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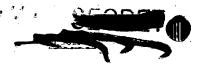
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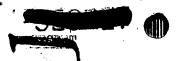
PART ONE ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff

-	- CASE A TO THE TOTAL TWO	0	c	Aug	67
a.		Commending Officer			
b.				Dec	
C.	1stLt Gerard T. WELY	S-1/Adjutant		May	
ď.		S-2/3 Officer		Dec	
				Dec	
	(2) 1stLt Lynn V. WILSON	Asst S-3/Trng Officer	13	Jan	68
-	(3) 1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN	Asst S-2/MBC Officer	15	Jan	68
е.	Capt John R. MOORT	S-4 Officer	28	Peb	68
	(1) fatt t Charles . PERSONS	Asst S-4 Officer	19	Jan	68
	(2) Capt Frank K, TURNER	Supply Officer Asst Supply Officer	1	Nov	67
	(3) 1stLt Bonny W. LANG	Asst Supply Officer	6	Dec	67
	(4) WO-1 Anthony J. LIHLANI	Asst Supply Officer	28	Jul	67
	(5) 1stLt Fredrick W. SELLOW	Motor Transport Officer		Jun	
	(6) WO_1 James J. JOY	Motor Trans Maint Officer			
	(7) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE			Dec	
	2ndLt Tom J. STAFFORD	Maint Plt Cmdr Comm Officer		Feb	
Λ.	Capt Alan D. PRITIT	CO HAS Battery			
క∙	(1) 1stLt Elton R. BRC/N III	OIC AFU "E"	-8	Dec	67
	(2) 1stLt Ronald E. BALSKE	Maint Officer AFU "E"			
1_	Capt Richard M. PETROWSKI	CO Battem WA	2	Nov	67
ΙL	(4) and about a B LORCH	CO Battery "A" KO Battery "A"	27	The	67
	(1) Capt Charles B. LORCH	Firing Plt Cmdr	-1	Feb	58
٠.	(2) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI		2	Dec	67
	(3) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH			Oct	
i.	Capt Joseph W . ROBBERN	CO Battery "B"		Mar	
	(1) 1stLt James F. CHAFMAN				
	(2) 1stLt Marvin L. JACKSON	Firing Plt Cmdr		Dec	
٠.	(3) 1stLt Robert B. GARNER			Feb	
j.	Capt Alexander H. LAMCASTER Jr.	CO Battery "C" Firing Plt Cmdr	8	Jan	68
	(1) Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER	Firing Plt Cmdr	16	Nov	67
•	(2) 1stht Ralph C. SCHMIDT	Support Plt Cmdr	2	Oct	67
	Naval Officers				•
	(1) Lt Thomas 15. O'NELL	Battalion Surgeon	24	Jun	67
	(2) Lt James R. PERDEW	Battalion Chaplain	·31	Jan	68
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- TASK ORGANIZATION and UNIT LOCATION
 - a. Task Organization: N/A
 - b. Unit Location:

EAS	Battery	Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT 005749	15 Feb 65
$u \forall n$	Battery	Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 946922	21 Aug 6 6
uB u	Battery	Coordinates -	(1:50,000)	BT 093837	01 Sep 55
$^{11}\text{C}_{22}$	Battery	Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 972737	26 Mar 65
A.FU	HAS	Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT 970620	27 Aug 66

- 3. Average Monthly Strength
 - a. Total Battalion
 - (1) 30 Officers (USMC) (2) 520 Unlisted (USMC) (3) 2 Officers (USN)
 - (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)
 - b. H&S Battery
 - (1) 19 Officers (USMC) (2) 243 Inlisted (USMC)
 - (3) 2 Officers (USN)
 - (4) 12 Inlisted (USN)
 - c. Battery "A"
 - (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 114 Enlisted (USMC)
 - d. Battery "B"
 - (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 59 Lated (USMC)
 - e. Battery "C"
 - (1) 3 Officers (USMC) (2) 94 Emlisted (USMC)
- 4. Important Visitors. On 15 February 1968, LtCol FARRISH, United States Army, of the 35th Ingineer Bn. visited Battery "A" during a Recon. On 16 February 1966, Brigardier General HISE and Col TOPE visited Battery "B".









