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Marine Air Control Group-18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force Pacific
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period of 1 January to 31 January 1968.

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period of 1 January to 31 January 1968.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA3:HLH:jal
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1. (U) Command and Staff.

a. LtCol Marshall J. TREADO	Commanding Officer	5 Aug 67
b. Maj Robert F. HALLETT	Executive Officer	16 Dec 67
c. 1stLt Gerard T. NEELY	S-1/Adjutant	27 May 67
d. Maj Harold L. HUNTER	S-2/3 Officer	16 Dec 67
(1) Capt James C. BROWN	Asst S-3/Liaison Officer	27 Dec 67
(2) Capt John R. MOORE	Asst S-3 Recon/Liaison Off.	28 Jan 68
(3) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	Asst S-3 Training Officer	13 Jan 68
(4) 1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN	Asst S-2/NBC Officer	15 Jan 68
(5) 1stLt Robert B. GARNER	Asst S-3 Officer	24 Jan 68
e. Capt Joseph B. SMITH	S-4 Officer	16 Dec 67
(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS	Asst. S-4 Officer	19 Jan 68
(2) Capt Frank K. TURNER	Supply Officer	1 Nov 67
(3) 1stLt Penny W. LANE	Asst Supply Officer	6 Dec 67
(4) WO-1 Anthony J. LIMANNI	Asst Supply Officer	28 Jul 67
(5) 1stLt Fredrick W. SEBLOW	Motor Transport Officer	1 Jun 67
(6) WO-1 James J. JOY	Motor T. Maint. Officer	29 Apr 67
(7) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE	Maint. Plt. Cmdr.	16 Dec 67
f. 1stLt Stephen P. THURST	Communications Officer	28 Oct 67
g. Capt Alan D. PETTIT	CO. H&S Battery	28 Dec 67
(1) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI	XO H&S Battery	22 Jan 68
(2) 1stLt Elton R. BROWN III	OIC AFU "E"	8 Dec 67
(3) 1stLt Ronald E. BALSKE	Maint. Officer AFU "E"	1 Oct 67
h. Capt Richard M. PETROWSKI	CO. Battery "A"	2 Nov 67
(1) Capt Charles B. LORCH	Firing Plt. Cmdr	27 Dec 67
(2) WO-1 Era T. SMITH Jr.	Support Plt. Cmdr	2 Dec 67
i. Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN	CO. Battery "B"	4 Oct 67
(1) 1stLt James F. CHAPMAN	Support Plt. Cmdr	18 Mar 67
(2) 1stLt Marvin L. JACKSON	Firing Plt. Cmdr	29 Dec 67
j. Capt Alexander E. LANCASTER Jr.	CO. Battery "C"	8 Jan 68
(1) Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER	Firing Plt. Cmdr	16 Nov 67
(2) 1stLt Ralph C. SCHMIDT	Support Plt Cmdr	2 Oct 67
k. Naval Officers		
(1) Lt Thomas M. O'NEILL	Battalion Surgeon	24 Jun 67
(2) Lt James R. PARDEW	Battalion Chaplain	31 Jan 68

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57502. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location:

H&S Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT 005749	15 Feb 65
"A" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 946922	21 Aug 66
"B" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT 093837	01 Sep 65
"C" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 972737	26 Mar 65
AFU "E" H&S Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 970620	22 Aug 66

3. (C) Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 31 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 519 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 11 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

- (1) 22 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 236 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 11 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

- (1) 3 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 116 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

- (1) 3 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 72 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

- (1) 3 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 95 Enlisted (USMC)

4. (U) Important Visitors. On 8 January 1968, Major General Mc CUTCHEON and Col TOPP visited Battery "C". On 9 January 1968, Major General Mc CUTCHEON and Col TOPP visited hill 647 to check MACS-4 and Battery "B". On 10 January 1968, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General CHAPMAN, Lieutenant General CUSHMAN, and Major General ANDERSON toured Battery "B". On 13 January 1968, Senator Stephen YOUNG (D-Ohio) visited AFU "E".

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of January all batteries continued camp improvement while maintaining their capabilities to engage in Anti-Air Warfare. Emphasis was placed on improving HAWK operational areas and strengthening the ground defense.

Total vehicle mileage for January 1968 was 41,360 miles.

On 3 January 1968, Private Camilo HERRERA of "A" Battery was injured by the explosion of an ammunition can. The can, containing four (4) fragmentation grenades, two (2) illumination grenades, two (2) pop-up flares, and one (1) bandoleer of 7.62 mm ammunition, was crushed after being backed over by a truck. After the truck pulled away the can ignited. PVT. HERRERA, seeing the danger, attempted to kick the can over the side of the hill, but the explosion occurred first injuring him with fragmentation wounds on the right side of the head and abdomen. He was immediately Medivaced. PVT HERRERA acting in the line of duty committed an act of heroism, and is being nominated for the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

On 8 January 1968, Captain A.E. LANCASTER Jr. relieved Captain J.T. REED as Commanding Officer of "C" Battery.

On 14 January 1968, "C" Battery held a dedication service for their new Chapel.

On 31 January 1968, Lt. James R. PERDEW was assigned as Battalion Chaplain replacing 1LT. Lawrence J. BENTLEY who departed for CONUS on 25 January 1968.

