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1. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	1-30Nov LtCol John W. DRURY
Sergeant Major	1-30Nov SgtMaj Bill A. PARSONS
Executive Officer	1-30Nov Maj George H. EARLE, JR.
S-1/Adjutant	1-30Nov 1stLt Robert L. DOUP
Asst S-1/Adjutant	1-10Nov 1stLt William L. TOWNSLEY, III
Legal Officer	11-30Nov 1stLt William L. TOWNSLEY, III
S-2/3 Officer	1-30Nov Capt James M. MUTTER
Asst S-3/TrainingO	1-30Nov 1stLt Gregory P. HOCHSTEIN
Asst S-2/NBC O	1-9Nov 1stLt John W. SHAFFER
Asst S-2/ NBC O	12-30Nov 1stLt Robert B. GARNER
Asst S-3/LiaisonO	1-28Nov Capt William W. BENSON
Asst S-3/LiaisonO	1-30Nov 1stLt Glenn K. EVANS
S-4 Officer	1-30Nov Capt Elton R. BROWN, III
Asst S-4/EmbarkO	1-30Nov 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI, III
Asst S-4 Officer	1-30Nov 1stLt Thomas J. GALIA
Motor T Officer	1-30Nov 1stLt Freddie J. FALGOUT
Motor T. MaintO	1-30Nov CWO-3 Glenford A. NEWTON
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov 1stLt Roy G. RAMIREZ
Weapons Systems MaintO	1-30Nov CWO-2 Edward G. HOWARD
Supply Officer	1-30Nov Capt Dennis E. DAMON
Comm Officer	1-30Nov 1stLt Thomas J. STAFFORD, III
CO H&S Btry	1-3Nov Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER
CO H&S Btry	4-30Nov Capt WILLIAM A. DAVIDSON, III

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ExecO H&S Btry	4-21Nov	Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER
ExecO H&S Btry	22-30Nov	1stLt Billy R. COURTNEY
AdminO H&S Btry	1-30Nov	1stLt George J. DIMATTEO, JR.
Officer H&S Btry	4-21Nov	1stLt Billy R. COURTNEY
OIC AFU "E"	1-30Nov	1stLt Denham B. CLEMENTS
MaintO AFU "E"	1-30Nov	CWO-2 Ira T. SMITH
CO Battery "A"	1-3Nov	Capt William A. DAVIDSON, III
CO Battery "A"	4-6Nov	1stLt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
CO Battery "A"	7-30Nov	Capt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
ExecO Battery "A"	1-3Nov	1stLt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
ExecO Battery "A"	12-30Nov	Capt Richard Y. KEEGAN
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt Paul M. COOK, III
Support Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt Robert P. GEHRDES
Gnd Def Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt Richard F. COX
Motor T/Mess Officer	1-30Nov	CWO-2 Stanley S. MINATOGAWA
CO Battery "B"	1-30Nov	Capt Lynn W. WILSON
ExecO Battery "B"	1-11Nov	1stLt Robert B. GARNER
ExecO Battery "B"	12-30Nov	1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	1stLt Richard Y. KEEGAN
Firing Plt Cmdr	12-30Nov	1stLt Robert W. JOHNSON
Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	1st Lt Robert W. JOHNSON
Support Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt Donald O. THOMPSON
CO Battery "C"	1-30Nov	Capt John R. MOORE

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ExecO Battery "C"	1-7Nov	1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.
ExecO Battery "C"	8-12Nov	Capt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.
ExecO/Support Plt Cmdr	12-30Nov	Capt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt JOHN W. JONES
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	2ndLt Richard M. CARET
Support Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE
Bn Surgeon	1-25Nov	Lt Douglas D. HENNING

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	27Aug66

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 36 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 714 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 1 Officer (USN)
- (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

- (1) 22 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 376 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 1 Officer (USN)

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(4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

(1) 6 Officers (USMC)

(2) 130 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 91 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 117 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 3 November 1968 Col S. FURIMSKY, JR., USMC, 1st Marine Air Wing G-4, and LtCol D. W. TARDIFF, USMC, 1st Marine Air Wing Engineer Officer, visited "A" Battery to inspect the repairs on the road leading to the Battery site.

On 3 November 1968 LtCol J. W. DRURY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Bn., spent the night at Battery "A".

On 3 November 1968 Maj E. C. PAULEY, USMC, S-4 Officer Marine Air Control Group-18, checked the MUSE Power at Battery "A".

On 19 November 1968 MajGen C. J. QUILTER, USMC, Commanding General, 1st Marine Air Wing, toured the H&S Battery area and was briefed on Battalion Supply, Weapons Systems Maintenance, and Motor Transport functions.

On 22 November 1968 LtCol J. W. DRURY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Battalion, spent the night at Battery "B".

On 23 November 1968 LtCol W. P. GORSKY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st MPs, visited Battery "A".

On 24 November 1968 Maj D. C. PAULEY, USMC, S-4, Marine Air Control

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Group-18, visited the site at AFU "E".

On 24 November 1968 1stLt E. E. MORRISON, USMCR, 7th Engineers, visited Battery "A" in conjunction with a mine sweep of that area.

On 30 November 1968 LtCol J. W. DRURY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Battalion, visited Battery "C".

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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Three officers were promoted to Captain during the month of November; 1st Lieutenants Charles A. PARSONS, JR., Richard Y. KEEGAN, and Edward W. NEWMAN, JR.

