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

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Encl: 1(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period 1-31 March 1967.

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

J. L. NORTON

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Appendix (1) Diamond Digest

(2) Operations Memo

(3) Squadron Officers Duty Assignments

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-31 MARCH 1967

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PART I

A. Squadron Staff

Knowlton P. RICE	LtCo1	Commanding Officer	1-31 March 1967
Jerome L. NORTON	Major	Executive Officer	1-31 March 1967
James F. LLOYD	Major	Operations Officer	1-31 March 1967
Willis E. WILSON	Major	Administration Officer	1-33 March 1967
Ronald Y. ISA	2ndLt	Administration Officer	14-31 March 1967
James R. CAMPBELL	Major	Intelligence Officer	1-31 March 1967
Keyfin M. JOHNSTON	Major	Logistics Officer	1-30 March 1967
Romald E. BLANCHARD	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-30 March 1967
Paul A. TREMBIAY	Major	Maintenance Officer	31 March 1967
Howard D. MAINES	Major	Aviation Safety Officer	1-31 March 1967
David A. BRIAN	Lt(MC)	Flight Surgeon	1-31 March 1967
James W. MORROW	lstSgt	Squadron First Sergeant	1-31 March 1967

B. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	Officers	32
USMC	Enlisted	215
USN	Officers	1
usn	Enlisted	0

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PART II

A. <u>Narrative Summary</u>

- l. During the reporting period Marine Attack Squadron 211 conducted all combat operations from Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Man.
- 2. Combat missions were flown in support of III Marine Amphibicus Force, I Corps, and Seventh Air Force. Specific units supported included the First and Third Marine Divisions, the ROK Marine Brigade, the Second ARVN Division, and the U.S. Army Special Forces. Major operations supported included Chinook II, Desoto, Deckhouse VI, Praire III and Beacon Hill.

PART III

A. Significant Events

1. Personnel

- a. Administration. During the reporting period the squadron joined eleven officers and thirty-six enlisted. Six officers and seven enlisted were transferred.
 - b. Promotions. The following promotions were effected:
 - 2 Capt to Maj
 - 1 1stLt to Capt
 - 9 Cpl to Sgt
 - 5 LCpl to Cpl
- c. Awards. One Purple Heart and 20 Air Medal awards were presented to squadron pilots during March. The awards officer is processing and additional 20 Air Medal awards earned during the month.
- d. <u>Public Information</u>. Several ISO releases were published concerning outstanding missions flown during the month of March.
- e. <u>Civil Affairs</u>. Six bundles of clothing received from a church in New York were distributed to the children of Bihn San Orphanage during Easter Services.
- 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)
- h. During the month the Commanding General, Major General ROBERTSHAW flew two CAS combat missions with Marino Attack Squadrom 211. Colonol H. H. LONG, Doputy Chief of Stoff flew one combat mission with the squadron.

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2. Intelligence. The Intelligence Section discontinued briefing and debriefing of combat missions at MAG-12. Weekly Intelligence briefings were conducted for the Staff NCO's. An Intelligence Bulletin Board was erected in the Maintenance area to keep the troops informed of the current military situation.

3. Operations.

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

Combat Sorties	772
Non-Combat Sorties	7 9
Combat Hours	1.023.7
Non-Combat Hours	107.6
Night Hours	276.4
Actual Instrument Hours	102.6
Total Hours	1.130.3
TPQ Sorties	247
Armed Reconnaisance Sorties	22
Red Blazer Sorties	9
Helicopter Escort Sorties	92
Tally-Ho Sorties	53
DAS/CAS Sorties	255
Ianding Zone Prep Sorties	12
SLTH Sorties	82
Sorties Receiving Hostile Fire	122
Number of Accidents	0
Tons of Ordnance Dropped	947.87

