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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1 June through 31 June 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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PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Squadron Staff

LtCol. Leo J. LEBLANC, Jr.	Commanding Officer	1-30 Jun 68
LtCol. Albert E. BREWSTER, Jr.	Executive Officer	1-25 Jun 68
Major Richard C. BARRETT	Executive Officer	26-30 Jun 68
Major Carl F. BERGSTROM, Jr.	Operations Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Major James S. GAHAGAN	Personnel Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Major Gerald L. ELLIS	Maintenance Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Major Jimmie L. GREEN	Logistics Officer	1-11 Jun 68
Major Robert M. PAYNE	Logistics Officer	12-30 Jun 68
Capt. Brendan M. GREELEY, Jr.	Aviation Safety Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Major James L. LUMSDEN	NATOPS Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Capt. Kenneth E. COOK	Intelligence Officer	1-30 Jun 68
Lt(MO) Robert K. HOBBS	Flight Surgeon	1-30 Jun 68
MSgt. Charles H. DAY	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-30 Jun 68

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

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	22
USMC Enlisted	130
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During June, VMA-211 flew 908 sorties for a total of 974.8 hours and dropped 1,252.5 tons of ordnance. Of this total, 556 sorties were close air support missions. In relation to the previous month the tempo of operations decreased. Part of this can be traced to the single manager concept now being used to conduct air operations. Generally the experience level of the squadron pilots is very high with many pilots having flown over 200 combat missions.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel

1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 2 officers and 7 enlisted men. 4 officers and 15 enlisted men were transferred during the month of June.

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2. Promotions. During this reporting period the following promotions were effected:

8 Corporals to Sergeant
 2 Lance Corporals to Corporal
 1 Private First Class to Lance Corporal

3. Awards. There were a total of 48 Air Medals earned by squadron pilots during the month of June.

b. Air Operations

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

Combat Sorties	862
Non-Combat Sorties	46
Combat Hours	926.7
Non-Combat Hours	18.1
Night Hours	159.9
Actual Instrument Hours	50.5
Total Hours	974.8
TPQ Sorties	61
CAS Sorties	556
DAS Sorties	189
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	30
Visual Reconnaissance Sorties	6
Tally Ho Sorties	20
Hostile Fire Missions	146

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

Scotland II	137
Allenbrook	61
Mamaluks Thrust	48

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Houston	26
Jeb Stuart	26
Nevada Eagle	24
Kentucky	24
IMZ	21
Lancaster	16
Dragon Palace	16
Burlington Trail	10
Tally Ho	9
Brilliant Dragon III	6
Swift Saber	6
Wheeler/Wallowa	5
Napoleon	4
Leatherneck	2
Muscantine	1
Laos	1
Miscellaneous	34

c. Logistics

1. During the month of June the materiel section continued updating IMRL cards, noting all additions and deletions. A new master set of IMRL cards has been completed. An inventory of the squadron is to be completed during the month of July.

2. The squadron Pre-Expended bins continue to receive many needed pre-expended bin items which were on order. With these added items the pre-expended bins have been utilized more effectively.

3. All records for fiscal year 1968 have been closed out and new records set up for fiscal year 1969.

4. The materiel section has been assigned a new NOOIC 3071, SSgt. daCorte. The squadron materiel is now presently at their T/O.

5. The materiel section is still operating twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

6. A further effort is being put forward to lower the squadron's AOCF's, by complying more closely with current supply orders.

7. All follow-up action on all outstanding requisitions are current and up to date.

8. The materiel section has been assigned a new S-4 officer, Major PAYNE, who replaces Major GREEN.

d. Aircraft Maintenance

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1. General. The Maintenance Department completed 11,218 items processed in general support of flight operations. Previously, this figure was shown as unscheduled maintenance in the form of discrepancies and therefore a much smaller figure.

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	10,074.7
Not Operationally Ready Supply	2,543.4
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2,353.9

Normal NOR Percentages (IAW OPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	15%
NORM	10%

NOR Percentage for VMA-211 for June 1968

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Operationally Ready	67%
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NORS

17%

NORM

16%

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2. Comments on NORS/NORM percentages

(a) NORS. No comments

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

(b) NORM. Excessive NORM time was primarily due to 3 aircraft requiring engine changes outside the normal check cycle. One aircraft down for a fuel leak, which required 7 days to repair. 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.

3. AOCP's. 190 AOCP's were requisitioned for a daily average of 6 submitted each day. A high of 15 AOCP's were submitted on 15 June, with a low of 0 AOCP's on 2 June. The month ended with 38 AOCP's outstanding.

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<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
RG6615-805-6147-VK7X	STBY GYRO
RG6610-866-4348-F27X	STBY GYRO IND
RQ6615-855-3857-F27X	TRI AX RATE SW
RH1095-593-0255-BBGA	GUNSIGHT
RM1560-573-7074-ADGA	CENTER WINDSCREEN

The "High 5" items were:

FSN-

RG6615-805-6147-VK7X

RG6610-866-4348-F27X

RQ6615-855-3857-F27X

RH1095-593-0255-BBGA

RM1560-573-7074-ADGA

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7. Present Status of Aircraft

<u>A10</u>	<u>A1B</u>	<u>DE</u>	<u>120</u>
13	6	2	3

The average aircraft availability for the daily morning launch during June was 15 aircraft for 71% of A1 aircraft.

8. Aircraft Damage for June

9 Jun 68 151127-Received minor battle damage on right side at radar access panel.

9 Jun 68 150132-Took 30 cal. round through right wing tip 1" from light assy.

9. Personnel. On 30 June 1968, there were 182 personnel assigned and 126 effective. Expected losses in July are 6.

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

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
5:00" FFAR	257
2.75" FFAR	1,660
MK 24 FLARE	36
MK 12 SMOKE	7
MK 77 FIRE BOMB	648
MK 81 BOMB	1,359
MK 82 BOMB	2,812
ANM117/1 BOMB	39
20 MM	10,778
 TOTAL TONNAGE	 1,252.5
 TOTAL POUNDAGE	 2,505,044.68

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