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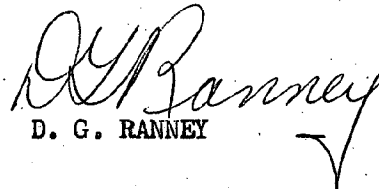
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. UNITCOMMANDER

Marine Attack Squadron Two One One LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR
(17 May - 23 May 1972)

LtCol D. G. RANNEY
(23 May - 31 May 1972)

2. LOCATION

17 May - 31 May 1972 - Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer - Maj L. S. UNDERHILL
17 May - 31 May 1972

Administrative Officer - Capt R. B. HAYNES
17 May - 31 May 1972

Intelligence Officer - Capt J. M. MALONEY
17 May - 31 May 1972

Operations Officer - Maj M. V. GRIFFITH
17 May - 31 May 1972

Logistics Officer - Capt G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN
17 May - 31 May 1972

Maintenance Officer - Capt R. L. GATEWOOD
17 May - 31 May 1972

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
25	155	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Having been absent from combat operations only two years and two months, VMA-211 moved from MCAS Iwakuni, Japan to Bien Hoa AB, RVN on 17 May 1972.
2. Combat operations began on 18 May. On 18, 19 and 20 May most pilots received area familiarization flights 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-4E's on a combined mission with a section of A-37's. The squadron flew a total of 172 combat sorties as of 31 May for a total of 235.0 combat hours. All hops were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR III, MRIV and the Khymer Republic.
3. LtCol D. G. RANNEY relieved LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR as Commanding Officer on 23 May 1972.
4. Ordnance delivered 17 May - 31 May 1972:

Bomb, Mk-81	-	182
" Mk-82	-	814
" CBU-24	-	24
2.75" FFAR	-	153
5. Bomb damage assessments for May:

Bunkers	-	(8) plus one complex destroyed
Fortified Fighting Positions	-	(4) destroyed, (7) damaged
SStructures	-	(39) destroyed, (14) damaged
Gun Positions	-	(5) destroyed
Sampans	-	(4) destroyed
Supply Areas	-	(1) destroyed
RPG-2 Rocket Launchers	-	(2) destroyed
Killed By Air	-	(130) confirmed, (50) probable
Wounded By Air	-	(50) confirmed
Secondary Explosions	-	(19)
Fires	-	(6)
6. Battle damage sustained totaled (1) drop tank and (1) MER-7, both slightly damaged.
7. There were no aircraft accidents or incidents during this period.

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0003A21372PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

17 May - Deployment to Bien Hoa AB, RVN

23 May - Change of Command ceremony, LtCol W. E. WILSON, JR,
relieved by LtCol D. G. RANNEY2. PERSONNEL

a. Promotions

(1) Three PFC's to LCpl

(2) Two LCpl's to CPL

(3) One Sgt to SSgt

(4) One SSgt to GySgt

b. The average total strength of the squadron was 180.

3. INTELLIGENCE

Since arriving at Bien Hoa, VMA-211's Intelligence Section has been consolidated at group level with MAG-12 S-2 and VMA-311 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: 328.9

b. Total sorties: 231

c. Total combat hours: 235.0

d. Total combat sorties: 172

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

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