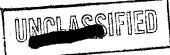
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1. In compliance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. UNIT

COMMANDER

Marine Attack Squadron TWO ONE ONE

LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR (1 Jan - 23 May 1972)

LtCol D. G. RANNEY (23 May - 30 June 1972)

2. LOCATION

1 Jan - 13 Jan 1972 - MCAS Iwakuni, Japan
 14 Jan - 13 Apr 1972 - NAF Naha, Okinawa
 14 Apr - 16 May 1972 - MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

17 May - 30 Jun 1972 - Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam

STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer - Maj S. P. BRUTCHER (1 Jan - 28 Feb)

Maj R. A. BISHOP (29 Feb - 13 Apr)

Maj D. M. FERRIS (14 Apr - 6 May)

Maj L. S. UNDERHILL (7 May - 30 Jun)

Administrative Officer - Capt P. K. DAVIS (1 Jan - 26 Feb)
Capt R. B. HAYNES (27 Feb - 25 Jun)
Capt F. M. RIVERS (26 Jun - 30 Jun)

Intelligence Officer - Capt W. E. RANSBOTTOM (1 Jan - 19 Apr)
Capt J. M. MALONEY (20 Apr - 30 Jun)

Operations Officer - Maj R. A. BISHOP (1 Jan - 28 Feb)

Maj L. S. UNDERHILL (29 Feb - 6 May)

Maj M. V. GRIFFITH (7 May - 30 Jun)

Logistics Officer - Capt M. D. SMITH (1 Jan - 25 Jan)
Capt R. G. NEELEY (26 Jan - 28 Feb)
Capt G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN (29 Feb - 30 Jun)

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Maintenance Officer

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Maj D. M. FERRIS (1 Jan - 13 Apr) Capt R. L. GATEWOOD (14 Apr - 30 Jun)

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

OFFICERS

USMC

ENLISTED OFFICERS

ENLISTED

23

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USN

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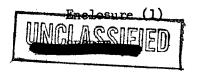
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Operationally, the period covered by this report will be divided into two parts. The first part is from 1 January to 16 May 1972. The second is from 17 May until 30 June 1972.

2. 1 January - 16 May 1972:

- a. During this period the squadron continued to operate from two bases in the Western Pacific, MCAS Iwakuni, Japan and NAF Naha, Okinawa. A total of 1769.8 hours were flown. Ordnance training comprised 51.2 percent of these hours or 685 sorties for 911 hours. This was a significant increase over the 35.2 percent of flight time devoted to ordnance training the previous six months. The improvement is attributable to the weapons training facilities available at Naha, compared to the necessity for utilizing Korean targets when operating from Iwakuni.
- b. From 14 April through 16 May, the squadron headquarters was located at MCAS Iwakuni. Six officers, nineteen enlisted and five aircraft were located at Naha, Okinawa as part of AIPHADET-12, the weapons training detachment of MAG-12.
- c. On 8-9 May, the squadron successfully completed an NTPI, recertifying VMA-211 as a special weapons ready squadron. Four loading teams as well as administrative records and operational procedures were examined and found to be in compliance with all existing directives.
 - d. Ordnance delivered 1 January 16 May 1972:

Bomb,	Practice	Mk-76		1184
11	11	M_{k-106}	_	363
11	#1	Mk-104		- 23
Bomb,	Mk-82		_	326
11	Mk-83		<u>-</u>	18
11	Mk-84		-	2
Firebomb, Mk-77				52
Round	, 20MM		- 2	2,500
	t, 2.75"		· · ·	1442
11	5.0"			188



Two airdraft accidents occurred during this period with one fatality.

