

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211  
 Marine Aircraft Group 12  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211 period  
 1-31 January 1968

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 JANUARY 1968

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Francis H. THURSTON	LtCol	Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Fredrick P. SALZMAN	LtCol	Executive Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Donald A. SCHAEFER	Major	Operations Officer	<del>1-24</del> Jan 1968
Carl F. BERNFROM, Jr.	Major	Operations Officer	25-31 Jan 1968
Bennie W. SUMMERS	Major	Personnel Officer	1-9 Jan 1968
William K. PARKER	Major	Personnel Officer	10-31 Jan 1968
Mark J. REINERT	1stLt	Intelligence Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Robert J. WIEDEMANN	Major	Logistics Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Richard A. GUSTAFSON	Major	Maintenance Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Garry HARLAN	Major	Aviation Safety Officer	1-31 Jan 1968
Robert J. HOBBS	Lt(MC)	Flight Surgeon	1-31 Jan 1968
Robert W. CARTER	SgtMaj	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-31 Jan 1968

B. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC Officers 31

USMC Enlisted 148

USN Officer 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 an increased tempo of combat operations. VMA-211 flew sorties in support of the III Marine Amphibious Force, First and Third Marine Divisions, and the First Marine Aircraft Wing; also, U. S. Army Units (including Special Forces and Americal Division),.

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Task Force X-Ray, BOK Marines, and the Second ARVN Division. The specific operations that VMA-211 supported were Kentucky and Scotland.

PART IIIA. Significant Events.1. Personnel

(a). Administration. During the reporting period the squadron gained 4 officers and 26 enlisted. Two officers and 30 enlisted were transferred during January.

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

1 1stLt to Capt  
1 2ndLt to 1stLt  
2 Sgt to Staff Sgt

(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 January 1968.

Combat Sorties	<u>924</u>
Non-Combat Sorties	<u>31</u>
Combat Hours	<u>1104.5</u>
Non-Combat Hours	<u>26.9</u>
Night Hours	<u>338.3</u>
Actual Instrument Hours	<u>86.5</u>
Total Hours	<u>1131.4</u>
TPQ Sorties	<u>484</u>
Steel Tiger Sorties	<u>18</u>
Tally-Ho Sorties	<u>4</u>

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Close Air Support Sorties	227
Direct Air Support Sorties	161
Helicopter Escort Sorties	2
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	20
Visual Reconnaissance Sorties	8
Sorties Receiving Hostile Fire	103
Number of Accidents	0
Number of Incidents	0
Total Tons of Ordnance	11408.7

#### 4. Logistics.

a. During the month of January, the Squadron AACP items dropped from 46 to 15.

b. Many new items have been added to the Pre-Expended bins with many more on order. Due to the damage to the hanger, it is not estimated when the pre-expended bins will be back up to par.

c. The material section is now reviewing all sections log books once a month to further help the sections in receiving their gear and to insure all gear ordered has good status.

d. Due to damage resulting from a rocket attack on the material in the hanger area the Material Section is re-inventing all accountable property on charge to all sections.

#### 5. Aircraft Maintenance.

a. General. The maintenance department completed 1,570 separate unscheduled maintenance actions in direct support of flight operations. The major problem areas for the month were lack of personnel and ground support equipment.

##### (1) Not Operationally Ready Statistics

Operationally Ready	10,344.0 Hours
Not Operationally Ready Supply	1,146.0 Hours
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2,773.0 Hours

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## Normal NOR Percentages (IAW OPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	15%
NORM	10%

## NOR Percentage for VMA-211 for January 1968

Operationally Ready	71%
NORS	8%
NORM	21%

## Comments on NORS/NORM percentages

(a) NORS. The NORS percentages is not a true reflection due to cannabilization action from aircraft in check which cannot be reported NORS until all work has stopped.

(b) NORM. Excessive NORM time can be attributed to lack of ground support equipment and excessive cannabilization. At times there was a wait of up to 4 hours for tow tractors, hydraulic jennys or NC-10's/NC-5's.

(2). AOCP's. 128 AOCP's were requisitioned for a daily average of 25 outstanding each day. A high of 46 AOCP's was reached on 4 January with a low of 15 on 22 January. The month ended with 15 AOCP's outstanding.

The "High 5" items were:

FSN	NOMENCLATURE	NO.
W 5826-953-8456-FANN	BDHI	6
W 6615-592-2023-VSHO	LONG SERVO	4
NH 6685-555-3042-VJNA	EGT IND	4
RG 2915-788-0387-BHSC	FUEL CONTROL	4
W 6610-597-3095-VAJI	ACCELEROMETER	4

(3). Present Status of Aircraft.

AIO	AIB	D5	HC	E5
14	3	3	1	1

The average aircraft availability for the daily morning launch during January was 13 aircraft for 73% of 11 aircraft.

(4). Aircraft Damage for January.

16 Jan Duno 151996-small arms round at left speed brake.

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28 Jan BuNo 152001-1 foot by 3 foot hole leading edge port wing, 4 inch by 10 inch hole vertical stabilizer. Down at DaNang.

29 Jan BuNo 149976-crashed and stricken. Combat mission.

31 Jan BuNo 150031-holes in left wing, rocket attack.

31 Jan BuNo 150063-nose damage, hole right side cockpit, IFR probe bent, hole in left wing, vortex generator left wing bent, hole in intake right side. Rocket attack.

31 Jan BuNo 151189-hole in left aileron. Rocket attack.

31 Jan BuNo 150046-hole in right aileron. Rocket attack.

31 Jan BuNo 151060-hole in right wing. Rocket attack.

31 Jan BuNo 151996-extensive wing damage both sides. Rocket attack.

(5). Personnel. On 31 January 1968 there were 136 personnel assigned and 111 effective. Expected losses in February 1968 are 10.

6. Aviation Ordnance. Ordnance expended during January were:

NALC	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
E182	Bomb MK82 w/SE	2118
	Bomb MK82 w/Con	1133
E465	Bomb MK81 w/SE	1756
	Bomb MK81 w/Con	397
E144	Fire Bomb MK77	359
E493	Bomb ANM117A1	106
E107	Bomb ANM59A1	35
E184	CIU24D	15
H546	LAU 10A	24
H542	AERO 7D	13
E507	Bomb MK83	46
E503	Bomb ANM65A1	8
A806	20MM API	3672
A808	20MM HEI	4375
TOTAL TONNAGE		1,408.7
TOTAL POUNDAGE		2,817,406.0

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