

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
 Marine Aircraft Group 12
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 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: ✓ (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1-31 December 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
1-31 DECEMBER 1967

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Francis H. THURSTON	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-31 Dec 1967
Robert W. RASDAL	LtCol	Executive Officer	1-20 Dec 1967
Fredrick P. SALZMAN	LtCol	Executive Officer	21-31 Dec 1967
Donald A. SCHAEFER	Major	Operations Officer	1-31 Dec 1967
Theodore A. BIRD	2ndLt	Administration Officer	1-31 Dec 1967
Mark J. REINERT	1stLt	Intelligence Officer	1-31 Dec 1967
Donald J. MCCARTHY	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-10 Dec 1967
Richard A. GUSTAFSON	Major	Maintenance Officer	11-31 Dec 1967
Garry HARLAN	Major	Aviation Safety Officer	1-31 Dec 1967
Robert J. HOBBS	Lt(MC)	Flight Surgeon	1-31 Dec 1967
Robert W. CARTER	SgtMaj	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-31 Dec 1967

B. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers 32

USMC Enlisted 169

USN Officers 1

USN Enlisted 0

PART IIA. Narrative Summary

1. All combat operations during the reporting period were conducted from Chu Lai, Republic of Viet Nam.

2. The reporting period showed a very smooth transition back to the increased tempo of combat operations. VMA-211 flew sorties in support of the III Amphibious Force, Seventh Air Force, First and Third Marine Divisions, USA, Americal, ROK Marines, and the Second ARVN Division. The specific operations that VMA-211 participated in were: Osceola, Dragontrail, Lancaster, Pitt, Noddy, Wheelox, Citrus, Headshed, Kentucky, and Auburn.

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(a). Administration. During the reporting period the squadron gained 4 officers and 14 enlisted. Three officers and 23 enlisted were transferred during December.

(b). Promotions. The following promotions were effected:

3 Cpl to Sgt
1 PFC to L/Cpl

(c). Awards. No awards were presented during the reporting period.

2. Operations

(a). The following statistical data is submitted as a summary of air operations for December 1967.

Combat Sorties	<u>633</u>
Non-Combat Sorties	<u>29</u>
Combat Hours	<u>826.4</u>
Non-Combat Hours	<u>33.4</u>
Night Hours	<u>251.9</u>
Actual Instrument Hours	<u>112.6</u>
Total Hours	<u>859.8</u>
TPQ Sorties	<u>367</u>
Steel Tiger Sorties	<u>12</u>
Tally Ho Sorties	<u>31</u>
Close Air Support Sorties	<u>84</u>
Direct Air Support Sorties	<u>143</u>
Helicopter Escort Sorties	<u>2</u>

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Landing Zone Prep	<u>26</u>
Visual Reconnaissance	<u>18</u>
Sorties Receiving Hostile Fire	<u>53</u>
Number of Accidents	<u>1</u>
Number of Incidents	<u>4</u>
Total Tons of Ordnance	<u>786.2</u>

4. Logistics. During the month of December, the Material Section has started to build Pre-Expended-Bins. All items listed and stocked in these bins must have a dollar value of less than \$25.00 and be consumable in nature. These items must also be used at least once within a thirty day period. It is estimated that it will take at least another two months to finish these bins.

The Squadron Expeditor is moving from the old Group Supply Office to the Group Supply Warehouse. It is estimated that this move will cut delivery time of required parts.

5. Aircraft Maintenance.

(a) General. The maintenance department completed 1,823 separate unscheduled maintenance actions in direct support of flight operations. The major problem areas for the month were lack of personnel, ground support equipment and slow supply response to selected items. A summary of aircraft maintenance for the period is as follows:

(1). Not Operationally Ready Statistics

Operationally Ready	8,534.6 Hours
Not Operationally Ready Supply	2,182.0 Hours
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2,683.3 Hours

Normal NOR percentages (IAW CPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	15%
NORM	10%

NOR Percentage for VMA-213 for December 1967

Operationally Ready	59%
NORS	15%
NORM	26%

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b. NORM. Excessive NORM time can be attributed to lack of ground support equipment and excessive cannibalization.

c. AOCPI's. 174 AOCPI's were requisitioned for a daily average of 49 outstanding each day. A high of 59 AOCPI's was reached on 24 December with a low of 35 on 5 December.

The "High 5" items were:

<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
RH6685-555-342-UJNA	EGT INDICATOR	6
RQL680-924-8093-2250	CONSTANT SPEED DRIVE	5
RQ6610-744-7007-VASU	ALTIMETER	5
RG1280-226-9317-BBTI	GYRO, AIR-3	3
RG2915-783-0387-BHSC	FUEL CONTROL	2

(2) Present Status of Aircraft

A10	A1B	G3	D5
14	4	1	2

The average aircraft availability for the daily morning launch during December was 11 aircraft for 59% of all aircraft.

(3) Chronology of Aircraft Damage

4 Dec - BUNO 151045 Small arms round in nose gear well.
 5 Dec - BUNO 150046 Small arms round through centerline external fuel tank
 9 Dec - BUNO 151060 Undetermined caliber in underside center position of wing
 26 Dec - BUNO 151029 Crashed and Stricken

(4) Personnel

On 31 December 1967 there were 152 personnel assigned and 115 effective. Expected losses in January 1968 are 15.

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c. Aviation Ordnance. Ordnance expended during December War:

<u>NALC</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
A806	20MM API	1070
A808	20MM HEI	2143
E144	MK77 Fire Bomb	764
E184	CBU-24	21
E178	CBU-29	4
F657	Bomb MK82w/CONFIN	1659
F655	Bomb MK82w/S.E.FIN	751
F651	Bomb MK81w/CONFIN	532
F656	Bomb MK81w/S.E.FIN	952
E493	Bomb ANM127A1	4
E503	Bomb ANM60A1	39
H541	Aero 7Dw/FUZE 178	9
H542	Aero 7Dw/FUZE 432	4
H556	LAU 60 ROCKET POD	7
H546	LAU 10 ROCKET POD	48
H764	CSw/MK77 TANK	8

Total Tonnage: 736.2 (Approximately)

Total Poundage: 1,572,390

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