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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the period 1-31 January 1969

1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 to 31 January 1969.

J. W. DEWRY

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Command Chronology
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	1-31 Jan LtCol John W. DEWRY
Sergeant Major	1-20 Jan SgtMaj Bill A. PARSONS
Sergeant Major	21-31 Jan SgtMaj Phillip R. GINTER
Executive Officer	1-31 Jan Maj George W. EARLE, JR.
S-1 Adjutant	1-31 Jan Capt Robert L. DOWP
Legal Officer	1-31 Jan 1stLt Harold D. MAYO, JR.
S-2/3 Officer	2-31 Jan Capt James M. MUTTER
Asst S-2/NSC Officer	1-31 Jan Capt Glenn K. EVANS
Asst S-3/Liaison Officer	1-31 Jan Capt Robert B. GARNER
Asst S-3/Training Officer	1-31 Jan 1stLt Don O. THOMPSON
S-4	1-18 Jan Capt Elton R. BROWN, III
S-4	19-31 Jan Maj James D. MORGAN
Asst S-4/Rebar Officer	1-31 Jan 1stLt Charles J. MORSANI, JR.
Asst S-4/News Officer	13-31 Jan 1stLt Everett LONG, III
Asst S-4	19-31 Jan Capt Elton R. BROWN, III
Motor T Officer	1-31 Jan 1stLt Freddie J. FALGOUT
Motor T Maint Officer	1-31 Jan CWO-3 Glenford A. NEWTON
Maint Flt Cdr	1-31 Jan 1stLt Roy G. RAMIREZ
Weapons Systems Maint O	1-31 Jan CWO-2 Edward C. HOWARD
Supply Officer	1-3 Jan Capt Dennis E. DAMON
Supply Officer	4-31 Jan Maj Dennis E. DAMON

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Asst Supply Officer

1-31 Jan 1stLt Ralph J. REHEARD

Asst Supply Officer

26-31 Jan 2ndLt Ronald B. CARTER

Comm Officer

1-31 Jan 1stLt Thomas J. STAFFORD, III

CO, HAS Battery

1-26 Jan Capt William A. DAVIDSON, III

CO, HAS Battery

27-31 Jan Capt William L. TOWNSLEY

Executive Officer

1-26 Jan Capt William L. TOWNSLEY

Executive Officer

27-28 Jan 1stLt George J. DIMATTEO, JR.

Executive Officer

29-31 Jan 1stLt Thomas S. CARPENTER

Battery Officer

7-28 Jan 1stLt Thomas S. CARPENTER

CO, Battery "A"

1-31 Jan Capt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.

Executive Officer

1-31 Jan 1stLt Paul M. COOK, III

Firing Plt Cdr

1-31 Jan 1stLt Richard F. COX

Asst Firing Plt Cdr

9-31 Jan 1stLt James H. NELSON

Support Plt Cdr

1-31 Jan CW3-2 Stanley S. MINATOYAMA

CO, Battery "B"

1 Jan Capt Lynn W. WILSON

CO, Battery "B"

2-31 Jan Capt Richard Y. KEEGAN

Executive Officer

1 Jan Capt Richard Y. KEEGAN

Executive Officer

2-31 Jan 1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE

Firing Plt Cdr

1-31 Jan 1stLt Robert W. JOHNSON

Support Plt Cdr

1-31 Jan 1stLt Charles G. T. COLLINS

Supply/Embark Officer

1 Jan 1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE

CO, Battery "C"

1-31 Jan Capt John R. MOORE

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Executive Officer/Support Plt Cmdr	1-31 Jan	Capt Edward H. NEWMAN, Jr.
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-31 Jan	1stLt John W. JONES
Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	1-31 Jan	1stLt Robert J. BOARDMAN
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-31 Jan	2ndLt Richard M. CARET

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location

H&S Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT007750	15Feb65
"A" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT943917	21Aug66
"B" Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT091837	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) 38 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 634 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 15 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

- (1) 22 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 336 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 15 Enlisted (USN)

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c. Battery "A"

- (1) 6 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 116 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

- (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 79 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

- (1) 6 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 103 Enlisted (USMC)

h. Important Visitors

On 7 January 1969, Maj D. C. PAULEY, Marine Air Control Group-18, S-4, visited Battery "A" to inspect the road and messhall.

