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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff

a. LtCol Marshall J. TREAGO	Commanding Officer	5 Aug 67
b. Maj Robert F. HILLET	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) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	Asst S-3/Trng Officer	13 Jan 68
(3) 1stLt Edward M. NEWMAN	Asst S-2/NBC Officer	15 Jan 68
e. Capt John R. MOORE	S-4 Officer	28 Feb 68
(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS	Asst S-4 Officer	19 Jan 68
(2) Capt Frank K. TURNER	Supply Officer	1 Nov 67
(3) 1stLt Bonny W. LANE	Asst Supply Officer	6 Dec 67
(4) WO-1 Anthony J. LILIANI	Asst Supply Officer	28 Jul 67
(5) 1stLt Fredrick W. SHELOW	Motor Transport Officer	1 Jun 67
(6) WO-1 James J. JOY	Motor Trans Maint Officer	29 Apr 67
(7) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE	Maint Plt Cmdr	16 Dec 67
f. 2ndLt Tom J. STAFFORD	Comm Officer	24 Feb 68
g. Capt Alan D. PRETTIT	CO H&S Battery	28 Dec 67
(1) 1stLt Elton R. BROWN III	OIC AFU "E"	8 Dec 67
(2) 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	XO Battery "A"	27 Dec 67
(2) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI	Firing Plt Cmdr	2 Feb 68
(3) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH	Support Plt Cmdr	2 Dec 67
i. Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN	CO Battery "B"	4 Oct 67
(1) 1stLt James F. CHAPMAN	XO Battery "B"	18 Mar 67
(2) 1stLt Marvin L. JACKSON	Firing Plt Cmdr	29 Dec 67
(3) 1stLt Robert B. GARNER	Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	1 Feb 68
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'NEIL	Battalion Surgeon	24 Jun 67
(2) Lt James R. PERDEN	Battalion Chaplain	31 Jan 68

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2. TASK ORGANIZATION and UNIT LOCATION

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location:

HAS 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 55
"C" Battery Coordinates	(1:50;000)	AT 972737	26 Mar 65
AFU "D" HAS Coordinates	(1:50;000)	AT 970620	27 Aug 66

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 30 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 520 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

b. HAS Battery

- (1) 19 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 243 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

- (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 114 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

- (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 69 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

- (1) 3 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 94 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors. On 15 February 1968, LtCol PARRISH, United States Army, of the 35th Engineer Bn. visited Battery "A" during a Recon. On 16 February 1968, Brigadier General HISE and Col TOPE visited Battery "B".

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 20 February 1968, Captain THUET, 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 BBN. In commemoration of Captain THUET, the 1st LAAM 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 BOC, Engineer Equipment Repair Shop, Welding shop shed, and Power Generator shed.

Work is continuing on the Battalion Headquarters and H2S Battery offices and the Anti-Air Operations Center. Work has been initiated on the Chapel, Staff NCO annex, Officer's Club annex. Also the entire cantonment is being graded and covered with rock.

During the month of February 1968, 1stLt GARNER joined Battery BBN, 1stLt BORSINI joined Battery AA and 2ndLt STANFORD was assigned as the new Battalion Communications Officer.

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

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a. During 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.

b. At "A" Battery site, strengthening the ground defense has continued. Wire 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 perineter. 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.

8. (C) Logistics

a. Three (3) launchers XM78B3 were shipped to CONUS.

b. One (1) Radar Set AN/MPQ-39 was shipped to CONUS.

c. One (1) Radar Set AN/MPQ-33 was shipped to CONUS.

d. Thirty three (33) Missile Containers XM430 were shipped to CONUS.

9. (C) Military Construction

a. At "A" Battery, the BCC/CDG shelter has been completed with exception of sandbagging 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 generator 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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57501. Enemy Action

a. On 1, 3, and 25 February 1968, the DaNang airfield received rocket attacks. No damage to HCS 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, HCS 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 THUET, S.P., was killed by an enemy mine while enroute to AFU "B". The driver was seriously wounded. The personnel carrier was destroyed.

2. Casualties

a. SSgt HADDON, K.C. wounded, shrapnel. Lacerated leg and head. Evacuated to Tripler General Hospital. Hawaii.

b. LCpl. MINYARD, L.R. infected wound left hand. Evacuated to USNH, Portsmouth, Va.

c. LCpl. BRITCHETT, R.W. Shrapnel wounds, lacerated face. Evacuated to Camp Drake.

d. Capt. THUET, S.P. killed in action, 20 February 1968.

e. LCpl. KRAUSS, R.A. Shrapnel wound in right cheek and leg. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

f. Cpl. STACHIL, P.R. Puncture, laceration right upper lip. Treated and returned to duty.

g. Sgt. CONNALLY, T.P. Shrapnel lacerations right cheek. Treated and returned to duty.

h. PFC DIEMER, J.L. Shrapnel left leg. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

3. (U) Civic Action. 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 sponsorship of the 1st LAAM Bn.

c. Approximately 4850 lbs. of food was delivered to the Sacred Heart Orphanage during 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 Vietnamese orphans. Other contributions included: 175 bars of soap, 10 boxes of candy, 12 cartons of matches, 1 box of toys and 1 box of assorted foods.

e. In commemoration of Captain THUMPT, who was killed on 20 February 1968, the 1st LAM Bn. officially assumed the responsibility for DO HOANG KHAI, 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. MMS Battery continued to improve the defensive posture of the present site while plans are being formulated for defense in the new area.

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 Battery "C" a 50 cal. machine gun bunker was constructed. Work 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" held RAM firing of M-14's, shotguns, M-60's and 50 cal. machine guns when the need arose and as new personnel joined the Battery.

b. Battery "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 COMUS.

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8. Military Construction

a. At Battery "A" the BCC/CDC shelter sandbagging was completed. Personnel bunkers 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. Sandbags have been replaced around launcher 2 and "A" HPIR.

9. Camp Improvements

a. At HCS 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 Battalion Headquarters, HCS Battery offices and the Anti-Air Operations Center. Work has been initiated on the Chapel, SNCO annex, Officers Club annex. The entire cantonment is being graded and covered with rock.

b. At Battery "A", MCB 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", screen wire has been replaced or repaired on all living areas.

10. Informational Services

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

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