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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

## 1. Command and Staff

a. LtCol Marshall J. TREAGO	Commanding Officer	5Aug67
(1) SgtMaj B.A. PARSONS	Sergeant Major	1Dec67
b. Maj Norman P. FITZGERALD, Jr.	Executive Officer	2Jun68
c. Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER	S-1/Adjutant	5Jul68
(1) 1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN, Jr.	Asst S-1/Adjutant	12Mar68
d. Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN, Jr.	S-2/3 Officer	19Jul68
(1) 1stLt Denham B. CLEMENTS	Asst S-3/TrngO	19Jul68
(2) 1stLt William L. TOWNSLEY III	Asst S-3/LiaisonO	5Jul68
e. Maj George H. EARLE, Jr.	S-4 Officer	25Mar68
(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS, Jr.	Asst S-4/EmbarkO	19Jan68
(2) 1stLt Freddie J. FALCOUT	Motor T Officer	19Jun68
(3) CWO-3 Glenford A. NEWTON	Motor T MaintO	19Jun68
(4) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE	Maint Plt Cmdr/Msl Sys MaintO	9Jul68
(5) Capt Frank K. TURNER	Supply Officer	1Nov67
(6) 1stLt Thomas J. GALIA	Asst SupplyO	13Jul68
f. 1stLt Tom J. STAFFORD III	Comm Officer	27Feb68
g. Capt Elton R. BROWN III	CO H&S Battery	7Jul68
(1) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	OIC AFU "E"	7Jul68
(2) 1stLt Gregory P. HOCHSTEIN	Asst OIC AFU "E"	5Jul68
h. Capt William A. DAVIDSON	CO Battery "A"	8Apr68
(1) 1stLt Paul M. COOK	XO Battery "A"	30Jun68
(2) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI III	Firing Plt Cmdr	2Feb68
(3) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH	Support Cmdr	2Dec67
(4) WO-1 Stanley S. MINATOYAWA	Battery Officer	28Jul68

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i. Capt Alan D. PETTIT	CO Battery "B"	30May68
(1) 1stLt Robert B. GARNER	XO Battery "B"	1Apr68
(2) 1stLt Glenn K. EVANS	Firing Plt Cmdr	30May68
(3) CWO-2 Edward C. HOWARD	Support Plt Cmdr	27Mar68
j. Capt John R. MOORE	CO Battery "C"	15Mar68
(1) 1stLt Robert L. DOUP	XO, Firing Plt Cmdr	5Jul68
(2) 1stLt R.G. RAMIREZ	Support Plt Cmdr	20Jun68
k. Naval Officers		
(1) Lt Donald D. HENNING	Battalion Surgeon	21Jun68
(2) Lt James R. PERDEW	Battalion Chaplain	31Jan68

## 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	18Sep65
"C" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT972737	26Mar65
AFU "E" H&S Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT970620	27Aug66

## 3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 30 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 559 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)
- (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&amp;S Battery

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(1) 18 Officers (USMC)

(2) 292 Enlisted (USMC)

(3) 2 Officers (USN)

(4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

(1) 5 Officers (USMC)

(2) 115 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

(1) 4 Officers

(2) 75 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

(1) 3 Officers (USMC)

(2) 97 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 7 July 1968, LtCol B.L. YOUNG, USAF, Major R.M. SMITH, USA, R.A. HIGHGARGER, GS-16 and A.G. WREN, GS-13, visited Sub-Unit 1 of the 1st Radio Battalion at "C" Battery site. On 16 July 1968, Major General Charles J. QUILTER, Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, made his initial visit to the Battalion. General QUILTER presented awards to members of the Battalion, inspected various sections of the Battalion Headquarters and received a general brief by the Battalion Commander. On 20 July 1968, Wing Surgeon Capt R.E. LUETIRIS, USN and LtCmdr B.M. LARRIER, USN, Wing Medical Administrative Officer visited Battery "C". On 26 July 1968, Wing Chaplain Captain L.S. DARKOWSKI, USN, visited AFU "E" on an inspection. On 27 July 1968, Capt R.E. LUETIRIS, USN, and Lt Cmdr LARRIER, USN, visited Battery "A". On 29 July 1968, LtGen BUSE, Commanding General, FMFPAC, Brig General HILL, Assistant Wing Commander, and Brig General ANDERSON, Chief of Staff, III MAF, and Col HUBBARD visited Battery "B".

