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From: Commanding Officer
 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 April 1968 through 30 April 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
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PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Squadron Staff

LtCol. Leo J. LEBLANC, JR.	Commanding Officer	1-30 Apr 68
LtCol. Frederick P. SALZMAN, JR.	Executive Officer	1-28 Apr 68
LtCol. Albert E. BREWSTER, JR.	Executive Officer	28-30 Apr 68
Major Carl F. BERGSTROM, JR.	Operations Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Major Thomas R. FISHER	Personnel Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Major Gerald L. ELLIS	Maintenance Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Major Jimmie L. GREEN	Logistics Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Major Richard C. HOFFMAN	Aviation Safety Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Major Phil E. BROOKSHIRE	NATOPS Officer	1-30 Apr 68
Capt. Charles G. BOWEN	Intelligence Officer	1-13 Apr 68
Capt. Kenneth E. COOK	Intelligence Officer	13-30 Apr 68
Lt(MO) Robert J. HOBBS	Flight Surgeon	1-30 Apr 68
M/Sgt. Charles H. DAY	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-30 Apr 68

b. All combat operations during the reporting period of 1 April thru 30 April were conducted from Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	20
USMC Enlisted	175
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

d. Important Visitors to the Command

1. LtGen. Lewis W. WALT - Informal visit to Squadron Flight Operations area where he received a 15 minute briefing by the Squadron-Commanding Officer concerning this unit's current operations.

2. D/General EWEL - Informal visit to Squadron Flight Operations area where he received a short briefing by the Commanding Officer.

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During April, VMA-211 flew 1,049 sorties for a total of 1202 flight hours and dropped 1,434 tons of ordnance.

b. After helping with the successful liberation of Khe Sanh (Operation Pegasus), the squadron denoted most of its monthly efforts toward the invasion of Ashau (Operation Delaware/Lamson) and small coastal operations throughout ICTZ.

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c. During the month Major G. L. ELLIS and Captain B. M. GREELEY completed their 200th missions in RVN.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel.

1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 4 officers and 33 enlisted men. 7 officers and 12 enlisted men were transferred during the month of March.

2. Promotions. The following promotions were affected.

- 4 Corporals to Sergeant
- 1 Lance Corporal to Corporal
- 2 Privates First Class to Lance Corporal
- 1 Private to Private First Class

3. Awards. The following awards were presented:

Major BERGSTROM received his 6th Air Medal.
 Capt. BENNETT received his 2nd Air Medal.
 Capt. BOWEN received his 6th Air Medal.
 Major BROOKSHIRE received his 5th Air Medal.
 Capt. CONNOR received his 6th Air Medal.
 Capt. EKLUND received his 5th Air Medal.
 Major ELLIS received his 10th, 11th, and 12th Air Medals.
 Major GREEN received his 2nd Air Medal.
 Major HOFFMAN received his 4th Air Medal.
 LtCol. SALZMAN received his 5th Air Medal.
 Capt. TANNER received his 2nd Air Medal.
 Major VAN ES received his 5th Air Medal.

b. Air Operations

1. The following is a summary of the hours and sorties flown during the month of April:

Combat Sorties	<u>1,003</u>
Non-Combat Sorties	<u>46</u>
Combat Hours	<u>1,144.2</u>
Non-Combat Hours	<u>58.2</u>
Night Hours	<u>250.6</u>
Actual Instrument Hours	<u>89.3</u>

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Total Hours	<u>1,202.4</u>
TPQ Sorties	<u>400</u>
CAS Sorties	<u>410</u>
DAS Sorties	<u>142</u>
MSQ Sorties	<u>2</u>
Helicopter Escort Sorties	<u>42</u>
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	<u>7</u>
Hostile Fire Missions	<u>156</u>

2. The following is a summary of the ground operations supported and the number of sorties in their support:

Carlton	8
Niagara	2
Pegasus	80
Scotland	165
Lancaster	40
Kentucky	50
Saline	4
Napoleon	3
Job Stuart	10
Delaware/Lanson	92
Samurai IV & V	40
Baxter Garden	19
Houston	17
Ballard Valley	2
Jasper Square	25
Wheeler/Wallowa	6
Burlington Trail	11
Muscotine	2
Puritan II	1
DMZ	75
LAOS	15
NVN	25
MacArthur	6
Rockcrusher	4
Other	301

c. Logistics.

