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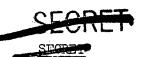


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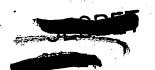


PART ONE ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff

a.	LtCol Morshall J. TREADO	Commanding Officer	5Aug6 7
ħ,	Maj, kobert F. HALLETT	Executive Officer	16Dec67
O _F	latut Edward N. NEWMAN	S_1/Adjutant	12Mar68
	(1) 1stLt William TOWNSLEY III	Asst S-1/Adjutant	25Mar68
do	Maj. Harold L. HUNTER	S-3 Officer	16Dec67
	(1) Capt Alexander E. LANCASTER	Asst S_3/Liaison Office:	r 154pr68
	(2) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	Asst S_3/Trng Officer	13Jan68
-	(3) 1stLt Glenn K. EVANS	Asst S-2 Officer	20Mar68
e.	Maj. George H. EARLE Jr.	S_4 Officer	25Mar68
	(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS	Asst S-4/NBC Officer	19Jan68
	(2) Capt Frank K. JURNER	Supply Officer	1.Nov67
	(3) 1stLt Benny W. LANE	Asst Supply Officer	6Dec67
	(4) Capt James C. BROWN	Motor Transport Officer	18Apr68
	(5) 1st t Fredrick W. SEELOW	Asst Motor T Officer	18Apr68
	(6) WO-1 James J. JOY	Motor T Maint. Officer	1Jun67
	(7) Maj. Richard WHITE	Maint, Plt. Commander	7Mar68
	(8) 1stLt Charles B. IRAKE	Msl. Sys. Maint. Office	ar 6Max68
f,	lstLt Tom J. STAFFORD	Communications Officer	24Feb68
g	Capt Alan D. PETTIE	CO H&S Dattery	28Dec67
	(1) lstLt Elton R. BROWN	OIC ARU "E"	8Dec67
	(2) 1stit Ronald E. BALSKE	Maint, Officer AFU "E"	10ct67
h,	, Capt Vm A, MVITSON III	CO Battery "A"	8Ap r 68
	(1) Capt Charles B. LCRCH	XO Battery "A"	VATPE COT
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	(2) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI	Firing Plt Cmdr	2Feb68
	(3) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH	Support Plt Cmdr	2De c67
i.	Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN	CO Battery "B"	40ct67
	(1) latLi Marvin L. JACKSON	XO Battery 'R"	1Apr68
	(2) latLt Robert B. GARNER	Firing Plt Cmdr	1Apr68
	(3) WO-1 Ed HOWARD	Support Plt Cmdr	27Mex68
j.	Capt John R. MOORE	CO Battery "C"	15Mar68
	(1) Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER	XO Battery "C"	16Nov67
	(2) 1stLt Robert L. DOUP	Firing Plt Cmdr	12Mar68
	(3) 1stLt Ralph C. SCHMIDT	Support Plt Cmdr	20ct67
k.	Toval Officers		د
	(1) Lt Thomas M. O'NEIL	Battalion Surgeon	24Jun67
	(2) Lt James R. PERDEW	Battalion Chaplain	31 Jan 68

- 2. Task Organization and Unit Location
 - a. Task Organization: N/A
 - b. Unit Location:

H&S Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	BT005749	15Feb65
A Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT946922	21Aug66
B Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	BT093837	1Sep65
C Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT972737	26Mar65
AFU "E" H&S Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT970620	27Δυς δό

- 3. Average Monthly Strength
 - a. Total Battalion
 - (1) 33 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 563 Enlisted (USMC)







- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 10 Enlisted (USN)
- b. H&S Battery
 - (1) 21 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 278 Enlisted (USMC)
 - (3) 2 Officers (USN)
 - (4) 10 Enlisted (USN)
- c. Battery "A"
 - (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 111 Enlisted (USMC)
- d. Battery "B"
 - (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 72 Enlisted (USMC)
- e. Battery "C"
 - (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 102 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 4 April 1968, Colonel R.D. BOHN, Commanding Officer 5th Marines, visited Battery "A" as did Lieutenant Colonel PARRISH, USA, Commanding Officer 35th Engineers Battalion. On 17 April Major General ROBERTSON, Commanding General 1st Marine Division visited Battery "A" in preparation for relief of 3rd Battalion 5th Marines. On 26 April Lieutenant General WALT, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Major General W.J. VAN RYZIN, Deputy Commander, 3rd Marine Amphibiors Force, Major General ANDERSON, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and Colonel TOPE, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18, visited Battery "B" for a briefing on the AN/TSQ-57 Fire Distribution Systems.