Captain William A. DAVIDSON, III was transferred to H&S Battery to assume duty as its Battery Commander; Captain Charles A. PARSONS, JR. assumed duty as Commanding Officer of Battery "A"; Lt Douglas D. HENNING, the Battalion Surgeon, was transferred to MACG-18 for duty as its Medical Officer; Captain Richard Y. KEEGAN was transferred to Battery "A" to assume duty as its Executive Officer; 1stLt John W. SHAFFER was transferred to MAG-36 to assume duty as its NBC Officer and 1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE was transferred to Battery "B" to assume duty as its Executive Officer.

Captains Charles W. SCHROEDER and William W. BENSON rotated to CONUS.

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~~SECRET~~1. Enemy Action

a. There were rocket attacks upon the DaNang area on the 17th and 22nd of the past month. This battalion had no casualties or damage from the attacks.

b. During the latter part of the month enemy activity increased appreciably in Hai Van Pass. On 22 November Battery "A" fired upon a suspected VC truck at grid coordinates AT9509510. On 26 November the Battery called 81 mm fire into grid square AT9591, there were no secondary explosions. On 27 November a culvert was blown at AT933896; The road was almost immediately reopened. On 28 November enemy activity and friendly air strikes near Hai Van Pass prevented movement from Battery "A" to the battalion until mid-morning.

2. Casualties

a. SSgt MCNUTT, R. D., Pain in chest. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

b. Cpl AGUERO, M., Inguinal Hernia. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

c. PFC FLEISCHER, D. A., Gun shot wounds in the head. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

d. PFC GRIFFIN, P., Schrapnel wound in left leg. Evacuated to NSA Hospital.

3. Civic Action

a. Five students of the Sacred Heart Orphanage School are still receiving General Walt Scholarship Assistance through the battalion's sponsorship. The Sacred Heart Orphanage received 300 lbs of food-stuffs and 150 dozen eggs.

b. The reconstruction of a bridge in Nai Nam is still under construction. Work is estimated at 75% complete.

c. The battalion distributed 240 school kits to two elementary schools in Nai Nam village.

4. Air Defense

a. The Battalion engaged 1,450 targets during 83 AAWKES. Of this total 1,427 or 98.4% were successful.

b. There were two HAWK runs, both of which were successfully engaged.

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5. Ground Defense

a. Battery "A" laid new wire between posts # 11 and 12. Wire was laid in front of posts # 14 and 15. Post # 15 is being rebuilt. Trip flares were placed around the entire battery perimeter.

b. Battery "B" has relocated post # 4 to afford better fields of fire and better mutual support. On 23 November 37 Marines from the Battery Fam fired the M-14, M-79, and M-60 machine gun.

c. Battery "C" improved its COC bunker and built a secondary ammo bunker.

d. H&S Battery continued work on the bunkers within and around the compound. AFU "E" dug a trench line along its entire perimeter and Fam fired the .50 caliber machine gun, M-60, M-14, M-16, M-79, and .45 caliber pistol.

6. Training

a. Battery "A" conducted four hours of GMS and six hours of technical training.

b. Battery "B" conducted six hours of GMS and 29 hours of technical training.

c. Battery "C" conducted four hours of GMS and 16 hours of technical training.

d. H&S Battery conducted six hours of GMS and six hours of technical training.

7. Logistics

a. Weapons System Maintenance held technical inspections of Batteries "A", "B", "C", and AFU "E"; results were satisfactory.

b. On 7 November the Battalion received its second amendment, \$200,000 of the funds which were requested to supplement OpBud (O & MMC Project 11). This increased the authorization to \$526,575.00.

c. During the month \$120,355.18 was expended from OpBud, \$27,868.92 from Hotel and \$789.81 in Quebec. This leaves a balance of \$146,107.26 in OpBud, \$46,063.90 in Hotel, and \$1,408.96 in Quebec.

d. During the month Battalion Supply processed a total of 3,458

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requisitions, not including clothing and Serv-Mart items. Of this 2,404 issues were made from stock, 591 were for items not previously carried. Gross effectiveness was 69.5%, net effectiveness 83.9%.

e. A complete location verification was held on 20,000 line items. Over 3,600 locations were deleted and 3,500 locations found.

f. Total mileage was 50,890; 20,002 passengers were carried.

8. Military construction and Camp Improvements

a. MCB-12 finished the rebuilding of living quarters and equipment sheds at Battery "A" on 9 November.

b. Battery "B" completed work on the severe erosion problem along its upper firing level. The Battery office and BOQ have been tiled and the BOQ has been remodeled to accomodate an electric hot water tank and showers.

c. Battery "C" rehabilitated one generator pit and installed launcher well lights in all launchers to reduce dampness.

d. H&S Battery repainted its Sergeants Club. AFU "E" continued construction on its Missile Storage Pit/Missile test area. Its CWAR has been re-sabaged and construction is nearing completion on both launcher revetments.

9. Operations

a. H&S Battery repaired the security loop twice and an additional administration line was established to Battery "A".

b. Due to the DX system, allocation of Radio Relay gear to the batteries has been changed; it is now floated from H&S Battery instead of belonging to the various units. All surplus back-up gear is located at H&S Battery.

c. The work shop received 173 work orders of which 28 pieces are still awaiting parts, 3 were removed to a higher echelon of repair and 142 were completed.

d. The TSQ-57 OC air conditioner has been evacuated to a higher echelon maintenance facility. Continued reliable field evaluation of this system will be delayed until a satisfactory air conditioner is located.

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e. CRE's were conducted at Batteries "B", "C", and AFU "E"; results were satisfactory.

10. Awards

a. Promotions during the month were as follows:

	H&S	"A"	"B"	"C"
Corporal	1	1		
Lance Corporal	2			
Private First Class		1	1	

11. Informational Services

a. During the month 32 Home Town Releases were forwarded from the Battalion.

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