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 19 July 1968, Capt J.W. ROBBEN assumed duties as Battalion S-3 Officer vice Major R.F. HALLETT who departed for CONUS. Other Battalion assignments during the month of July were: Capt E.R. BROWN became H&S Battery Commander; 1stLt L.W. WILSON became OIC, AFU "E"; Capt C.W. SCHROEDER became the S-1/Adjutant; 1stLt W.L. TOWNSLEY became Asst S-3/Liaison Officer at "Panama"; 1stLt F.J. GALIA joined as Asst Supply Officer; 1stLt G.P. HOCHSTEIN joined as Asst OIC, AFU "E"; WO-1 S.S. MINATOGAWA joined as a Battery Officer at Battery "A"; 1stLt R.L. DOUP became XO, Battery "C".

On 4 July, Capt A.E. LANCASTER departed for CONUS.

On 4 July, 1stLt R.C. SCHMIDT departed for CONUS.

On 5 July, Capt A.J. ENGLISH was transferred to MWHG-1.

On 10 July, Maj R. WHITE departed for CONUS.

On 19 July, Maj R.F. HALLETT departed for CONUS.

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- h. LCpl W.B. WELCH, possible skull fracture. Evacuated to 1st Hosp Co.
- i. MSgt D.D. COMEAU, asthma (chronic) 5020. Evacuated to NSA Hosp.
- j. PVT C.L. WELTER, Retained Fragment in right foot from old wound. Evacuated to CAM RANH BAY.
- k. Sgt M. WARNECKIE, Unlar Nerve Transplant. Evacuated to USS Repose.

3. Civic Action. The Battalion continues to be active in Civil Affairs Projects. In addition to work accomplished through the Civil Affairs Office the following was donated to religious groups in the DaNang area:

- a. The Sacred Heart Orphanage received 25 lbs of clothing, 40 lbs of soap, and 800 lbs of food from the Battalion
- b. The Baptist Center received 150 lbs of clothing.
- c. The China Beach Orphanage received 25 lbs of clothing, \$420.00 in private contributions for the sponsorship of orphan children, and \$93.00 from Protestant and Catholic Chapel funds for the completion of the Captain WELTER Memorial Fund.

3. MEDCAPS were conducted in the 1st LAAM Bn Civic Action Area 3 times each week with a total of 578 persons treated.

#### 4. Air Defense

- a. A new Battalion record was established for the number of practice raids held during a one month period. 1478 aircraft were designated as practice raids in eighty-nine Anti Air Warfare Exercises. Of these, 1476 were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 99.3%.
- b. 12 HAWK raids were held during the month of July. Of these, 9 were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 75%.

#### 5. Ground Defense

- a. H&S Battery is continuing to work on bunker fortifications and perimeter and internal defensive positions. At AFU "E", a refurbishment program was initiated on all bunkers and hardened structures.
- b. "A" Battery's improvements in ground defense has continued with the construction of three secondary positions, rebuilding of post #1, repairing post #6 and #7 and rebuilding of post #16. Trip flares have been set around the perimeter and new wire has been laid in the area of post #7 and post #9. The old wire has been repaired and new wire is being started in the area of post #3.

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c. At Battery "B" site, the fuel bladder on "B" section was covered. Work has continued on reinforcing posts on the N.W. side of the perimeter. The .50 cal. machine gun positions were completed during the month of July.

d. At Battery "C", bunkers 9,10,12 and 18 have been rehabilitated. A secondary Ammo Supply Locker has been built on the lower half of the hill. Defoliation of the perimeter continues.