PART TWO NARRATIVE SUMMARY



On 1 April 1968 the B Battery Coder Decoder Group of the AN/TSQ-57 was emplaced and began operational checks with Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Marine Technical Data System (MTIS). Interface checks with MTIS were continued throughout the month.

On 8 April Captain DAVIDSON assumed command of Battery "A" vice Captain PETROSKI who departed for CONUS on 16 April 1968.

On 10 April First Lieutenant James F. CHAPMAN departed for CONUS.

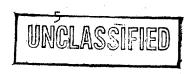
On 16 April Warrant Officer-1 Anthony J. LIMANNI departed for CONUS.

On 18 April Second Lieutenant T.J. STAFFORD was appointed to the rank of First Lieutenant.

On 27 April a team from CBS News was present at H&S Battery. An Anti-Air Warfare Exercise was held while the group was in the Anti-Air Operat ons Central, Films and tapes were made.

On 28 April the CBS team went to Battery "C". Pictures were taken of the continuous wave acquisition and the continuous wave illuminator radars. Other shots included a launcher following the illuminator radar as well as a loader in the process of placing missiles on a launcher. Later, a one minute interview was made with Lt Colonel M.J. TREADO.

Total vehicle milage for April 1968 was 44,019 miles.







L Enemy Action

2. There was no enemy action during the month of April 1968.

2. Casualties

- a. Sgt GONZALES, D.R. Dead on arrival at the lat Medical Battalion. He died from the accidental discharge of his weapon.
- b. Cpl SCHULTZ, R. Lacerations left eye, abrasions right scapula, possible fracture of nose. Evacuated to NSA Hospital. Motor vehicle accident in Hai Van Pass.

3. (U) Civic Action

- c. Five students at Sacred Heart Orphanage School continue to receive General WALT Scholarship assistance through the sponsorship of the 1st LAAM Bn. Also given to Sacred Heart were 5,949 pounds food, 308 gallons of milk and 120 dozen eggs.
- b. Medcaps were conducted in the 1st LAAM Bn Civic Action Area twice weekl. Approximately 60 people were treated each time.
- c. An Innocualtion Program was begun in the 1st LAAM Bn Civic Action Area. So far, 114 Vietnamese have received Plague and Cholera innoculations.
- d. One truck load of scrap lumber and one roll of barbed wire was delivered to the Vietnamese within the lst LAAM Bn Civic Action Area.
- e. Private contributions amounting to \$430.00 were given to the China Beach Orphanage.
- g. On 28 April, a party was held at Battery "C" for the 12 children from the China Beach Orphanage who are being sponsored by Battery "C".

4. Air Defense

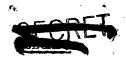
- a. A Battalion record was set in the number of practice raids held during a one month period. One thousand forty three (1043) aircraft were designated as practice raids. Of these, one thousand twenty one (1021) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 98.0%
- b. Twenty one (21) HAWK Raids were held during the month of April. Of these, nineteen (19) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 90.4%.

5. Ground Defense

a. At Battery "A" clearing around the perimeter is continuing. The







Battalion diesel tanker has provided several loads of fuel to effect the burning of the area surrounding posts 3 and 4. Several large rocks were blasted in front of post # 7 improving visibility and fields of fire. This project was completed with the help of the 1st Engineer Battalion. Posts 12 and 15 are being re-sandbagged.

b. At Battery "B" wire laying and jungle clearance is nearly completed along the northern perimeter. Approximately one-third of that perimeter has been burned. A practice ground defense alert for all hands was held on 12 April. A lighting system has been constructed on the perimeter between Battery "B" and MACS-4.