3. 17 May - 30 June 1972:

a. On 17 May 1972, VMA-211 moved 16 aircraft from Iwakuni and Naha to Bien Hoa AB, RVN. The squadron had been absent from Vietnam for only two years and two months.

b. Combat operations began on 18 May. On 18, 19 and 20 May most pilots received area familiarization hops in the right seat of USAF A-37 Dragonflies of the 8th Special Operations Squadron. Each pilot's second sortie was flown in a section of A-4's on a combined mission with a section of A-37's. The squadron flew a total of 819 combat sorties as of 30 June 1972 for a 1019.4 combat hour total. All were CAS/DAS missions in MR III and MR IV, and Cambodia.

c. LtCol D. G. RANNEY relieved LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR, as Commanding Officer on 23 May 1972.

d. Ordnance delivered 18 May - 30 June 1972:

Bomb,	Mk-81		204
, #	Mk-82	-	4547
11	Mk-83		27
18	CBU-24	•	159
ROCKEY E		-	6
Round	, 20MM	- 2	1,357
Rocket	2.75"	**	864
11	5.0"	-	1237

Bomb damage assessment for 18 May - 30 June 1972:

Killed by air Wounded by air Bunkers

(234) confirmed, (77) probable

(50) confirmed

(85) plus (1) complex destroyed,

(9) damaged

Fortified fighting positions - (60) destroyed, (34) damaged



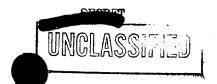
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(2) destroyed Foxholes (91) destroyed, (38) damaged Structures (16) destroyed Gun positions (10) destroyed Mortar positions (25) destroyed, (1) damaged (6) destroyed, (3) damaged Sampans Trucks (3) destroyed, (2) damaged Bridges (1) destroyed Supply areas (2) destroyed RPG-2 Rocket launchers (1) damaged AAA Sites (1) destroyed Ford (100)Secondary Explosions (29)Sustained Fires

- f. Battle damage sustained totaled (1) drop tank and (1) MER-7, slightly damaged.
 - g. There were no aircraft accidents or incidents during this period.





PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

14 January - Deployment to NAF Naha, Okinawa

14 April - Return to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan

8-9 May - Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection

17 May - Deployment to Bien Hoa AB, RVN

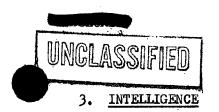
23 May - Change of Command ceremony, LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR, relieved by LtCol D. G. RANNEY

2. PERSONNEL

a. Promotions:

- (1) Ten PFC's to Lance Corporal
- (2) Thirty-five Lance Corporals to Corporal
- (3) Thirty Corporals to Sergeant
- (4) Two Sergeants to Staff Sergeant
- (5) Three Staff Sergeants to Gunnery Sergeant
- (6) One Gunnery Sergeant to Master Sergeant
- (7) One Master Sergeant to Master Gunnery Sergeant
- (8) One Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant
- (9) Five First Lieutenants to Captain
- b. The average total strength of the squadron was 178.
- c. An average of 10 personnel were TAD each month.
- d. AWARDS: Two Distinguished Flying Crosses and eighteen Air Medals were recommended. Five pilots were also recommended to receive Crosses of Gallantry for action in support of the defense of An Loc.





a. Prior to the present deployment, the S-2 section worked primarily in the area of security. The following actions were initiated/completed or assigned:

Six local records checks
Three background investigations
Eleven Secret clearances
Seven Top Secret clearances
Four Interim Top Secret clearances

Forty-seven persons were screened for the Personnel Reliability Program and access badges were issued for use at the MWWU compound. One man was removed from the reliability program for administrative reasons and one was placed on probation.

a. Since arriving at Bien Hoa, VMA-211's Intelligence Section was consolidated at group level with, MAG-12 S-2 and VMA-311's S-2. The combined staff conducted daily intelligence briefs for pilots prior to each mission and compiled BDA and intelligence from pilot debriefs.

4. AIR OPERATIONS

a.	Total flight time 1 January - 30 June 1972:	5872.1 hours
b.	Total sorties flown for ordnance training:	685
C.	Total hours flown for ordnance training:	911.0 hours
d.	Total combat sorties flown:	819
e.	Total combat hours flown:	1019.4 hours

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- None -

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