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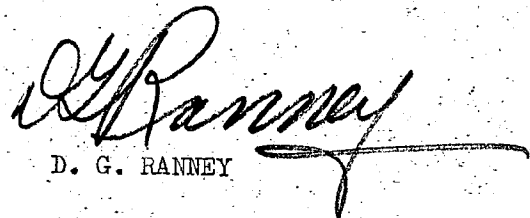
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1972 - 31 December 1972

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA (U)1. (U) UNITCOMMANDING OFFICER

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

- Major W. F. HORNER

Administrative Officer

- Captain S. T. SUNDERMAN

Intelligence Officer

- Captain J. M. MALONEY

Operations Officer

- Major M. V. GRIFFITH

Logistics Officer

- Captain G. A. AMPAGOOMIAN

Maintenance Officer

- Captain R. L. GATEWOOD

4. AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERS ENLISTEDOFFICERS ENLISTED

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY (S)

1. (U) During December, VMA-211 continued to conduct combat operations from Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam.
2. (U) Of 967.1 hours flown in December, 761 sorties for 937.7 hours were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR II, MR III, and MRIV, Republic of Vietnam and in the Khmer Republic. There were no combat sorties flown on 25 December.
3. (U) Enemy activity directed toward Bien Hoa AB consisted of five attacks by fire. On 1, 4 and 15 December and twice on 16 December, the base received small volleys of incoming 122 and 107 MM rockets. No damage or casualties were suffered by VMA-211.

4. (U) Ordnance delivered in December:

Bomb, Mk-81	-	3531
" , Mk-82	-	2350
Rounds, 20MM	-	10,117
Poundage	-	2,171,701.6
Tonnage	-	1,685.8

5. (S) Bomb damage assessments for December:

Killed By Air	-	209 Confirmed
Structures	-	102 destroyed, 35 damaged
Bunkers	-	210 " , 47 "
Sampans	-	9 " , 1 "
Trenchline	-	960 meters destroyed
Supply Caches	-	5 destroyed, 1 damaged
Bridges	-	2 destroyed; 3 damaged
Fortified Fighting Positions	-	130 destroyed, 33 damaged
Foxholes	-	56 " , 2 "
Trucks	-	3 " , 2 "
Spider Holes	-	8 "
55 Gal Drums	-	15 "
.51 Cal Positions	-	3 "
Rice	-	800 pounds destroyed
Tents	-	4 destroyed
132 secondary explosions	/	One water tower destroyed
20 sustained fires	/	One dock destroyed
One mortar position destroyed		
25 foot of tunnels destroyed		

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

1. (U) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 December - Rocket Attack
4 " - " "
15 " - " "
16 " - " "

2. (U) PERSONNEL

a. Promotions: 1 PFC to LCPL
1 LCPL to CPL

b. The average total strength of the squadron was 150.

c. AWARDS

Four SINGLE MISSION AIR MEDALS, nineteen AIR MEDALS (STRIKE/FLIGHT AWARDS), one NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, and one NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL were recommended in December.

The following medals were awarded:

VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY, W/BRONZE STAR

Captain G.A. AMPAGOOMIAN
First Lieutenant J.S. KELLY

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Sergeant J.M. LAMP
Corporal J.W. BRIGGS
Corporal T.R. HUCKEY

Meritorious Masts were awarded to Sergeant E.R. GORDON and Corporal R.L. ROBERTSON.

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.

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4. (U) AIR OPERATIONS

- a. Total Flight Time - 967.1 Hours
- b. Total Sorties - 785
- c. Combat Flight Time - 937.7 Hours
- d. Combat Sorties - 761
- e. Ordnance Delivered - 1,085.8 Tons

5. (U) AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

a. General Due to the nonavailability of data for December, in the time frame allowed for this report, all information is for the month of November.

There were 3,744 items processed and 14,945 man hours expended in direct support of flight operations. Man hours/flight hours were 16.4.

b. The high usage items were:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MAN HOURS</u>
(1) AN/ASQ-17 Electrical package	93	267
(2) J-52 Engine	14	92
(3) Wheel Brake Assembly	53	81
(4) Left hand aileron	12	81
(5) AWRS	36	13

c. Not operationally ready, Supply items (NORS) (high five items):

- (1) Displacement Gyro - 5
- (2) Temperature Control Switch 4
- (3) Attitude Indicator - 3
- (4) EGT Indicator - 2
- (5) LOX Receptacle - 2

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d. Operational Readiness

- (1) OPREADY - 88.6%
- (2) NORM - 8.1%
- (3) NORS - 3.3%

e. Comments

- 1. Operational readiness was well above the Wing standard of 72%
- 2. The NORS rate continued to show the definite decrease of the last six months.
- 3. The high amount of Letg Hand Aileron repair items was excess.

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