#### 6. Training

a. H&S Battery held 24 hours of scheduled technical training and 7 hours of GMS classes.

b. Battery "A" held  $7\frac{1}{2}$  hours of scheduled technical training and 5 hours of GMS classes.

c. Battery "B" held 18 hours of scheduled technical training and 23 hours of GMS classes.

d. Battery "C" held 30 hours of scheduled technical training and 4 hours of GMS classes.

#### 7. Logistics

a. The following were received from CONUS:

1. One (1) Shop Van - AN/TSM-41
2. One (1) Shop Van - AN/TSM-42
3. One (1) Shop Van - AN/TSM-43
4. One (1) Shop Van - XM-2E2

b. 60 Missiles XMIM-23A were retrograded to CONUS.

c. Battalion Supply processed 3,327 requisitions not including clothing or Serv Mart items. Of these requisitions, 2,649 were issued from stock which gives a gross effectiveness of 79.6%. This was a slight decrease of .6% from the previous month. Of the total number of requisitions submitted, 392 were for items not previously carried which gives a net effectiveness of 90.3%. This was an increase of .2%.

d. During the month of July, there was marked progress in the mechanization of the battalion's supply account. Seven additional updates were accomplished in July which corrected a majority of the errors in the original program. Approximately 8,500 item record cards were mechanized during the month of July bringing the total to 11,000 mechanized single line item record cards.

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e. The total OpBud obligation for July was \$54,919.79. The total obligations for Project Hotel were \$12,543.24 and \$887.50 was obligated to Project Quebec.

f. Total expenditures for the month of July were \$68,350.53.

g. Total mileage for July was 49,654 miles.

#### 8. Military Construction and Camp Improvement

a. H&S Battery. The Enlisted Club's interior has been remodeled. The 1st LAAM Bn messhall has been relocated in the new 1st LAAM Bn area. The plans for the anticipated move to the new area for billeting are in the final stages.

b. At Battery "A", protective shelters for the Pulse Radar and High Power Illumination Radar have been started. The Motor Transport building has been re-roofed and a patio has been poured at the Staff Club.

c. Battery "B" has completed the construction of the new weight room near the billeting area. The Communications center is in the process of being relocated. The air-raid bunker is nearing completion. The road within the Battery perimeter is being graded and paved.

d. At "C" Battery site the renovation of the Battery Maintenance Shop and the Operations Ready Room have been completed. Launcher #1 has been relocated and a new pad readied. Also, the communications living area has been renovated.

#### 9. Operations

a. In addition to general wire maintenance within the existing compound, Communications Section has installed a new security line to facilitate rapid communication during ground alert conditions.

b. A 25-pair cable was installed from the Radio Relay Shop to the TSQ-57 van adjacent to the AAOC.

c. Significant progress was made in the testing of the TSQ-57 system. Several successful integrations have been run with MACS-4. The Automatic Data Link has been installed and is presently operational between MACS-4 and the Battalion Operations Center and between "B" Battery and the Bn AAOC. At the present time further progress is limited due to Replacement Cards in the OC van which have not been received through Supply channels.

#### 10. Awards

The following 1st LAAM Bn personnel were presented awards by Major General QUILTER on 16 July 1968:

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LCpl J.H. RITTER

Awarded Purple Heart Medal

HN W.F. PELZER

Awarded Purple Heart Medal, Air Medal

GySgt R.L. TURK

Awarded Air Medal

MSgt D.D. COMEAU

Awarded Letter of Appreciation

LtCol M.J. URBADO presented the following awards:

HN W.F. PELZER

Three (3) Air Medals

The following personnel received Meritorious Masts:

SSgt R.A. BURNS

16 July 1968

Sgt T.P. DEUGENIO



19 July 1968

Cpl W.D. KING

20 July 1968

11. Informational Services

During July, 73 Home Town News Releases were forwarded from this Battalion.

  
  
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