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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1 May 1968 through 31 May 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 MAY 1968

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LtCol. Leo J. LEBLANC, Jr.	Commanding Officer	1-31 May 68
LtCol. Albert E. BREWSTER, Jr.	Executive Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Carl F. BERGSTROM, Jr.	Operations Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Thomas R. FISHER	Personnel Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Gerald L. ELLIS	Maintenance Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Jimmie L. GREEN	Logistics Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Richard C. HOFFMAN	Aviation Safety Officer	1-31 May 68
Major Phil E. BROOKSHIRE	NATOPS Officer	1-9 May 68
Major James L. LUMSDEN	NATOPS Officer	9-31 May 68
Capt. Kenneth E. COOK	Intelligence Officer	1-31 May 68
Lt(MC) Robert J. HOBBS	Flight Surgeon	1-31 May 68
M/Sgt. Charles E. DAY	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-31 May 68

b. All combat operations during the reporting period of 1 May thru 31 May were conducted from Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	24
USMC Enlisted	178
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During May, VMA-211 flew 1,086 sorties for a total of 1,120.4 hours and dropped 1585.7 tons of ordnance. Of this total, 792 sorties were close-air support missions.

b. This month the squadron's operation was not focused on any one particular area in I Corps. The squadron supported operations in all sectors of I Corps and some in II Corps.

c. This month again added to the high combat experience level in the squadron. Major C. F. BERGSTROM, Jr., Major P. E. BROOKSHIRE, Major R. C. HOFFMAN, and Major J. L. LUMSDEN all completed their 200th mission in RVN.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTSa. Personnel

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1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 4 officers and 15 enlisted men. 1 officer and 14 enlisted men were transferred during the month of May.

2. Promotions. The following promotions were affected:

2 Lance Corporals to Corporal
8 Privates First Class to Lance Corporal

3. Awards. There were a total of 55 Air Medals submitted for squadron pilots during the reporting period.

b. Air Operations

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

Combat Sorties	<u>1,011</u>
Non-Combat Sorties	<u>45</u>
Combat Hours	<u>1,063.3</u>
Non-Combat Hours	<u>57.1</u>
Night Hours	<u>146.9</u>
Actual Instrument Hours	<u>15.7</u>
Total Hours	<u>1,120.4</u>
TPQ Sorties	<u>76</u>
GAS Sorties	<u>792</u>
DAS Sorties	<u>149</u>
Helicopter Escort Sorties	<u>4</u>
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	<u>20</u>
Hostile Fire Missions	<u>254</u>

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

Allenbrook	124
Ballard Valley	8

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Brilliant Dragon	12
Burlington Trail	8
Carlsbad	2
Concordia Square	14
Delaware	70
DMZ	20
Garentine II	31
Houston	23
Jeb Stuart II	6
Jeb Stuart III	8
Kentucky	13
Lancaster	9
Leatherneck	7
Laos	8
Mameluke Thrust	26
Miscellaneous	49
Muscatine	2
Napoleon/Saline	17
Nevada Eagle	35
Samuri V	9
Scotland II	31
Wheeler/Wallowa	14
Tennessee Grove	7

c. Logistics.

1. During the month of May the IMRL gear follow-ups were completed.
2. On May the 30th the squadron received the new IMRL and the materiel section is now in the process of updating IMRL cards. All additions and deletions of IMRL are being noted and appropriate action taken.
3. During the month of May the materiel section lost their NCOIC, S/Sgt. WARD and IMRL clerk, Cpl. PEYTON. PFC BRIDGEMAN replaced Cpl. PEYTON. Materiel section is now short one (1) Staff NCO. Major VAN ES, squadron Embarkation Officer, was replaced by Captain BENNETT. Cysgt. STATH was transferred to Wing.
4. All sections now have IBM card listings of the rotatable pool items.
5. There is a new location system now in effect in the squadron pre-expanded bins.

d. Aircraft Maintenance

1. General. The Maintenance Department completed 1,323 separate unscheduled maintenance actions in direct support of flight operations.

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2. The Maintenance Department was headed by Major G. L. ELLIS with Major W. R. ETTER as assistant Maintenance Officer.

3. The major problem areas for the month were lack of personnel, the squadron manning level is not realistic for a 24 hour, 7 day work week and lack of adequate hangar space with lighting and power supply,

4. Not Operationally Ready Statistics

Operationally Ready	9537.0
Not Operationally Ready Supply	2668.5
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2650.5

Normal NOR Percentages (LAW OPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	15%
NORM	10%

NOR Percentage for VMA-211 for May 1968

Operationally Ready	64%
NORS	18%
NORM	18%

5. Comments on NORS/NORM percentages.

(a) NORS. No comments.

(b) NORM. Excessive NORM time was primarily due to a high failure rate of fuel controls this month with excessive replacement delays. Two aircraft were held down in excess of two days for Tacan Mounts. Four aircraft required engine change outside the normal check cycle due to vibration. Replacement engines for these aircraft were delivered by the IMA after excessive delays due to the poor quality of engines received by H&MS-12 from CER.

6. AOCP's. 172 AOCP's were requisitioned for a daily average of 6 submitted each day. A high of 11 AOCP's were submitted on 19 May, with a low of 1 AOCP on 17 May. The month ended with 37 AOCP's outstanding.

The "High 5" items were:

FSN	NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
RG2915-788-0387 NHSG	FUEL CONTROL	5
RG280-973-2576 ELAR	AJB-3 PWR SUPPLY	4
RG6615-841-9816 B210	DISP. CYRO	4
RQ1560-612-7074 ADGA	L/H AILERON	3
RM1560-573-7074 ADGA	CENTER WINDSCREEN	33

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7. Present Status of Aircraft

<u>ALO</u>	<u>ALB</u>	<u>DE</u>	<u>I20</u>
18	3	1	2

The average aircraft availability for the daily morning launch during May was 13 aircraft for 65% of 20 aircraft.

8. Aircraft Damage for May

- 3 May 68 BuNo 150042-1 small arms round through drop tank and starboard wheel well door.
- 5 May 68 BuNo 150043-1 small arms round hit port side of fuselage just below engine mount, ricocheted off engine mount and went through an air conditioning line.
- 13 May 68 BuNo 151199-1 50 cal. round entered port side of wheel well. Round went into wheel well tearing up a rib, wiring and an air conditioning line.
- 15 May 68 BuNo 151996-1 small arms round through port wing, one inch from outer edge of tank, piercing outer bulkhead.
- 16 May 68 BuNo 152046-2 small arms rounds through fuel dump fairing.

9. Personnel. On 31 May 1968, there were 168 personnel assigned and 135 effective. Expected losses in June are 9.

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

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
5.00" FFAR	377
2.75" FFAR	71
CBU 1A/A	4
CBU 24/B	35
CBU 29/A	8
AGM 12B	4
AGM 12B	2
MK77 FIRE BOMB	931
MK81 BOMB	2672
MK82 BOMB	2785
ANM 117A1	252
20MM	22199
TOTAL TONNAGE	1585.7
TOTAL POUNDAGE	3,171,498

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