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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period
 1 Aug through 31 Aug 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	1-26Aug68
LtCol Fredrick P. SALZMAN, Jr.	Commanding Officer	26-31Aug68
Maj. Richard C. BARRETT	Executive Officer	1-31Aug68
Maj. Carl F. BERGSTROM, Jr.	Operations Officer	1-31Aug68
Maj. James S. GANAGHEN	Personnel Officer	1-31Aug68
Maj. Gerald L. ELLIS	Maintenance Officer	1-2 Aug68
Maj. William R. EITER	Maintenance Officer	3-31Aug68
Maj. Robert M. PAYNE	Logistics Officer	1-31Aug68
Capt Brenden M. GREELEY, Jr.	Aviation Safety Officer	1-31Aug68
Maj. James L. LUMSDEN	NATOPS Officer	1-31Aug68
Capt Kenneth E. COOK	Intelligence Officer	1-31Aug68
Lt (MC) Robert K. HOBBES	Flight Surgeon	1-31Aug68
MSgt Dean A. HOPKINS	Squadron Sergeant Major	1-31Aug68

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

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	23
USMC Enlisted	158
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During August, VMA-211 flew 1,063 sorties for a total of 1,198.2 hours and dropped 1,561.37 tons of ordnance. Of this total 650 sorties were close air support missions

b. The experience level of the pilots remained very high. During the month Majors BARRETT, BROOKSHIRE, EITER, and LUMSDEN flew their 300th mission; Major PAYNE, Captains COOK, CORBETT, BENNETT and TANNER flew their 200th missions.

c. Again the squadron flew without an accident during the month reflecting an all hands effort toward aviation safety.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel

1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 8 officers and 19 enlisted men. 3 officers and 19 enlisted men were transferred during the month of August.

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

- 1 First Lieutenant to Captain
- 1 Sergeant to Staff Sergeant
- 1 Corporal to Sergeant
- 3 Lance Corporals to Corporal
- 2 Private First Class to Lance Corporal

3. Awards. There were a total of 57 Air Medals and 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses earned by squadron pilots during the month of August.

b. Air Operations

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

Combat Sorties	1,040
Non-Combat Sorties	23
Combat Hours	1,175.2
Non-Combat Hours	22.5
Night Hours	170.8
Actual Instrument Hours	57.4
Total Hours	1,198.2
TPQ Sorties	150
CAS Sorties	610
DAS Sorties	201
Landing Zone Prep Sorties	29
Visual Reconnaissance Sorties	4
Tally Ho Sorties	44
Hostile Fire Missions	107

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

Scotland II & III	28
Nevada Eagle	20
Mameluke Thrust	93
Houston	53
Allen Brook	91
Wheeler/Wallowa	6
Jeb Stuart III	17
DMZ	36
Kentucky	20
Saline/Napoleon	5
NVN	31
Burlington Trail	8
Dragon Palace	17
Lancaster III	54
Somerset Plain	14
Laos	2

c. Logistics

1. During the month of August the squadron IMML records were inspected by the Wing IMML Inspector. A grade of outstanding was given with one minor discrepancy which has been corrected.

2. An inventory of all accountable equipment was held due to a change of Commanding Officer. The same inventory was used to effect the change of Assistant Material Officer, 2nd Lt Hansen replacing 1st Lt. Vchulek.

3. LCol. NUNEZ and PFC COVINGTON were rotated to Conus, their replacements were Cpl CASSIDY and LCol SABC. The Material Section is at T/O Strength.

4. A reconciliation with Group Supply Section was completed on all outstanding requisitions held by this squadron.

5. The arrival of a sufficient quantity of safety shoes in the required sizes has allowed distribution of initial issue and replacement shoes for the men.

6. It has been recommended that thirteen items be added to the present IMML. These items are necessary additional requirements to enable the squadron to better complete its present mission.

7. Capt. McNALLY has replaced Capt. SMITH as Squadron Embarkation Officer.

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d. Aircraft Maintenance

1. The Maintenance Department completed 12,330 items processed in general support of flight operations.

2. The Maintenance Department was headed by Major W. R. ETTER with Captain J. C. FOSTER as assistant Maintenance Officer, and First Lieutenant C. L. TOSCO as Maintenance Control 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. (Specifically 6316's, J52 Jet Engine mechanics.) Also, there was a lack of WC-5's for starting aircraft. They are more suitable for starting aircraft than WC-10's. At this time VMA-211 has no WC-5's.

4. Not Operationally Ready Statistics.

Operationally Ready.....	10,179.6
Not Operationally Ready Supply.....	2,390.0
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance.....	3,054.4

Normal NCR Percentages (IAW CPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready.....	75%
NCRS.....	10%
NCRM.....	15%

NCR Percentages for VMA-211 for AUGUST 1968

Operationally Ready.....	65%
NCRS.....	15%
NCRM.....	20%

5. Comments on NCRS/NCRM Percentages

a. NCRS. Excessive NCRS time was primarily due to BuNo's 151127, 152061, & 152046 having been down for Trunion Mounts: one since 5 July, one since 24 July, & one since 18 August. BuNo 151045 has been out for a fuel control since 13 August.

b. NCRM. Excessive NCRM time was primarily due to BuNo's 151993, 150132, 152046, 151045, 151078, 152001, & 150074 all going down for Calendar Inspections. BuNo's 152032, 151096, & 151107 down for engine changes.

6. ACCP's. 228 ACCP's were requestioned for a daily average of seven (7) submitted each day. A high of 23 ACCP's was submitted on 6 August 1968, with a low of 0 ACCP's on 18 August 1968. The month ended with 29 ACCP's outstanding.

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The High 5 items were:

FSN	NOMENCLATURE	DEMAND
RH-6685-555-3042-VJMA	EGT. INDICATOR	6
RG-6610-866-4348-VJNH	STBY. GYRO INDICATOR	5
RQ-6680-987-3673-F27X	FUEL FLOW INDICATOR	5
RG-2915-788-0387-MHSC	FUEL CONTROL	4
RH-1660-918-9092-F27X	LOX C INVENTORS	4

7. Present Status of Aircraft

A10	A1B	D4	E5
16	6	1	1

The average aircraft availability for the morning launch during August was 16 aircraft for 77% of A1 aircraft.

8. Aircraft Damage for August.

19 August 1968 149658 took a 30 CAL. round through the rudder.

9. Personnel

On 31 August 1968 there were 140 personnel assigned and 111 effective. Expected losses in September are 15.

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

NOMENCLATURE	QUANTITY
5.00" FFAR	346
2.75" FFAR	2,351
MK-7 JATO	8
MK-12 SMOKE (FS)	12
MK-77 CS	19
CBU 24/B	8
MK-77 FIRE BOMB	448
MK-81 BOMB	1,908
MK-82 BOMB	3,507
ANM117A1 BOMB	248
20 MM	9,930
TOTAL TO WEGE	1,561.37
TOTAL POUNDAGE	3,122,712.3