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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1973 - 31 January 1973

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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 M.C. ABAJIAN

Maintenance Officer

- Captain R.M. DONAGHY

4. (U) AVERAGE STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFFICERSENLISTED

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OFFICERSENLISTED

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY (S)

1. (U) During January, VMA-211 continued to conduct combat operations from Bien Hoa AB, Republic of Vietnam.
2. (U) Of 860.4 hours flown in January, 683 sorties for 785.6 hours were flown on CAS/DAS missions in MR III and MRIV in the Republic of Vietnam and in the Khmer Republic. There were no combat sorties flown on 1 January. The last combat sorties were flown on 27 January.
3. (U) Enemy activity directed toward Bien Hoa AB consisted of 3 attacks by fire. On 4, 22 and 26 January, the base received volleys of incoming 107MM and 122MM rockets. No damage or casualties were suffered by VMA-211.
4. (U) On 29 January all squadron aircraft departed Bien Hoa AB commencing retrograde to MCAS Iwakuni. All aircraft arrived at Iwakuni on 30 January. Retrograde of all squadron assets was completed on 2 February. The facility with which the retrograde execution was effected is considered worthy of mention in that the ease of movement was due, in large measure, to the availability and use of CONEX boxes.
5. (U) Ordnance delivered in December:

Bomb, MK-81	-	2,334
Bomb, MK-82	-	2,967
Bomb, MK-83	-	3
Rounds, 20MM	-	10,000
Poundage	-	2,080,000
Tonnage	-	1040
6. (S) Bomb damage assessments for January:

Killed by air	-	426
Structures	-	105 destroyed, 39 damaged
Bunkers	-	431 destroyed, 69 damaged
Fortified Fighting Positions	-	219 destroyed, 31 damaged

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Tunnels	-	2 destroyed
.51 Cal Positions	-	6 destroyed
Secondary Explosions	-	32
Roads Cut	-	2
Trenchline Destroyed	-	560 meters
Roads Destroyed	-	300 meters
Tanks	-	1 destroyed, 4 damaged
Sampans	-	13 destroyed, 1 damaged
Sustained Fires	-	38
Secondary Fires	-	2
Ammunitions Caches	-	3 destroyed
Bridges	-	3 damaged
Trucks	-	11 destroyed, 8 damaged
Pier	-	1 destroyed
Supply Caches	-	3 destroyed
Spider holes	-	3 destroyed
60MM Mortar	-	1 destroyed
82MM Mortar	-	1 destroyed
Lambrettas	-	3 destroyed

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS (U)

1. (U) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- 27 January - Ceased combat operations
- 29 January - Aircraft departed Bien Hoa
- 31 January - Aircraft arrived Iwakuni

2. (U) PERSONNEL

- a. Promotions: 2 CPL to SGT
- b. Reenlistments: 2 First
2 Career

c. AWARDS

Two DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSSES, four SINGLE MISSION AIR MEDALS, eighteen AIR MEDALS (STRIKE/FLIGHT AWARDS), two NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS and three NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS were recommended in January.

The following medals were awarded:

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Staff Sergeant E.E. VONDENKAMP
Gunnery Sergeant J.L. BOWEN
Sergeant M.B. MATHIAS
Corporal J.D. TOBIAS
Corporal R.W. ROBERTS
Corporal J. OLIVAS
Sergeant G.G. HALL
Staff Sergeant R.M. BROWN
Gunnery Sergeant J.S. JAMES

Meritorious Masts were awarded to Gunnery Sergeant C.F. BEMIS, Sergeant J.D. PHOEBUS and Sergeant R.D. CLICK.

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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003A002734. (U) AIR OPERATIONS

a. Total Flight Time - 860.4 Hours
 b. Total Sorties - 722
 c. Combat Flight Time - 785.6 Hours
 d. Combat Sorties - 683
 e. Ordnance Delivered - 1040 Tons

5. (U) AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCEa. GENERAL

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

There were 12,468 items processed and 15,064.7 man hours expended in direct support of flight operations. Man hours/flight hours were 15.6.

b. The high usage items were:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>MAN HOURS</u>
AN/ASQ-17 Electrical Package	122	354.2
Wheel Brake Assembly	46	91.5
AWRS	27	65.6
AFCS	25	76.7
EGT Indicator	23	59.7

c. High NORS items information is not available due to a Data Processing error which caused all ASD machine reports to be inaccurate.

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d. Operational Readiness:

(1) OPREADY	-	86.8%
(2) NORM	-	11.4%
(3) NORS	-	1.8%

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