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b. Squadron policy concerning Crew Rest was published. Appendix 3 (Ops Memo 7A)

c. Training

- (1) Two first aid lectures were given with a total attendance of 72 personnel.
- (2) Staff NCO's attended one MAG-12 Intelligence briefing, and three squadron conducted briefings concerning current operations in I Corps.
- (3) Eight enlisted personnel fam fired their T/O weapons during the month.

d. Ground Defense

- (1) On 6 March, hat about 0030, while the squadron was conducting night TPQ operations, the Chu Lai complex was hit by a VC mortar attack. The reaction of squadron personnel to this attack was considered excellent.
- (2) Of significance was the reaction of the night line crew which, despite nearby detonations, persisted in taxiing a recovered aircraft into its revetment. Although a dud round landed within 20 feet of the aircraft, the plane captains steadfastly sought the protection of their aircraft and pilot with complete disregard of their own personal safety.
- (3) All hands demonstrated excellent combat presence during and after the attack.
- 4. Logistics. The Material Section is in the process of ordering all items of equipment that are authorized in allowance list QM-6, TBA, and IMRL that is required by this squadron to accomplish its mission.

5. Aircraft Maintenance.

a. General. During the month the Maintenance Section successfully completed an FMFPAC inspection and ended its first complete month of documentation under 3M. As a result of the mortar attack of 6 March, only one aircraft was lightly damaged.

b. Statistics and Comparision

Ţ.	HOURS	*NORMAL	MARCH
Operationally Ready	10,679	75%	71%
NOR Supply	1,921	15%	13%
NOR Maintenance	2,424	10%	16%

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c. ACCP. March saw 71 ACCP's and 49 ANFE's being requisitioned for a daily average of 13.5 ACCP's cutstanding. A high of 20 ACCP's cutstanding was recorded on 4 March, with a low of 9 on 3 different dates. The month ended with 18 ACCP's cutstanding, including one (1) J52-P-6A aircraft engine. The 'HI 5' items were:

FSN	NOMENCIATURE	NO. OF AOCP'S/ANFE'S
RG 1095-441-0557-BDGA RQ 6620-671-0592-VTPQ RQ 1660-567-5601-V120 RD 4140-628-6751-D334 RG 1660-567-9586-Z150	Rack Assembly Fuel Flow Trans Reg. Cabin Pres Tacan Cooling Fan Emergency Generator	3 3 3 3 2

d. Aircraft Damage. Three aircraft received battle damage during the month. Total repair time amounted to 20.7 hours.

e. Resume

- (1) With the welcomed arrival of 5 engines, the Avenger's average availability for the daily morning launch came up to 15 aircraft or 74%.
 - (2) Aircraft status as of 31 March 1967. Al-19; AlB-2; D5-1
 - 6. Aviation Ordnance. Ordnance expended during March was:

NAIC	NOMENCIATURE	QUANTITY
A 806	20MM, API	16,845
A 808	20MM, HEI	5,752
E 144	Fire Bomb, MK 77	361
E 465	Bomb, MK-81 250 lb	3,465
E 482	Bomb, MK-82 500 lb	990
E 503	Bomb, AN-65A1 1,000 1b	51.
H 539	Rocket Launcher LAU 3A/A	5 0
H 542	Rocket Launcher Aero 7D	2 2
H 546	Rocket Launcher IAU 10A	44

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THE DIAMOND DIGEST

Appendix 1

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211

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DIGEST

7 Mar 1967

INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

WALK - DON'T RUN. During an alert, walk quickly to your destination - but don't run. A running figure is apt to be mistaken for a VC. You may have started life by mistake - but don't end it the same way.

CONDITION OF BUNKERS. The recent mortar attack has proven the need for constant attention on the condition of your bunker. They should be covered as rapidly as strong enough material can be obtained. In the meantime, the sandbag walls should extend well above the level of the ground.

LEAVE THE BEER IN THE CLUBS. The following is quoted from the 4 Mar issue of the Chu Iai Chatter — "Personnel taking drinks or beer out of any of the three clubs for enlisted Marines will cause the club to be closed. All beer and drinks will be consumed in the clubs according to III MAF, wing, and Group orders. It has been noted that personnel have been stacking drinks or opened cans of beer and taking them from the club to their billeting area to be consumed after the club has secured, which is in violation of orders."