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1. (C) Enemy Action

a. On 30 January 1968, at or about 0135, "A" Battery received approximately twenty four (24) incoming rounds of 82 mm mortar fire. Eight (8) Marines and one (1) sentry dog were wounded. Damage to the Battery included: One (1) launcher control unit damaged, fourteen (14) missiles damaged, eight (8) missile cans damaged, two (2) data cables damaged, one (1) space heater damaged, one (1) head was completely destroyed and one (1) living hut damaged. After the barrage was lifted, a sapper team supported by small arms fire attempted to penetrate the ground defense. Damage to the Battery included: three (3) missiles destroyed and one (1) launcher with launcher unit destroyed. There were two (2) confirmed North Vietnamese KIA. Ordnance and material recovered from the enemy included: ten (10) assorted satchel charges (field made), fifteen (15) Chinese Communist grenades, one (1) B-50 rocket with propellant, one (1) dud 82 mm mortar round, two (2) wire cutters (American made), ten (10) assorted hats and headresses, three (3) NVA web belts, five (5) assorted baskets used for transporting ordnance, and one (1) North Vietnamese flag.

b. On 30 January 1968, H&S Battery, at or about 0320, received incoming rockets (122 mm). The S-1 office was completely obliterated. There were no WIA's.

c. On 30 January 1968, at "C" Battery, at or about 0320, post # 1 and post # 3 received one mortar round each. No injuries or damages resulted.

d. On 31 January 1968, at or about 0330, approximately thirty (30) 82 mm rounds landed between "A" Battery and the village of Hai Van. No damage or injuries resulted from this action.

2. (C) Casualties

a. Sgt KUBES, T.E. Multiple shrapnel wounds, both legs. Evacuated to USN Hospital, Guam. Condition and prognosis is good.

b. Sgt DEUGENIO, C.P. Penetrating shrapnel wounds, both legs. Evacuated to USN Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan. Condition and prognosis is good.

c. Sgt WILSON, H.M. Penetrating shrapnel wounds, right hand and right foot. Evacuated to USN Hospital, Guam. Condition and prognosis is good.

d. Cpl RUTLEDGE, M.N. Multiple shrapnel wounds, left arm. Evacuated to USAF Hospital, Kue, Okinawa. Condition and prognosis is good.

e. Cpl PATTON, R.R. Superficial laceration, right middle finger. Patient was treated and released to full duty.

f. Cpl BLAIR, B.R. Penetrating shrapnel wounds, right foot and left leg. Patient treated and released to full duty.

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3. LCol WARD, D.V. Penetrating shrapnel wounds, left eye and left arm. Patient treated and released to full duty.

4. LCol JONES, L.R. Penetrating shrapnel wound, neck. Patient treated and released to full duty.

i. Pvt HERRERA, C. Penetrating shrapnel wound. Evacuated to USN Hospital, Guam.

j. Cpl PERKINS, R.L. Infectious Hepatitis. Evacuated to NSA Hospital, Cam Ranh Bay.

5. (U) Civic Action. During the month of January 1968, the following was accomplished.

a. The Battalion Surgeon treated eighty five (85) MEDCAPS.

b. Approximately 350 lbs of food was delivered to Sacred Heart Orphanage, DaNang.

c. Approximately 75 lbs of candy was given to Than Duc School to be used in the TKT celebration.

d. Personnel of the 1st LAAM Bn. contributed \$ 130.00 to the China Beach Orphanage for the support of thirteen (13) Vietnamese orphans.

e. Five (5) students at the Sacred Heart School Orphanage continue to receive General WAHT scholarship assistance through the sponsorship of 1st LAAM Bn.

f. English classes for Vietnamese have been held regularly throughout the month of January at Than Duc, Tam Toi School, and Sacred Heart School Orphanage in DaNang. Approximately ten (10) to fifteen (15) Marines participate in the 1st LAAM Bn. English Instruction Program on a regular basis.

4. (S) Air Defense

a. Five (5) Anti-Air Warfare Exercises were conducted against the Battalion by F 102 and F-4B aircraft on an "as available" basis, resulting in four (4) successfully engaged raids for an engagement rate of 80 % (See Appendix 1).

b. Five hundred forty six (546) aircraft were designated as practice raids. Of these, five hundred twenty two (522) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 95 %.

5. (S) Electronic Countermeasures. On 20 January 1968, "A" Battery experienced jamming from an unknown source. There was no difficulty working through it. It affected the AN/MPQ-35 and the AN/MPQ-39. A message was submitted to the CG, 1st MAW (Attn: C&E Officer).

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10. Camp Improvements

a. At H&S Battery a basketball court is being constructed and the Officer's Club is being renovated. Construction at the new area came to a temporary halt during the month of January 1968.

b. At "A" Battery a basketball/volleyball court was completed. The inside of all heads were painted, and the Staff NCO's installed a water system in their living area.

c. At "C" Battery a new Chapel was built and dedicated on 14 January 1968.

11. Informational Services. Twenty seven (27) Home Town News Releases were forwarded from the Battalion during January 1968.

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PART FOUR
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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Appendix (1), Air Defense Operations Journal. January 1968.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>NO. AIRCRAFT</u>
062018	F-4B	HAWK Run	2
111255	F 102	HAWK Run	1
150832	F 102	HAWK Run	2

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