On 14 January 1969, Maj's E. J. DANY and D. C. PAULEY, Marine Air Control Group-18, S-4, visited AFU "E" to inspect the installation of the generator AFU "E" received from Naval Support Activity.

On 14 January 1969, Capt B. R. HARRIS of Marine Air Control Group-18 and 1stLt A. C. TOKIN, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Embarkation Officer, visited Battery "A" for an Embarkation inspection. On 14 January LtCol J. W. DEURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "B".

On 15 January 1969, MajGen C. A. YOUNGDALE, Deputy Commander, 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, Col E. S. FRIS, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18, and LtCol J. W. DEURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, toured the Battery "B" site.

On 15 January 1969, LtCol J. W. DEURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "A".

On 16 January 1969, Capt P. T. ATKINSON, USA, ARVN Advisory Team, visited Battery "A" to discuss Vietnamese woodcutting in the Battery "A" site.

On 18 January 1969, Capt W. R. WILSON, USA, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery Group, US Army, visited Battery "A".

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On 20 January 1969, Col E. S. FRIS, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18, LtCol N. F. DEFENBAUGH, OIC, Marine Air Bases, G-3, and LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited AFU "E".

On 23 January 1969, LtCol G. J. HAMILTON, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, visited Battery "A".

On 27, 28 and 29 January 1969, Maj D. G. PAULEY, Marine Air Control Group-18, S-4, was at Battery "B" in conjunction with the installation of NUSS power.

On 29 January 1969, Col J. H. ROGERS, Combat Art Department, HQMC, Col E. S. FRIS, Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18, LtCol N. F. DEFENBAUGH, OIC, Marine Air Bases, G-3, and LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "A".

On 30 January 1969, Maj R. W. CHAMBERS, Communications and Electronics Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18, visited AFU "E" to survey the communications situation.

On 30 January 1969, Col J. H. ROGERS, Combat Art Department, HQMC, and LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "B".

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 3 January 1969, Capt Lynn W. WILSON was transferred to Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, Virginia. Capt Richard I. KIRMAN relieved him as the Battery "B" Commanding Officer.

On 4 January 1969, Dennis B. DAMON was appointed a Major, USMC, to rank from 2 December 1968.

On 7 January 1969, William L. TOMHSLAY, III was appointed a Captain, USMC, to rank from 1 December 1968. Glenn K. WYANS, and Robert B. GARNER were appointed Captains, USMC, to rank from 1 January 1969. Robert L. DUFF was appointed Captain, USMC, to rank from 1 January 1969.

On 8 January 1969, 1stLt Thomas S. CARPENTER reported from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion. Assigned duty with NAS Battery.

On 13 January 1969, 1stLt Everett LONG, III, reported from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion. Assigned duty with Battalion B-4 as Mess Officer.

On 19 January 1969, Maj James D. MCCORMAN reported from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion. Assigned duty as the Battalion B-4 Officer.

On 21 January 1969, SgtMaj BILL A. PARSONS rotated to COMUS for duty at HEND, Paris Island. SgtMaj Phillip R. GINTER was his replacement. 2ndLt Ronald B. CARTER reported for duty as Assistant Supply Officer.

On 28 January 1969, Capt Richard S. MAHOFFON was transferred to Battery "A" where he will assume the duties as Commanding Officer when Capt Charles A. PARSONS, JR. rotates to COMUS. Capt William A. DAVIDSON rotated to COMUS for duty with Amphibious Warfare School at Quantico, Virginia.

On 29 January 1969, 1stLt George J. DINATTO, JR. was transferred to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing for duty with Wing G-2.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Enemy Action

a. At 0545 on 22 January 1969, the DaNang airstrip received fourteen 140mm rounds. No casualties or equipment damage were sustained by the 1st Light AA Missile Battalion.

b. On 25 January 1969, seven VC Claymore type mines were found by the sweep team on the north side of Hai Van Pass.

2. Casualties

a. C/Sgt KENNEDY, S. V. Gastritis. Evacuated to USNH, Yokosuka.

b. Cpl SCHULTZ, R, JR. Hematated Nuclear Propulsion. Evacuated to USNH, Yokosuka.

3. Civic Action

a. Five students of the Sacred Heart Orphanage are still receiving General WALT Scholarship Assistance through the Battalion's sponsorship.

b. A concrete floor has been poured at the Kme Throng village school. The necessary materials to complete the school have been obtained and delivered. Completion of the structure now lies in the hands of the villagers.

