

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

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) WgO 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Command Chronology of Marine Attack Squadron 211, period 1
October through 31 October 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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VMA-211
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 Oct 1968

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PART I ORGANIZATION DATA

a. Squadron Staff

LtCol. Fredrick P. SALZMAN Jr.	Commanding Officer	01-31 October 1968
Maj. Richard C. BARRETT	Executive Officer	01-31 October 1968
Maj. James S. GAHAGAN	Operations Officer	01-31 October 1968
Capt. Eric E. HASTINGS	Personnel Officer	01-31 October 1968
Maj. William R. ETTER	Maintenance Officer	01-14 October 1968
Capt. Steven J. SEWELL	Maintenance Officer	14-31 October 1968
Maj. Robert M. PAYNE	Logistics Officer	01-31 October 1968
Capt. Brendan M. GREELEY Jr.	Aviation Safety Off	01-05 October 1968
Capt. Robert S. MIECZNIKOWSKI	Aviation Safety Off	05-31 October 1968
Maj. Eugene A. HOMER	NATOPS Officer	01-19 October 1968
Capt. Robert S. MIECZNIKOWSKI	NATOPS Officer	19-31 October 1968
1/Lt. James D. PEARSON	Intelligence Off	01-31 October 1968
Lt (MC) James A. STEWART	Flight Surgeon	01-31 October 1968
Sgt. Major Israel J. GINSBURG	Squadron Sgt. Major	01-31 October 1968

b. All combat operations during the reporting period of 1 October thru 31 October 1968 were conducted from Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam.

c. Average Monthly Strength

USMC Officers	30
USMC Enlisted	166
USN Officers	1
USN Enlisted	0

PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. During October, Marine Attack Squadron 211 flew 719 sorties for a total of 814.9 hours and dropped 999.1 tons of ordnance. Of this total, 272 sorties were close air support missions.

b. During the month LtCol. F. P. SALZMAN flew his 300th combat mission, Lieutenants J. D. PEARSON and R. J. SCHEFFLER flew their 200th combat mission and Captain J. D. McAnally and Lt. J. H. LAWRENCE flew their 100th combat mission.

c. During the second quarter of FY-69, VMA-211 flew 814 hours for a total this fiscal year of 4,191 hours. The squadron experienced one operational incident during the month due to material failure. With the large turn over in pilots and personnel the squadron has still maintained an excellent safety record, and has flown a total of 11,104 accident free hours.

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PART III SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel

1. Administration. During this reporting period the squadron gained 5 officers and 13 enlisted men. Eight officers and 8 enlisted men were transferred during the month of October.

2. Promotions. During October the following promotions were effected:

- 1 Sergeant to Staff Sergeant
- 2 Corporal to Sergeant (meritorious)
- 1 Corporal to Sergeant
- 2 Lance Corporal to Corporal (meritorious)
- 1 Private First Class to Lance Corporal (meritorious)
- 1 Private First Class to Lance Corporal

3. Awards. There were a total of 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 1 Bronze Star, 46 Air Medals and 8 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 October 1968:

Combat Sorties	696
Non-Combat Sorties	23
Combat Hours	787.7
Non-Combat Hours	27.2
Night Hours	157.1
Actual Instrument Time	61.8
Total Hours	814.9
T P Q Sorties	189
C A S Sorties	272
D A S Sorties	134
L Z P Sorties	35
V R Sorties	16

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T H Sorties	50
Hostile Fire Missions	47

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

Logan Field	2
Burlington Trail	9
Wheeler Wallowa	2
Kentucky	14
Scotland II	23
Jeb Stuart III	11
Henderson Hill	5
Lancaster III	21
Nepoleon Saline	2
Dragon Victory II	14
Nevada Eagle	42
Mameluke Thrust	37
DMZ	45
NVN	41
Miscellaneous	367

c. Logistics

1. An inventory of accountable property was held in the Maintenance, Check Crew, Metal and Hydraulics sections and S-3 due to a change in Responsible Officer.

2. The squadron S-4 Officer, Major Payne, was transferred to Group S-3.

3. A reconciliation with Group Supply section was completed on all outstanding requisitions held by group.

4. An estimated budget requirement for Budget Project 09 for the purchase of IMRL equipment for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal year 1969 was submitted to the Group Fiscal Officer.

d. Aircraft Maintenance

General

(a) The Maintenance Department completed 10,227 items processed in general support of flight operations.

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(b) The major problem areas for the month were lack of personnel in MOS 6316 (Jet Engine Mechanic). Also, there is a need for more high pressure air compressors and NC-10's.

2. Not Operationally Statistics.

Operationally Ready	10,954.8
Not Operationally Ready Supply	1,897.2
Not Operationally Ready Maintenance	3,004.0

Normal NOR Percentages (IAW OPNAVINST 5442.4A)

Operationally Ready	75%
NORS	10%
NORM	15%

NOR Percentages for VMA-211 for October 1968

Operationally Ready	69%
NORS	12%
NORM	19%

Comments on NORS / NORM Percentages

(1) Excessive NORS time was primarily due to BuNo's 151193, 150042, and 149658 being down for Speed Control Units (CSD) since 25 October 1968, BuNo 151190 being down for a Constant Speed Control (CSD) since 28 October 1968, BuNo 150074 being down for Speed Control Unit (CSD) since 29 October 1968.

(2) Excessive NORM time was primarily due to BuNo's 150074, 150042, 149658, 150031, 152032, 150132, 150046, and 151190 were down for Calendar/Acceptance Inspection. BuNo's 151193 and 149653 were down for Engine changes.

3. AACP's. 203 AACP's were requestioned for a daily average of six (6) submitted each day. A high of 14 AACP's was submitted on 21 October 1968, with a low of 1 on 2 October 1968. The month ended with 34 AACP's outstanding.

The High 5 items were:

<u>FSN</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Demand</u>
W-1650-870-0570-ZUIK	HYD. Pump	6
RG-5826-953-9456-FZ7X	BDHI IND.	6
RG-1280-869-9246-DA7X	DIR Gyro	8
W-6610-954-5068-DA7X	AJB-3A IND	7
W-1680-933-4192-DA7X	Constant Speed Control	4

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4. Present Status of Aircraft:

A10	A1B	D5	E5
17	4	2	1

5. Aircraft Availability

The average aircraft availability for the morning launch during October was 17 aircraft for 81% of A1 aircraft.

6. Aircraft Damage for October 1968

7 October 1968, BuNo 151996 took small arms fire through right wing (Fuel Cell).

7. Personnel

On 31 October 1968 there were 150 personnel assigned and 117 effective. Expected losses in November are 4.

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

<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
2.75" FFAR	2,584
5.00" FFAR	212
MK-7 JATO	16
CBU 1A/A	2
MK-77 Fire Bomb	246
MK-81 Bomb	890
MK-82 Bomb	2,490
MK-84 Bomb	3
ANM117A1 Bomb	94
20 MM	6,444
TOTAL POUNDAGE	1,998,120.64
TOTAL TONNAGE	999.06032

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