

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 15 (Rein)

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1-30 November 1967.

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-30 NOVEMBER 1967

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Francis H. THURSTON	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Robert W. RASDAL	LtCol	Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Donald A. SCHAEFER	Major	Operations Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Theodore A. BIRD	2nd Lt	Administrative Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Mark J. REINERT	1st Lt	Intelligence Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Donald J. MCCARTHY	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Garry HARLAN	Major	Aviation Safety Officer	1-30 Nov 1967
Robert K. HOBBS	Lt. (MC)	Flight Surgeon	1-30 Nov 1967
Robert W. CARTER	SgtMaj	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-30 Nov 1967

B. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	31
USMC Enlisted	186
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART IIA. Narrative Summary

1. All operations during the reporting period were for pilot training and were conducted from MCAS Iwakuni, Japan and NAS Naha, Okinawa.

2. The most significant training accomplished was done by a detachment sent to NAS Naha, Okinawa. This detachment included pilots with no combat time. While at Naha, these pilots received training in dropping live ordnance at both day and night.

3. VMA-211 flew a total of 267 sorties and 319.2 hours during the reporting period with the detachment of nine days at NAS Naha accounting for 99 sorties and 109.8 hours.

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4. The extensive training during the period enabled the squadron to be better qualified to return to combat operations in the Republic of South Viet Nam.

PART IIIa. Significant Events(1) Personnel

a. Administration. During the reporting period the squadron joined 4 officers and 17 enlisted. 1 officer and 19 enlisted were detached or transferred during the month of November.

b. Promotions. The following promotions were effected:

PFC to ICpl 2

(2) Intelligence. Intelligence briefings were conducted to cover the current situation in the Republic of South Viet Nam including, Order of Battle, Weather and Terrain.

(3) Operations. The following statistical data is submitted as a summary of air operations during the month of November 1967.

Ordnance Training 117 hours

Tactical Training 120 hours

Flight Training 65 hours

Committed Flight Hours 5 hours

Ferry/Test Hours 13 hours

TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS FOR NOVEMBER 319 hours

(4) Logistics

(a) During the month of November the Materiel section was split into two sections due to the rotation of the squadron. One section stayed behind to show the new squadron all the accountable property while the advance party deployed to Chu Lai to account for all accountable property.

(b) A complete inventory has been held on all accountable items belonging to this squadron. All items are either on hand or on order. All documents are now in the process of being followed-up regardless of priority or accountable code. All excess items will be turned in for credit.

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(5) Aircraft Maintenance

a. The NAHA ordnance deployment, which was completed 9 November, provided outstanding training for newly joined ordnance personnel.

b. A 24 hour operation was conducted from 1200 13 November to 1200 14 November to familiarize newly joined personnel with Viet Nam type operations. 47 sorties were flown for 49.0 flight hours.

c. VMA-211 received a pre-rotation inspection by MAC-15 (Rein) and received an overall grade of satisfactory with minor discrepancies.

d. Washing and waxing of all aircraft was completed prior to departure for R.V.N.

e. Inventory was completed with no surveys required.

f. The Shoe Horn program was completed.

g. Six calendar inspections were started and completed in November making a total of 18 completed at MCAS Iwakuni.

h. Cannibalization was held to a minimum during November to prevent the acquisition of hanger customs. A total of 21 AOCIP's were outstanding on departure from Iwakuni and the maximum AOCIP's on any one aircraft was 6.

i. The move from Iwakuni to Chu Lai was, in general, smooth and Air Force cooperation was excellent. It is recommended that in the future a Q.C. representative be included in the advance party.

j. Fifteen maintenance personnel were augmented to MAC-15, without prior notice, on the day of departure from Iwakuni. This was very inconvenient for both the maintenance department and the personnel involved.

k. Personnel. On 2 December there were

<u>On Hand</u>	<u>Effective</u>
141	110

(6) Aviation Ordnance. Ordnance expended during November was as follows:

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MK-76 PRACTICE BOMB 25 lbs.

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<u>NAIC</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QTY</u>
E465	BOMB, MK-81SE.	143
F482	BOMB, MK-82SE	144
H535	LAU-10/A	69
E144	NAPALM, MK-77	42
L379	MK-24	52
A307	20MM	3272

TOTAL TONNAGE:FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: 91.9

TOTAL POUNDAGE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 189,637

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