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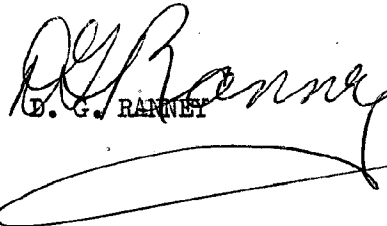
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY (U)

1 October 1972 - 31 October 1972

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)1. (U) UNIT

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

2. (U) LOCATION

Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam

3. (U) 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. (C) AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
24	135	0	0

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1. (U) During October, VMA-211 continued to conduct combat operations from Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam.
2. (U) Of 945.8 hours flown in October, 794 sorties for 915.5 hours were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR III and MR IV, Republic of Vietnam and in the ~~Khmer~~ Republic.
3. (U) In continuation of a program begun in September, the squadron increased its proficiency in maintenance and use of the CP-741/A Weapons Release Computer. Less than one third of VMA-211's pilots had any previous experience with the CP-741 and virtually none of the systems were in an operational status when the program began. By 10 October all squadron pilots had received lectures and completed the three hops specified by MCO P3500.8, Aviation Training and Readiness Manual for qualification in use of the computer. Simultaneously, two of the squadron's avionics men, through self-study and on-the-job training, managed to have an average of ten aircraft with functioning computers available for the morning launch each day in October.

The benefit of this program goes much further than simply boosting the competence of some avionics technicians or adding another aspect to the professional competence of some pilots. The Weapons Release Computer, when properly maintained and intelligently utilized, offers a weapons delivery method with both high accuracy and large stand-off distances. This is an especially valuable asset against a target heavily defended by large caliber AAA guns. This squadron has not sustained battle damage to any of its aircraft since the initiation of this program, despite an increase in the number of sorties flown in the vicinity of the Quan Loi airfield, an area of known 37MM and 23MM AAA threats as well as numerous .51 caliber machine guns.

4. (U) Ordnance delivered in October:

Bomb, Mk-81	-	1326
" , Mk-82	-	2971
" , Mk-83	-	345
Rockets, 5"	-	1249
Rounds, 20MM	-	34,529

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Poundage - 2,428,228.7
Tonnage - 1,214.1 Tons

5. (C) Bomb damage assessments for October:

Killed by air	-	45 confirmed	6 probable
Structures	-	152 destroyed	72 damaged
Bunkers	-	188 destroyed	19 damaged
Sampans	-	6 destroyed	2 damaged
Vehicles	-	2 destroyed	1 damaged
Gun Positions	-	12 destroyed	4 damaged
Fortified fighting positions	-	80 destroyed	42 damaged
Supply caches	-	11 destroyed	
Bridges	-	2 destroyed	4 damaged
Tunnels	-	2 destroyed	

20 meters trenchline destroyed
2 roads cut
1 barbedwire obstacle destroyed
1 observation post destroyed
170 secondary explosions
23 sustained fires

6. (U) There was no battle damage sustained during October.

7. (U) There were no aircraft accidents and five incidents.

8. (U) At 0505H, 22 October, Bien Hoa AB received approximately 60 rounds of incoming 122MM rockets. No casualties were sustained by squadron personnel and there was no damage to any aircraft.

9. (C) Comparison with September, 1972:

- a. Flight time was up 10.5 percent (83.2 hours)
- b. Sorties were up 8.5 percent (86 sorties)
- c. Ordnance delivered was up 44 percent (372.7 tons)

d. Eight sorties were cancelled for weather vice seventy-eight in September. Three sorties were cancelled for maintenance vice nine in September.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

1. (U) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

21 October - Rocket attack on Bien Hoa AB, at 0505H

2. (U) PERSONNEL

- a. Promotions: 4 PFC's to LCPL
4 CPL's to SGT

One combat promotion to SSgt was recommended.

- b. The average total strength of the squadron was 159.

c. AWARDS

Two Distinguished Flying Crosses and seven Air Medals were recommended in October.

The following medals were awarded:

Good Conduct Medal - SSgt NOEL
Sgt BEDARD
Sgt BUELL
Sgt KOTEK
Cpl BATES
Cpl KRIVACH
Cpl NURKEWICZ
Cpl STRICKLAND

3. (U) 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.

4. (U) AIR OPERATIONS

- a. Total Flight Time - 945.8
b. Total Sorties - 817
c. Combat Flight Hours - 915.5

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d. Combat Sorties - 794
e. Ordnance Delivered - 1,214.1 tons

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (U)

-NONE-

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