<u>VD REMINDER</u>. The VD rate of personnel returning from R&R is alarmingly high, and all men are reminded that venereal disease is prevalent throughout this part of the world. Use some common sense - it may save years of regret.

UTILITY SHIRTS. Utility shirts obtained through the normal supply system, and those purchased in the PX, will be worn tucked in. They are not authorized to be worn outside the trousers unless it has been authorized by a person in a position to do so, and you are actually engaged in work.

VOLLEYBALL. Group volleyball competition will get underway soon, and "211" will be represented with one team. Games will be played twice a week at 1700 on the beach by Special Services. The same men do not have to play each game. If you're interested in playing, make the fact known to your NCOIC or the First Sergeant. The Avionics section nosed out Ordnance to become "champs" at the last squadron party, so both these sections should be able to field some fine performers.

LOST LIGHTER. Another cigarette lighter has been turned in to the First Sergeant. I have 4 now, so if you've lost one - please identify it and take these off my hands.

LOST DIAMOND. For the past several days the coffee cup with the red and gold diamond and the name "Diamond Jim" has been missing. The owner (me) would appreciate receiving any information as to its whereabouts.

THINK ABOUT IT — Sometimes it surprises us to see a rich man economize and a poor man splurge, but maybe that's how they got where they are!

J. W. MORROW

1stSgt USMC

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DIGEST

16 Mar 1967

INFORMATION FROM THE SQUADRON FIRST SERGEANT

NO TIME TO HESITATE. The recent use of rockets against Da Nang emphasizes the requirement for immediate reaction in the event of an attack. DON'T HESITATE — get into a hole! Don't stop to get dressed — just grab your helmet and move. Keep the center of your hut clear, and be able to move quickly even in the dark.

SUIM WITH CAUTION. We have a beautiful beach, but never underestimate the power of the ocean. Swim only in the designated areas, and obey the lifeguards at all times. During good weather the beach is open 1100-1800 on weekdays, and 0900-1800 on Saturday and Sunday.

Watch the flags, and know what they mean: RED FIAG...... NO SWIMMING

RED FIAG.....NO SWIMMING WHITE FIAG....WAIST ONLY
GREEN FIAG....OPEN SWIMMING

OUTSTANDING ATHLETES SOUGHT. HQMC is attempting to identify athletes who have demonstrated athletic potential sufficient to warrant consideration for specialized training prior to the Pan American and Olympic games. If you feel that you might qualify, additional information may be obtained from Marine Corps Bulletin 1710 of 16Feb67 or from the First Sergeant.

TV VIEWING IN THE READY ROOM. If you desire to use the facilities made available for viewing television in the Ready Room, please DO NOT use the pilots coffee cups. Help yourself to the coffee, but provide your own cup.

DON'T JEOPARDIZE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE. You are specifically prohibited from giving rationed items or any item costing \$10 or more to anyone in Vietnam not authorized exchange privileges. Violation can result in severe disciplinary action.

CHURCH SERVICES. A very important, and sometimes neglected, part of our busy schedule is the regular attendance at church. When did you last attend? Services are conducted in the chapel at the following times:

Protestant - Sunday, 1030

Catholic - Sunday Mass, 0900 & 1700

Confessions will be heard commencing one-half hour before each Mass

Jewish - Tuesday, 1500

Latter Day Saints - Monday, 1900

A POINT TO FONDER. Of all the things you wear, your expression is one of the most important.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A MALARIA PILL EVERY SUNDAY -- AND TAKE SALT TABLETS AS REQUIRED.

1stSgt, USMC

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VMA-211 Operations Memo

Appendix 2

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
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OPERATIONS MEMO #7A

From: Operations Officer

Pilots attached to VMA-211 or assigned to this unit for

flying.