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PART TWO HARRATIVAL SUMPARY

On 20 February 1968, Captain THURT, S.P., the Battalion Communications Officer was killed as a result of enemy action when the vehicle in which he was a passenger struck a mine on the road to AFU THE. In commemoration of Captain THURT, the 1st LAIM Bn. officially assumed the responsibility for DO HOANG KHOI, a 7 year old orphan at the China Beach Orphanage and will sponser his welfare and education through high school.

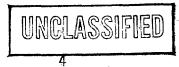
During the month of February 1968, three (3) Battalion vehicles were damaged by mines as a result of enemy action. Six (6) people were wounded as a result of this action and one was killed.

The following facilities have been completed at the 1st LAAM Bn. area: Wash Rack, Motor Transport Operations office, Communications Center, showers and heads, senior BOQ, Engineer Equipment Repair Shop, Welding shop shed, and Power Generator shed,

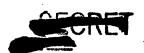
Work is continuing on the Battalion Headquarters and HAS Battery offices and the Anti-Air Operations Center. Work has been initiated on the Chapel, Staff MCO annex, Officer's Club annex. Also the entire cantonement is being graded and covered with rock.

During the month of February 1968, 1stLt GARNER joined Battery "B", 1stLt BGRSENI joined Battery "A" and 2ndLt STAFFORD was assigned as the new Battalion Communications Officer.

Total vehicle mileage for February 1968 was 35,489 miles.









5. (g) Ground Defense.

- a. For ag the month of January 1968, H&S Battery manned their ground defenses for increased protection. The Battery guard was augmented by a Battery Reaction Squad. Bunkers were improved and strengthened.
- With that was cut by infiltrators near posts # 10 and # 17 has been repaired. More trip flares have been installed on the perimeter. Two (2) alternate positions and one secondary position has been constructed.
- c. At "B" Battery site, jungle clearance is progressing slowly. Post # 17 has been completed.
- d. At "C" Battery site, work is continuing on the improvement of the bunkers surrounding the Battery's perimeter. Bunker # 3 was completely moved for better defense affording a greater field of vision.
- 7. Training. During the month of January 1968, training and familiarization firing of newly joined personnel with the appropriate weapons was accomplished.

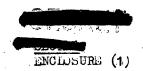
3. (C) Logistics

- a. Three (3) launchers XM78E3 were shipped to CONUS.
- b. One (1) Radar Set AN/MPO-39 was shipped to CUNUS.
- c. One (1) Radar Set AN/MP2-33 was shipped to CONUS.
- d. Thirty three (33) Missile Containers XM430 were shipped to CUNUS.

9. (C) Military Construction

- a. At "A" Battery, the BCC/CDC shelter has been completed with exception of sammongging the top. A shelter has been completed for Bravo section generators. A MRC-83 shelter has been built, as well as a shelter for Bravo high power.
- b. At "B" Battery a crew chief junction box bunker was built and a cenerator maintenance storage shed was completed.
- c. At "C" Battery the open area around the newly constructed storage house for Motor Transport was filled in to prevent erosion. Tire racks have been installed in the Motor Transport area. The bunker for the Communications generator is 50 % complete. New culverts were installed in front of the generator pits and between bunkers # 10 and # 12.







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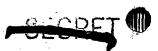
1. Enemy Action

- a. On 1, 3, and 25 February 1958, the DaNang airfield received rocket attacks. No damage to HLS Battery personnel or equipment.
- b. On 5 February 1968, on Route # 1, the Battalion diesel tanker was hit by a command detonated mine at AT 935905. Damage to the truck and personnel was minor and the tanker was driven to the Battalion area. One person was wounded.
- c. On 11 February 1968, "A" Battery jeep was hit by a command detonated mine at AT 933896. Four were wounded. Damage to the vehicle was minor.
- d. On 20 February 1968, Captain THUST, S.P., was killed by an enemy mine while enroute to AFU """. The driver was seriously wounded. The personnel carrier was destroyed.