- a, At Battery "C" flame tanks from the 1st Tank Battalion burned the grass around the Battery's perimeter. Stairs leading to the flare bunker were built. The rocket watch tower has been completed. Bunkers 8 and 8A were rebuilt and construction has been started on two additional bunkers.
- d. HAS Battery has built a reactionary force bunker near the HAS Battery Office. The guard room has been moved in conjunction with organizations and administrative changes made in the HAS Battery guard.

6. Training

- a. Battery "A" held 19 hours scheduled technical training and 6 hours GMS classes. Battery "A" also held FAM firing of M-14's, shotguns, M-60's and 50 bal. machineguns when the need arose and as personnel joined the Battery.
- b, Battery "B" held $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours GMS training and 19 hours of technical training.
- c. Battery "C" held 19 hours of technical training and $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours of GMS classes.
- d. HAS Battery held 19 hours of technical training and 12 hours of GMS classes.

7. Logistics

- a. Received twenty five (25) missiles from CONUS.
- b. Received one (1) rebuilt generator # 52300 in damaged condition.
- 2. This month Battalion Supply processed a total of 2,454 requisitions not including electing or serv-mart. Of this number, 1,782 issues were made for a gross effectiveness of 72,6%,

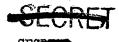
8. Military Construction

a. Battery "A" has completed the following military construction:









The armory has been relocated on the upper level of the hill and the Battery Police Sergeant's shed has been moved to the old armory building.

- b. Battery "B" has torm-down the old Officer/SNCO Club in order to provide a better access to one of the radar positions.
 - c. Battery "C" has constructed a crew chief junction box tower.
- d. H&S Battery has revetted the AN/UPS-1B Radar located at the "C" Battery site.

9. Camp Improvements

- a. Battery "A" has received two new heads from Battalion Supply and put them in use. A new living area for personnel from the generator section is under construction.
- b. Battery "B" has airconditioned and redecorated the Commanding Officer's office.
- c. Battery "C" has erected an outdoor movie screen. A cross was erected in front of the chapel.
- d. H&S Battery has painted the mess hall area and installed new screen doors on the mess hall. Air conditioners have been installed in the Staff NCO and Officer's Clubs. The water tower has been moved to inside the compound.

10. Operations

- a. During the month of April much progress has been made in preparation for the operation of the AN/TSQ-57 Fire Distribution System which will provide an automatic mode of control in lieu of the manual mode presently in use.
- b. On 1 April, the Coder-Decoder Group was fully operational and began chacks with the Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Marine Technical Data System (MTDS). Interface checks with MTDS were continued throughout the month.
- c. On 22 April the AN/ISQ-57 Operations Central (OC) was moved from the area near Weapons System Maintenance to its present position near the Anti-Air Operations Central. After an initial two day delay due to power problems, operational checks were initiated.
- d. On 25 April the OC was connected with the AN/UPS-1B radar in order that synchronization could be effected between the radar and the OC.





Problem areas included the following ineffective equipment. The cathode ray tube and the high veltage power supply in the #1 console failed to operate and the digital marker generator was missing eight cards.

11 Awards

c. Corporal W.V. DORSCHU was awarded Meritorious Mast 3 April 1968.
Lance Corporal R.V. GILLIS was awarded Meritorious Mast 4 April 1968.

12. Informational Services:

- c. One hundred twenty eight (128) Home Town News Releases were forwarded from this Battalion during the month of April 1968.
- b. On 27 April a team from CBS News was present at H&S Battery, 1st LAAM Bn. A transient Anti-Air Warfare exercise was held while the group was in the Anti-Air Operations Central. Films and tapes were made.
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13. Special Services

a. A Boxing Smoker was held at 1st LAAM Bn on 27 April 1968.



