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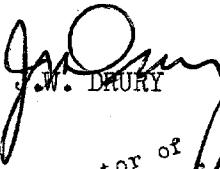
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1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a),
enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 to 28 February 1969.


W. DRURY

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Command Chronology
DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	1-28 Feb LtCol John W. DRURY
SgtMaj	1-28 Feb SgtMaj Phillip D. GIRTEN
Executive Officer	1-28 Feb Maj George H. EARLE, JR.
S-1/Adj/Legal Officer	1-28 Feb 1stLt Harold D. MAYO, JR.
S-2/3 Officer	1-28 Feb Capt James M. MUTTER
Asst S-2/NBC O	1-28 Feb Capt Glenn K. EVANS
S-2/3 Liaison O	1-6 Feb Capt Robert E. GARNER
S-2/3 Liaison O	7-28 Feb 1stLt Richard F. COX
Asst S-3	1-28 Feb 1stLt Don O. THOMPSON
Asst S-3	20-28 Feb 1stLt Michael O. SHANNON
S-4 Officer	1-28 Feb Maj James D. MC GOWAN
Asst S-4	1-3 Feb Capt Elton R. BROWN, III
Asst S-4	1-2 Feb 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI, III
Asst S-4/Embark O	1-28 Feb 1stLt Everett LONG, III
Asst S-4	1-28 Feb 1stLt Peter SANDERSON
Civil Affairs/RPS Officer	1-28 Feb 1stLt Gregory P. HOCHSTEIN
Meter T Officer	1-28 Feb 1stLt Freddie J. FALGOUT
Meter T Maint Officer	1-28 Feb CWO-3 Glenford A. NEWTON
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-28 Feb 1stLt Rey G. RAMIREZ
Weapons Systems Maint O	1-28 Feb CWO-2 Edward G. HOWARD
OIC, AFU "E"	1-28 Feb 1stLt Robert P. GEHRDES

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Asst OIC, AFU "E"	1-28 Feb	1stLt Denham B. CLEMENTS
Supply Officer	1-28 Feb	Maj Dennis E. DAMON
Asst Supply Officer	1-28 Feb	1stLt Ralph J. RECKAMP
Asst Supply Officer	1-28 Feb	2ndLt Ronald B. CARTER
Comm Officer	1-28 Feb	1stLt Thomas J. STAFFORD, III
Asst Comm Officer	11-28 Feb	2ndLt Gerden E. ANDERSON
CO, H&S Battery	1-28 Feb	Capt William L. TOWNSLEY
XO, H&S Battery	1-28 Feb	1stLt Thomas J. CARPENTER
Battery Officer	1-28 Feb	1stLt David M. MIYOSHI
CO, Battery "A"	1-5 Feb	Capt Charles A. PARSONS, JR.
CO, Battery "A"	5-28 Feb	Capt Richard S. NAUGHTEN
XO, Battery "A"	1-28 Feb	1stLt Paul M. COOK, III
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-21 Feb	1stLt Richard F. COX
Firing Plt Cmdr	3-28 Feb	1stLt James H. NELSON
Support Plt Cmdr	1-28 Feb	CWO-2 Stanley S. MINATOGAWA
Security Plt Cmdr	3-28 Feb	1stLt C. J. BORSANI, JR.
CO, Battery "B"	1-28 Feb	Capt Richard Y. KEEGAN
XO, Battery "B"	1-28 Feb	1stLt Dennis A. HEDGE
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-28 Feb	1stLt Robert W. JOHNSON
Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	20-28 Feb	1stLt Jonathan B. STAD
Support Plt Cmdr	1-28 Feb	1stLt Charles G. T. COLLINS
CO, Battery "C"	1-12 Feb	Capt John R. MOORE
CO, Battery "C"	13-28 Feb	Capt Robert L. DOUP
XO, Battery "C"/Support Plt Cmdr	1-3 Feb	Capt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR.