2. sualties

- a. SSgt HADDOW, K.C. wounded, shrapnel. Lacerated leg and head. Evocuated to Tripler Ceneral Mospital. Hawaii.
- b. LCpl. MINYERD, i.e. infected wound left hand. Evacuated to USNE, Portsmouth, Va.
- c. LCpl. FRITCHTT, R.W. Shrapnel wounds, lacerated face. Evacuated to Camp Drake.
 - d. Capt. THUET, S.F. killed in action, 20 February 1968.
- e. LCpl. KRAUSS, R.A. Shrapnel wound in right cheek and leg. Evacuated to MEA Fospital.
- f. Cpl. Statell, P.R. Puncture, laceration right upper lip. Freated and returned to duty.
- g. Sgt. CONFILLY, T.P. Shrapnel lacerations right cheek. Treated and returned to duty.
 - h. PFC DIEDER, J.L. Shrapnel left leg. Evacuated to MSA Hospital.
- 3. (U) Civic oction. During the month of February 1968, the following was accomplished:
 - a. The Battalion Surgeon treated 493 MEDCAPS.
- b. Five students at the Sacred Heart School Orphanage continue to receive General WALT Scholarship assistance through the aponsorship of the 1st LAAM Bn.
- c. Approx ately 4850 lbs. of food was delivered Heart Orphanage Juring the month of February 1968.

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- d. Personnel of the 1st LAM Bn. contributed \$270.00 to the China Beach Orphanage for the support of 27 Victnamese orphans. Other contributions included: 175 bars of scap, 10 boxes of candy, 12 cartons of matches, 4 box of toys and 1 box of assorted foods.
- e. In commen ration of Captain TEUCT, who was killed on 20 February 1968, the ist LANT Bn. officially assumed the responsibility for DO HOLDE KEOI, a 7 year old orphan at the China Beach Orphanage and will sponsor his welfare and education through high school.

4. Air Defense

a. Four hundred sixty-one (461) aircraft were designated as practice raids. Of these, four hundred forty-one (441) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 95.5%

5. Ground Defense

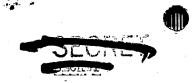
- a. MS Battery continued to improve the defensive posture of the present site while plans are being formulated for defense in the new are.
- b. At Battery "A", 12 more perimeter lights were installed. Also more trip flares were emplaced around the perimeter. Posts # 1 and # 15 were improved and post # 3 was rebuilt. Concertina wire was installed between posts # 1 and # 3. A machine gun position was constructed near post # 2.
 - c. At Battery "B" jungle clearance is progressing slowly.
- d. At Eattery "C" a 50 cal. machine gun bunker was constructed. Vork is continuing on improvement of perimeter bunkers and on secondary positions. Grass and brush in front of bunkers is being burned for better visibility.

6. Training

- a. Battery "A" hold FAM firing of M-14's, shotguns, M-50's and 50 cal. machine guns when the need arose and as new personnel joined the Eattery.
- b. Dattery "B" held all required training during the month of February 1968.
- c. Due to the ground alert status of "C" Battery, only 5 hours of formal GMS instruction was accomplished during the month of February 1968. A total of 25 hours of technical training was accomplished within the various sections during February 1968.
- 7. Logistics. Eleven (11) damaged missiles were prepared for shipment to CONUS.









8. Military Construction

a. At Battery "A" the BCC/CDG shelter sandbagging was completed. Personnel blakers were built behind the 49 building and in the officers living area. The bunkers near the Battery office were improved and sandbagged.

b. At Battery "C" construction on a tower for the B section CCJB was stalled due to lack of materials. Construction on flare bunkers was also stalled due to lack of materials. The old guard shack is being rebuilt to be utilized as the new armory. Also a small ammo bunker is being constructed. On 24 February 1968, the Battalion began construction on an UPS-1B site to augment acquisition capability of the Battalion. Sandbage have been replaced around launcher 2 and "A" HTPTR.

9. Camp Improvements

En At MAS Battery a basketball court is still under construction. The following facilities have been completed at the new area: Wash Rack, Motor Transport Operations office, Communications Center, Showers and heads, Senior BOQ, and 2 Maintenance shops. Work is continuing on the Eattalian Meadquarters, MAS Battery offices and the Anti-Air Operations Center. Work has been initiated on the Chapel, SMCO annex, Officers Club annex. The entire contonement is being graded and covered with rock.

b. At Battery "A", NCB 62 constructed 2 new huts and one personnel bunker. The head near the Battery office was repaired. Lighting was installed in the Staff Club. A hot water shower was improvised. Staircases were constructed from the Motor Transport area to the Messhall and to the Battery office.

c. At Battery "B", one launcher was moved to alpha section to improve capability. Gravel was placed in front of the Motor Transport building to improve drainage.

d. At Battery "C", scroen wire has been replaced or repaired on all living creas.

10. Informational Services

84 Homo Town News Releases were forwarded from the Battalion during February 1968.



