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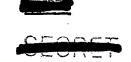
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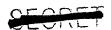


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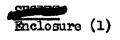




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Commanding Officer	ommanding Officer 1-30Nov	
Sergeant Major	1-30Nov	SgtMaj Bill A. PARSONS
Executive Officer	1-30Nov	Maj George H. EARLE, JR.
S-1/Adjutant	1-30Nov	lstLt Røbert L. DOUP
Asst S-1/Adjutant	1-10Nov	lstLt William L. TOWNSLEY, III
Legal Officer	11-30Nov	lstLt William L. TOWNSLEY, III
S-2/3 Officer	1-30Nov	Capt James M. MUTTER
Asst S-3/TrainingO	1-30Nov	lstLt Gregory P. HOCHSTEIN
Asst S-2/NBC O	I-9Nov	1stLt John W. SHAFFER
Asst S-2/ NBC O	12-30Nov	lstLt Robert B. GARNER
Asst S-3/LiaisonO	1-28Nov	Capt William W. BENSON
Asst S-3/LiaisonO	1-30Nov	lstLt Glenn K. EVANS
S-4 Officer	1-30Nov	Capt Elton R. BROWN, III
Asst S-4/EmbarkO	1-30Nov	lstLt Charles J. BORSANI, III
Asst S-4 Officer	1-30Nov	1stLt Thomas J. GALTA
Motor T Officer	1-30Nov	lstLt 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	lstLt 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











ExecO H&S Btry	4-21Nov	Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER
ExecO H&S Btry	22-30Nov	lstLt Billy R. COURTNEY
Admin0 H&S Btry	1-30Nov	lstLt George J. DIMATTEO, JR.
Officer H&S Btry	4-21Nov	lstLt Billy R. COURTNEY
OIC AFU "E"	1-30Nov	lstLt 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	lstLt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
CO Battery "A"	7-30Nov	Capt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
ExecO Battery "A"	1-3Nov	lstLt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
ExecO Battery "A"	12-30Nov	Capt Richard Y. KEEGAN
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	lstLt Paul M. COOK, III
Support Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	1stLt Robert P. GEHRDES
Gnd Def Plt Gmdr	1-30Nov	lstLt 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	lstLt Robert B. GARNER
Exec0 Battery "B"	12-30Nov	lstLt Dennis A. HEDGE
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	lstLt Richard Y. KERGAN
Firing Plt Gmdr	12-30Nov	lstLt Robert W. JOHNSON
Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	1st Lt Robert W. JOHNSON
Support Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	lstLt Donald O. THOMPSON
CO Battery "C"	1-30Nov	Capt John R. MOORE









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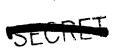
ExecO Battery "C"	1-7Nov	lstLt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.		
Execo Battery "C"	8-12Nov	Capt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.		
Exect/Support Plt Cmdr	12-30Nov	Capt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.		
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	lstLt John W. Jones		
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-30Nov	2ndLt Richard M. CARET		
Support Plt Cmdr	1-11Nov	lstLt Dennis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

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

15Feb65	BT005749	(1:50,000)	H&S Battery Coordinates
21Aug66	ат946922	(1:50,000)	"A" Battery Coordinates
<b>1</b> Sep65	BT093837	(1:50,000)	*B* Battery Coordinates
26Mar65	AT972737	(1:50,000)	"C" Battery Coordinates
27Aug66	AT970620	(1:50,000)	AFU "E" H&S Coordinates

- 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)







- (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, lst Marine Air Wing, toured the H&S Battery area and was briefed on Battalion Supply, Weapons Systems Maintenance, and Motor Transport functions.

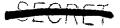
On 22 November 1968 LtCol J. W. DRURY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st LAAM Battalion, spent the night at Battery "B".

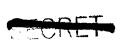
On 23 November 1968 LtCol W. P. GORSKY, USMC, Commanding Officer, 1st MPs, visited Battery "A".

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











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  $^{\rm uCu}$ .

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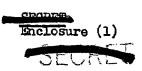
### PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Three officers were promoted to Captain during the month of November; lst 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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### 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 casualities 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 MSA 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 AAWEXS. 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-ll, M-79, and M-60 machine gun.
- c. Battery  ${}^{\eta}C^{\eta}$  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.

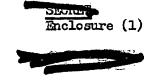
## 6. Training

- a. Battery  $^{\mathfrak{n}}A^{\mathfrak{n}}$  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 (0 & 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









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

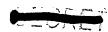
- a. MCB-12 finished the rebuilding of living quarters and equipment sheds at Battery "A" on 9 November.
- b. Battery "B" completed work on the severe erosion problem along its upper firing level. The Battery office and BOQ have been tiled and the BOQ has been remodeled to accomodate an electric hot 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-sampaged 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.









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	nAn	aBu	nGn:
Corporal	ı	ı		•
Lance Corporal	2			
Private First Class		1	ı	

# 11. Informational Services

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





