

MARINE ATTACK SQUADRON 211
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To: Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period 1
September through 30 September 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
1-30 Sept 1968

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PART I. ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Squadron Staff

LtCol. Fredrick P. SALZMAN Jr.	Commanding Officer	01-30Sept68
Maj. Richard C. BARRETT	Executive Officer	01-30Sept68
Maj. Carl F. BERGSTROM Jr.	Operations Officer	01-10Sept68
Maj. Phil E. BROOKSHIRE	Operations Officer	10-30Sept68
Capt. Bartholomew G. HALLIDAY III	Personnel Officer	01-30Sept68
Maj. William R. ETTER	Maintenance Officer	01-30Sept68
Maj. Robert M. PAYNE	Logistics Officer	01-30Sept68
Capt. Brendan M. GREELEY Jr.	Aviation Safety Officer	01-30Sept68
Maj. James L. LUMSDEN	NATOPS Officer	01-14Sept68
Maj. Eugene A. HOMER Jr.	NATOPS Officer	14-30Sept68
1/Lt. James D. PEARSON	Intelligence Officer	01-30Sept68
Lt (MC) Robert K. HOBBS	Flight Surgeon	01-26Sept68
Lt (MC) James A. STEWART	Flight Surgeon	26-30Sept68
MSgt. Dean A. HOPKINS	Squadron Sergeant Major	01-07Sept68
Sgt. Major Israel J. GINSBURG	Squadron Sergeant Major	07-30Sept68

b. All combat operations during the reporting period of 1 September thru 30 September 1968 were conducted from Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	25
USMC Enlisted	159
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During September, VMA-211 flew 879 sorties for a total of 977.7 hours and dropped 1,273.4 tons of ordnance. Of this total, 496 sorties were close air support missions.

b. The experience level of the pilots remained extremely high with 44% having flown over 200 combat missions. During the month Captain B. M. GREELEY flew his 400th combat mission, Captain B. G. HALLIDAY flew his 200th and Captain R. S. MLECZNIKOWSKI flew his 100th combat mission.

c. Two Bullpup missions firing a total of 4 Bullpups were flown by this squadron in support of the First Marine Division.

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d. During the first quarter of FY-69 Marine Attack Squadron 211 flew 3,377 hours without operational accidents, incidents, or ground accidents. This record, which included 3,035 sorties, was compiled while the squadron was undergoing a 75% turn-over in assigned pilots. The maintenance department was also affected in personnel turnovers to a lesser degree. The squadron was able to extend its accident-free record to nine months. This is an indication of the sound operational doctrine and maintenance procedures currently in existence.

PART III. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel

1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 9 officers and 17 enlisted men. Six officers and 13 enlisted men were transferred during the month of September.

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

- 1 Lance Corporal to Corporal
- 1 Private First Class to Lance Corporal

3. Awards. There were a total of 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 42 Air Medals and 11 Navy Achievement Medals recommended or awarded.

b. Air Operations

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

Combat Sorties	856
Non-Combat Sorties	23
Combat Hours	952.9
Non-Combat Hours	24.8
Night Hours	176.5
Actual Instrument Hours	99.9
Total Hours	977.7
T P Q Sorties	135
C A S Sorties	496

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D A S Sorties	154
L Z P Sorties	22
V R Sorties	17
T H Sorties	17
Hostile Fire Missions	66

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

Lancaster II	60
Mameluke Thrust	93
Kentucky	17
Houston	20
DMZ	36
Jeb Stuart III	22
Scotland II	10
Scot II East	9
Palace Dragon	14
Saline / Napoleon	3
Sussex Bay	21
Victory Dragon	19
Burington Trail	2
Wheeler / Wallowa	4
Allenbrook	3
Nevada Eagle	40
NVN	15
Miscellaneous	68

c. Logistics

1. LCpl. BRIDGEMAN was sent TAD to Group Supply for the purpose of controlling NORS "N" and NORS "G" requirements. This system was initiated by the Group on a 90 day basis.

2. The squadron pre-expended bins were moved into the hangar to make them more accessible to the work centers.

3. Lt. VCHULEK departed the squadron for CONUS.

4. Pfc. HUDSON, 2420982/3051, reported aboard bringing this sections manning level up to T/O strength.

5. Provisions were issued to all departments to meet requirements for the typhoon conditions.

d. Aircraft Maintenance

1. General

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(a) The Maintenance Department completed 11,235 items processed in general support of flight operations.

(b) The Maintenance Department was headed by Major W. R. ETTER with Captain J. C. FOSTER as Assistant Maintenance Officer, and First Lieutenant C. L. TOSO as Maintenance Control Officer.

(c) 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, lack of NC-5's and NC-10's for starting and working on aircraft.

2. Not Operationally Statistics.

Operationally Ready	10,054.7
Not Operationally Ready Supply	2,596.0
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	2,637.3

Normal NOR Percentages (IAW OPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	10%
NORM	15%

NOR Percentages for VMA-211 for September 1968

Operationally Ready	66%
NORS	17%
NORM	17%

Comments on NORS/NORM Percentages

NORS. Excessive NORS time was primarily due to BuNo 150132 having been down for Transfer Valve since 30 August. BuNo 149653 having been down for a Manifold from 4 September to 23 September. BuNo 151045 having been down for a Manifold from 30 August to 20 September.

NORM. Excessive NORM time was primarily due to BUNO's 151060, 151193, 151996, and 150074 all went down for Calendar Inspections. BuNo's 149653, 151078, 150031, 151993 all went down for Engine Changes. BuNo's 152032, 151993, 152046, 151107, 151127, and 151078 all went down for GSD's.

3. AOCIP's. 233 AOCIP's were requestioned for a daily average of seven submitted each day. A high of 19 AOCIP's was submitted on 26 September with a low of 1 on 22 September. The month ended with 44 AOCIP's outstanding.

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The High 5 items were:

<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>DEMAND</u>
RQ1680-924-8093-2150	CONSTANT SPEED DRIVE	5
RG1280-869-9246-DA7X	DIRECTIONAL GYRO	11
RH6685-555-3042-VJMA	EGT. INDICATOR	6
W6615-592-2023-USHO	LONG. SERVO	3
RM5985-538-7464-FZ4X	TACAN ANT.	3

4. Present Status of Aircraft:

A10	A1B	D4	E5	G3
18	2	2	1	1

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

5. Aircraft Damage for September.

None.

6. Personnel

On 30 September 1968 there were 147 personnel assigned and 119 effective. Expected losses in September are 13.

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

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
2.75" FFAR	3,250
5.00" FFAR	268
MK-7 JATO	2
CBU 1A/A	2
AGM 12C-2 Bullpup	4
MK-77 Fire Bomb	339
MK-81 Bomb	1,731
MK-82 Bomb	2,886
M117A1 Bomb	95
20 MM	8,491
TOTAL TONNAGE	1,273.4
TOTAL POUNDAGE	2,546,830.96

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