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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. UNITCOMMANDER

Marine Attack Squadron Two One One - LtCol D. G. RANNEY

2. LOCATION

Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	-	Maj W. F. HORNER
Administrative Officer	-	Capt F. M. RIVERS
Intelligence Officer	-	Capt J. M. MALONEY
Operations Officer	-	Maj M. V. GRIFFITH
Logistics Officer	-	Capt G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN
Maintenance Officer	-	Capt R. L. GATEWOOD

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
23	153	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During August, VMA-211 continued to conduct combat operations from Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam.
2. The month of August began and ended with rocket attacks on Bien Hoa. The first attack, which began at 0525, 1 August, resulted in our first, and to date, only casualty of the present deployment. Cpl Luis ALONZO was killed in the initial volley of rockets as he was assisting in the setting up of the pay line for the off-going night crew. The second attack resulted in no injuries to personnel but three squadron aircraft were damaged by shrapnel. Two aircraft suffered only minor damage while CF-17, Bureau Number 150070, received CHARLIE damage.
3. Of 973.4 hours flown in August, 772 sorties for 946.2 hours were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR III and MR IV, Republic of Vietnam and in the Khymer Republic. This represents the highest monthly total since May 1969, when the squadron was located at Chu Lai, RVN.
4. Ordnance delivered in August:
 

Bomb, Mk-81	-	2,172
" , Mk-82	-	2,200
" , Mk-83	-	86
" , Mk-84	-	36
Rockets, 5"	-	878
Rounds, 20MM	-	33,466
Tonnage	-	1,005
Poundage	-	2,010,782.8

## 5. Bomb damage assessments for August:

Killed By Air	-	37		
Wounded By Air	-	8		
Fortified Fighting Positions	-	109	Destroyed, 53	Damaged
Structures	-	67	" , 47	"
Bunkers	-	86	" , 17	"
Sampans	-	15	" , 5	"
Trucks	-	2	" , 7	"
Tanks	-	3	" , 1	"

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Bridges	-	3 Destroyed, 9 Damaged
AAA Sites	-	1 "
Gun Positions	-	5 " , 4 Damaged
Supply Caches	-	4 "

One Tunnel Destroyed  
 " Base Camp Destroyed  
 " Training Area Destroyed  
 " Medical Section Destroyed  
 " Supply Dump Destroyed  
 " Fire Base Destroyed  
 " CP Damaged

Eighty-nine Secondary Explosions  
 Seventeen Sustained Fires

6. There was one squadron aircraft which sustained battle damage. CF-01, Bureau Number 151036, was hit by a .51 calibre heavy machinegun round while recovering from a dive bombing run. The wing fuel cell was severely damaged but the pilot diverted safely into Binh Thuy airfield. The aircraft was flown back to Bien Hoa the following day.

7. There were no aircraft accidents in August.

8. Comparison with July:

- a. Flight time was UP 14% - (64.9 hours)
- b. Sorties were UP 19% - (39 sorties)
- c. Ordnance delivered was DOWN 37% - (371.7 tons)
- d. BDA: KBA - DOWN 75%  
 FFP - UP 100%  
 Structures - DOWN 50%  
 Sampans - DOWN 50%

The general decrease in BDA for August is only partially attributable to the decrease in ordnance delivered since target availability is such a difficult quantity to measure.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 August - Rocket Attack: Cpl Luis ALONZO, KIA
- 6 August - Two NVA Tanks Destroyed, by 1/Lt J. S. KELLY
- 13 August - NVA Tank Destroyed, by LtCol D. G. RANNEY
- 31 August - Rocket Attack: Three aircraft damaged, no casualties

2. PERSONNEL

## a. Promotions:

- (1) One PFC to Lance Corporal
- (2) One Corporal to Sergeant

b. The average total strength of the squadron was 176.

c. Awards

Fourteen Air Medals (Strike/Flight) were recommended in August. 1stLt R. E. PETERSON was recommended for a Single Mission Air Medal. The following medals were awarded:

AIR MEDAL (Strike/Flight) - Capt G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN  
1stLt A. E. BAUMAN III  
Capt J. P. BLAND  
1stLt D. R. EISENBREY  
Capt G. L. EISERT

NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL - MSgt P. H. HENDRICKS

3. INTELLIGENCE

VMA-211's S-2 continued to function at group level, having been consolidated with VMA-311's and MAG-12's Intelligence Sections.

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003A245724. AIR OPERATIONS

a. Total flight time: (1 Aug - 31 Aug)	973.4 Hours
b. Total Sorties:	787
c. Combat Hours:	946.2 Hours
d. Combat Sorties:	772
e. Ordnance Delivered:	1,005 TONS

PART IVSUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- NONE -

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