1. During the month of April the Materiel Section began the process of moving all non-3M documents from the Group Supply office to the Materiel office. This is being done to better service and follow the 3M Manual.

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2. A new NCOIC, Cysgt. C. P. STATH, has been assigned, replacing SSgt. WARD.

3. The majority of stationary is now being kept on hand by the Materiel Section.

d. Aircraft Maintenance

1. General. The Maintenance Department completed 1,419 separate unscheduled maintenance actions in direct support of flight operations.

2. The Maintenance Department was headed by Major G. L. ELLIS with Major G. H. BRAMAN from 1 through 15 April 1968, as assistant Maintenance Officer.

3. The major problem areas for the month were lack of personnel and ground support equipment.

4. Not Operationally Ready Statistics

Operationally Ready	9085.9
Not Operationally Ready Supply	1759.0
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2644.1

Normal NOR Percentages (LAW OPERAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	15%
NORM	10%

NOR Percentage for VMA-211 for April 1968

Operationally Ready	62%
NORS	15%
NORM	23%

(a) NORS. No comment.

(b) NORM. Excessive NORM time was due to excessive engine changes due to vibration. Engines are checking okay at test cell but not in the airframe. Also, lack of ground support equipment, specifically hydraulic jenny's.

5. AACP's. 159 AACP's were requisitioned for a daily average of 5 outstanding each day. A high of 31 AACP's was reached on 30 April; with a low of 0 on 1 April. The month ended with 27 AACP's outstanding.

The "High 5" items were:

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<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
2RG6615-717-6392 VSHJ	AIR DATA SENSOR	17
RG2915-788-0387 NHSO	FUEL CONTROL	8
2RG1280-605-7351 B210	POWER SUPPLY	5
2RG6615-841-9816 B210	AJB-3 GYRO	4
RS5325-904-0873 W180	RETAINER	4

6. Present Status of Aircraft

<u>A10</u>	<u>A1B</u>	<u>DE</u>	<u>I20</u>
15	4	1	2

The average aircraft availability for the daily morning launch during April was 11 aircraft for 62% of A1 aircraft.

7. Aircraft Damage for April

- 8 Apr 68 BuNo 151107-1 small arms round into #1 station rack causing damage to electrical connections and cannon plugs.
- 11 Apr 68 BuNo 151190-1 small arms round through link chute R/H side A/C engine access, slight damage to 20MM cannon.
- 18 Apr 68 BuNo 149658-1 small arms round penetrated part aft section wheel well door; smashing bracket which retains drog link spring-intern causing damage to one hydraulic line.
- 19 Apr 68 BuNo 151189-1 small arms round penetrated thru right flap, damaging rib in flap, the penetrated trailing edge of right wing and damaged one rib.
- 19 Apr 68 BuNo 150063-Shot down-STRIKE A/C-pilot (Capt. COOK) ejected.

8. Personnel. On 30 April 1968, there were 162 personnel assigned and 128 effective. Expected losses in June 1968 are 9.

9. Aviation Ordnance. The following ordnance was expended in combat operations during the month of April:

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
MK12 Smoke Tank	24
CS	16
MK77 Fire Bomb	753
2.75" FFAR	76
5.00" FFAR (Zuni)	215

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20MM	10,573
CBU 1A/A	20
CBU 2A/B	44
CBU 29/A	5
MK81 Bomb	3,817
MK82 Bomb	1,692
MK84 Bomb	3
ANM 117A1	350
TOTAL TONNAGE	1,434.3
TOTAL POUNDAGE	2,868,557.8

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