Subj: Crew Rest

To:

1. Operations Memo #7 is canceled and replaced with this memorandum.

- 2. Adequate rest is a prerequisite for clear thinking and safe flying. Each aviator must govern his own actions and schedule his own tasks so as to insure that he is physically fit to fly when scheduled. Department heads share this responsibility and are expected to cooperate by affording flexibility in the workload assignment.
- 3. The following actions on the part of the Operations Section are intended to facilitate the individual's solution to the crew rest problem.
- a. The flight officer will notify on the day before those pilots he knows or believes will appear on the early launches or early alert.
- b. The flight officer will assure that no pilot is scheduled for flying after more that twelve hours of continuous duty.
- c. The maximum number of flights per day is two per pilot unless operational commitments require otherwise. It is anticipated that deviation from this maximum will occur only in unusual or emergency circumstances.
- 4. It is the desire of the Commanding Officer that each officer periodically break the routine with a day off. Accordingly, the maximum of consecutive workdays is set at 14. Officers are invited to choose their own day off, coordinate it with their department heads, and notify the flight officer. Otherwise the flight officer will automatically schedule a day off on the 15th day.
- 5. Deviation from these rules and guidelines requires the approval of the Operations Officer.

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Squadron Officers Duty Assignments

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SQUADRON SPECIAL ORDER NUMBER......16-67

1. The following assignments/reassignments are effected.

N/ FE	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
Maj CarreBELL, J. R.	5Feb67	Pri Du	Intel0	Prev asg
073969/7333/7305/6708	-do	Add Du	Pilot	-do-
	28Mar67	-do-	CO ProvRf1Co	Vice Capt Clay, rel
	5Feb67	-do-	CounterIntel0	Prev asg
Capt MAIKIS, R. J.	28Mar67	Pri Du	FltLineDivO	Vice Capt Shea, rel
089615/7333/7337/6709	26Feb67	Add Du	Pilot	Prev asg
	23De c 66	-do-	ExecO ProvRf1Co	-do-
	28Mar67	-do-	FltEquipO	Vice Capt Shea, rel
	21Nar67	- do-	PriCensor	Prev asg
Capt SHEA, J. R.	28Nar67	Pri Du	Pilot	New asg
079566/7333/7337	11Feb67	Add Du	GndSptEquipO	Prev asg
	2Feb67	-do-	Safety&Surviva10	-do-
lstLt BONNEIT. G. M.	13Mar67	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
092573/7333	26Nar67	Add Du	PlatLdr ProvRflCo	New asg
	-do-	-do-	NBCDefO	Vice Capt Hall, rel
	28Nar67	-do-	Escape&EvasionO	Vice Capt Smith, rel
	26Mar67	- do-	AsstTrng0	New asg
	-do-	-do-	CustPriCensorshipStamp	-do-
lstLt LESNIK. M. E.	81ar67	Pri Du	Pilot	Prev asg
091186/7333/7337	28Mar67	Add Du	PlatLdr ProvRf1Co	Vice 1stLt Hudak, rel
	17Mar67	-do-	S&C Off	Prev asg
	-do-	-do-	Voting0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	•	
		-uo-	CustPriCensorshipStamp	-do-

NAME	ED	TYPE	ASSIGNMENT	REMARKS
1stLt MCCLESKEY, W. L.	28Mar67	Pri Du	MIO	Vice Capt Maikis, rel
091231/7333	-do-	Add Du	Pilot	New asg
	-do	-do-	PlatLdp ProvRf1Co	Vice Capt Smith, rel
	-do-	-do-	EmbO	Vice Capt Maikis, rel
	-do-	-do-	PersClaims0	-do-
	-do-	-do-	Bldg&CndO	-do-
	-do-	-do-	FireMashall	Vice 2ndLt Weeks, rel-
WC FRANK, S. J. 098677/6602	26Nar67	Pri Du	AsstA#@onicsO	New asg

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