will consist of a tee shirt, trousers, and appropriate footwear (tennis shoes, loafers, or boots). Personnel who are not respectably attired or those acting in any unacceptable manner will be denied the use of the Ready Room for TV viewing.

CIGARS FROM MEMPHIS. Another box of cigars has arrived from our friends in Memphis, so stop by the First Sergeant's office and pick one up.

JUST LIKE STEER HORNS. Someone recently commented that the "Diamond Digest" was alot like the horns of a Texas steer -- a point here, a point there, and a lot of bull in between.


J. W. MORROW
1stSgt, USMC

Appendix 2

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Operations Memo

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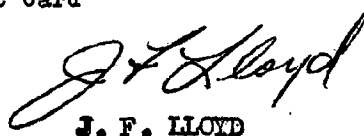
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OPERATIONS MEMO #15

From: Operations Officer
To: Pilots assigned to or attached to the Squadron for flying
Subj: Criteria for establishing individual Pilot Qualifications

1. The below listed criteria and the Commanding Officer's personal judgement are used as a basis for establishing individual Pilot Qualifications. Pilots attached to the Squadron for the purpose of flying will not be assigned to lead combat missions; therefore the following criteria do not apply.

- a. Combat Division Leaders
 - (1) 50 Combat Missions
 - (2) 800 hrs Total Pilot Time
 - (3) 250 hrs A4 Time
- b. Combat Section Leaders
 - (1) 20 Combat Missions
 - (2) 100 hrs A4 Time
- c. Tactical Air Controllers Airborne
 - (1) 20 Combat Missions
 - (2) 800 hrs Total Pilot Time
 - (3) 250 hrs A4 Time
- d. Functional Test Pilots
 - (1) 1000 hrs Total Pilot Time
 - (2) 500 hrs A4 Time
 - (3) 150 hrs A4E Time
- e. Instrument Check Pilot
 - (1) 2000 hrs Total Pilot Time
 - (2) 1500 hrs Jet Time
 - (3) 750 hrs A4 Time
 - (4) Special Instrument Card


J. F. LLOYD

Appendix 3

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Squadron Officers Duty Assignments

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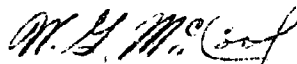
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SQUADRON SPECIAL ORDER
NUMBER.....7-67

1. The following assignments/reassignments are effected.

NAME	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
MAJ JOHNSON, K. N. 066314/7333	2Feb67	Pri Du	Log0	Vice Maj Searle, rel
	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do-	-do-	PersClaims0	Vice Maj Searle, rel
MAJ LLOYD, J. F. 066570/7333/7337/5715	27Jan67	Pri Du	Op0	Vice Maj Norton, rel
	1Nov66	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
MAJ MAINES, H. D. JR. 072146/7333/7337/7383	1Feb67	Pri Du	AvnSafety0	Vice Capt Hall, rel
	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
MAJ NORTON, J. L. 066066/7333/7305/7337	27Jan67	Pri Du	Exec0	Vice Maj D'Andrea, rel
	15Oct66	Add Du	Pilot	Prev asg
	27Jan67	-do-	ChargGuidance0	Vice Maj D'Andrea, rel
	-do-	-do-	ClassMatCntl0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	Censor0	-do-
MAJ SEARLE, H. L. 071599/7333/7337/6405	2Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do-	Add Du	AsstOp0	-do-
MAJ WILSON, W. E. JR. 064874/7333/7337/5702	27Jan67	Pri Du	Admin0	Vice Maj Lloyd, rel
	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do-	-do-	TopSecCntl0	Vice Maj Lloyd, rel
	-do-	-do-	CasAsst0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	AltCensor0	-do-
Capt HALL, L. B. 085125/7333/7383/0430	1Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do-	Add Du	Sked0	-do-

NAME	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
Capt MARRA, M. A.	8Aug66	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev ass
087423/7333	2Feb67	Add Du	NBCDef0	Vice Capt Haynes, rel
	-do-	-do-	NuclearSafety0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	Sked0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	AsstWpn0	New ass
Capt SHEA, J. R.	2Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	New ass
079566/7333	-do-	Add Du	FltEquip0	Vice Capt Marra, rel
	-do-	-do-	Safety&Survival0	-do-



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Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps
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 NUMBER.....8-67

1. The following assignments/reassignments are effected:

NAME	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
Maj CAMPBELL, J. R.	5Feb67	Pri Du	Intel0	Vice Capt Clark, rel
073969/7305/7302/0430	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do-	-do-	CounterIntel0	Vice Capt Clark, rel
Maj SEARLE, E. L.	2Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
071599/7333/7337/6405	7Feb67	Add Du	Trng0	Vice Maj Caldas, rel
	-do-	-do-	Wpns0	Vice Capt Flournoy, rel
	-do-	-do-	SplWpns0	-do-
Capt Clark, R. F.	5Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	New asg
086186/7333	-do-	Add Du	AsstIntel0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	AsstCounterIntel0	-do-
Capt FLOURNOY, J. F.	13Sep66	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
086900/7333/7337/0202	7Feb67	Add Du	AsstAvionics/WpnsDiv0	New asg
Capt HALL, L. B.	1Feb67	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
085125/7333/7383/0430	7Feb67	Add Du	NBCDef0	Vice Capt Marra, rel
	-do-	-do-	AsstFlt0	New asg
Capt MARRA, M. A.	7Feb67	Pri Du	LSO	New asg
087423/7333	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	-do-

NAME	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
Capt SCHEUREN, W. J.	26Dec66	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
075256/7333/7337/5702	-do-	Add Du	FltO	-do-
	7Feb67	-do-	InstrumentTrngO	Vice Capt Booher, rel
	-do-	-do-	NuclearSafetyO	Vice Capt Marra, rel
1stLt SMITH, C. E. JR.	17Oct66	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
090693/7333/7337/0430	7Feb67	Add Du	Escapt&EvasionO	New asg
	-do-	-do-	AsstNavigationO	-do-
	23Dec66	-do-	PlatLdr ProvKflCo	Prev asg


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