4. Air Defense

a. The Battalion had 1412 targets during 86 AAWEX's. Of this total 1408 or 99.7% were successfully engaged.

b. Two unknowns occurred during January; both were successfully tracked. Tracking discontinued when these aircraft proved to be friendly.

c. There was 1 HAWK run; it was successfully engaged.

5. Ground Defense

a. Battery "A"'s ground defense effort was primarily expended on the perimeter wire. A Satchee bulldozer cleared a large swath around part of the perimeter and new wire was laid in. Work was completed on posts #10, #6 and #5.

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b. Battery "B" has constructed a new fighting hole, improved existing fighting holes and added additional concertina on the perimeter.

c. Battery "C" has built a new bunker to replace the old #9 bunker. This bunker has been adapted for employment with the 50 caliber machinegun. Two new watch towers are being built near bunkers #3 and #6. Burning the high grass around the Battery perimeter continued during the month.

d. H&S Battery has eliminated post #3 and combined posts #7 and #5. AFU "E" has constructed a new ammo bunker in the missile test area to make the ready ammo for the trench line more accessible. Two reinforced and covered fighting holes were constructed to serve as positions for crew-served weapons. Work has been started on improvement of secondary positions.

6. Training

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

b. Battery "B" conducted three hours of GMS.

c. Battery "C" conducted five hours of GMS and ten hours of technical training.

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

e. All available 1st Light AA Missile Battalion personnel participated in a gas chamber exercise.

7. Logistics

a. Weapons Systems Maintenance received one PU-651, 60 cycle generator, and one 52300, 400 cycle generator from rebuild.

8. Supply

a. During the month \$46,879.99 was obligated and \$73,000.00 was received in grant amendments for Op&nd; \$20,338.71 was obligated and \$19,997.87 was received as a result of document cancellations for Hotel; \$144.82 was obligated and \$3,000.00 was received in grant amendments for Quebec. This leaves a balance of \$73,921.25 in Op&nd;, \$37,589.91 in Hotel and \$4,795.27 in Quebec.

b. During January, Battalion Supply processed a total of 2,131 requisitions, not including clothing or Serv-Mart items. Of this number 1177 issues were made from stock, creating a gross effectiveness of 55%. There were 117 requisitions for items not previously held in stock, which accounts for a net effectiveness of 53%.

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9. Public Transport

a. Total vehicle mileage was 60,247; 22,697 passengers were carried and 2,769 tons transported.

10. Military Construction and Camp Improvements

a. Battery "A" has begun building a new BCO/ORD shelter. The 7th Engineers are assisting in this work. Small maintenance projects continued throughout the month.

b. Battery "B" has installed a 60/400 cycle generator in preparation for the 60 cycle HHS power which will be installed at the site. The generator will be used to power some of the HHS equipment.

c. Battery "C" has repaired and screened the Battery Messhall. New diesel and gas tanks were constructed in the Motor Pool. The BCO bunker was reinforced with a new top. The Operations Ready Room was relocated and is now protected by being inside a strong bunker.

d. HHS Battery has undertaken no major projects. However, several improvements were made in the Battery area. Bunkers were repaired, clothes cleaned out, holes in the wire near Trunkline were patched and barrels of sand have been placed near several of the living quarters. AFU "B" has installed a new 60 cycle generator. The recreation building has been enlarged and has a new deck. An air conditioning has been installed in the Operations Center and the Center has been painted and repaired. Construction continues on the vehicle test/storage area. The office has been enlarged, tiled and paneled.

11. Communications

a. The month of January produced a significant reduction in the number of downed AN/SSC-3's. Three AN/SSC-3's were returned from PIR for engine replacements.

b. During the month the Communications Shop has received 246 work orders, of which 107 were completed. Seventeen were forwarded to a higher echelon and twenty-two are awaiting parts.

c. In the past month effective use of operational spare equipment solved many problems. In the latter part of the month, repairs by maintenance and the IM program at PIR gave the Battalion operational backup at all stations.

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12. Awards

a. Promotions during the month were as follows:

	IES	"A"	"B"	"C"
Sergeant				1
Corporal	4	1	2	

b. One Marine was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

c. One Marine received a Letter of Appreciation.

d. One Marine was awarded a Meritorious Mast.

13. Information Services

a. During the month, 79 Home Town Releases were forwarded from the Battalion.

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