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XO, Battery "E" /Support Plt Cmdr	3-28 Feb	1stLt John W. JONES
Firing Plt Cmdr	1-3 Feb	1stLt John W. JONES
Firing Plt Cmdr	4-28 Feb	1stLt Robert J. BOARDMAN
Asst Firing Plt Cmdr	1-3 Feb	1stLt Robert J. BOARDMAN
Maint Plt Cmdr	1-28 Feb	2ndLt Richard M. CARET
Battery Officer	13-15 Feb	Capt John R. MOORE

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location

H&S Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	BT007750	15 Feb 65
"A" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT943917	21 Aug 66
"B" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	BT091837	1 Sep 65
"C" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT972737	26 Mar 65
AFU "E" H&S Coordinates (1:50,000)	AT970620	27 Mar 66

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 39 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 622 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

- (1) 26 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 327 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)

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(4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

(1) 5 Officers (USMC)
(2) 122 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)
(2) 77 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)
(2) 103 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 1 and 2 February 1969, Maj D. C. PAULEY, USMC, S-4 Marine Air Control Group-18, visited Battery "A" in conjunction with the installation of MUSE power.

On 5 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "A" for the change of command ceremony.

On 8 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited AFU "E" for a promotion ceremony.

On 10 February 1969, Col O. D. HUNTER, USMC, Commanding Officer, 26th Marines, and his relief Col R. N. JOENS, USMC, visited Battery "A" for dinner while on an inspection tour of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

On 10 February 1969, LtCol R. M. RYAN, USMC, Asst G-4, from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, inspected Battery "C" food services.

On 10 February 1969, Capt J. J. KNOCKE, USMC, Wing Food Services Officer and LtCol R. M. RYAN, USMC, Asst G-4, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, inspected the Messhall at Battery "A".

On 12 February 1969, LtCol T. T. ANNAS, USMC, Commanding Officer, 7th Engineer Battalion, visited Battery "A" to inspect progress on BCC/CDG bunker being built by Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion. 1stLt NELSON gave LtCol ANNAS a briefing on HAWK operations.

On 12 February 1969, Col E. S. FRIS, Commanding Officer of Marine Air Control Group-18, visited the Headquarters and Service Battery area to celebrate 1st Light AA Missile Battalion's Fourth Anniversary in Country.

On 13 February 1969, Maj G. H. EARLE, JR., USMC, 1st Light AA Missile

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Battalion's Executive Officer, visited Battery "C" to observe the change of command ceremony.

On 16 February 1969, LtCol J. L. LILLY, USMC, S-3, 7th Engineer Battalion, visited Battery "A" for dinner while on a tour of Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion area.

On 18 February 1969, BrigGen George E. DOOLEY, USMC, Chief of Staff, III Marine Amphibious Force, accompanied by Col FRIS and LtCol DRURY, toured Battery "B" site.

On 18 February 1969, Capt C. M. REGAN, USMC, 2ndLt J. MANCINI, 2ndLt J. BARNABEE, USMC, 2ndLt P. MURPHY, USMCR, all from Company "B", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, visited Battery "A" to establish liaison regarding possible ground support in the event of large-scale ground attack.

On 19 February 1969, Maj J. D. MC GOWAN, JR., USMC, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, S-4, visited Battery "B".

On 19 February 1969, Rear Admiral Emmett P. BONNER, USN, Commander, U.S. Naval Support Activity, DaNang, toured Battery "B" site.

On 19 February 1969, Mr. Frank ECKERT, NBC International, and SSgt G. O. HENRY, USA, visited Battery "A" to check the Hue Thvn signal strength to assess the feasibility of installing a signal translator on Hill 724.

On 20 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "A" for a promotion ceremony.

On 24 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Batteries "B" and "C".

On 26 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "C".

On 26 February 1969, Maj G. H. EARLE, JR., USMC, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion Executive Officer, visited Battery "C".

On 27 February 1969, LtCol E. F. RHOADS, USMC, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Headquarters, visited WSM for the purpose of conducting an A&M Inspection of Ordnance Equipment.

On 27 February 1969, LtCol E. F. RHOADS, USMC, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Headquarters, inspected Battery "C" Ordnance.

On 27 February 1969, LtCol J. W. DRURY, Commanding Officer, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion, visited Battery "A" in order to inspect the two generators which were damaged by a grenade, at 2330 on 26 February 1969.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 February 1969, 1stLt David M. MIYOSHI reported aboard from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion at MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, and was assigned duty as H&S Battery Officer. 1stLt Peter SANDERSON also reported aboard from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion and was assigned duty as Assistant S-4 Officer.

On 2 February 1969, 1stLt Richard F. COX was transferred to H&S Battery for duty with S-3 as S-2/3 Liaison Officer at Panama CRC.

On 3 February 1969, Captain Edward N. NEWMAN, JR. was relieved as Battery "C" Executive Officer by 1stLt John W. JONES due to Captain NEWMAN's rotation to CONUS. 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI was transferred to Battery "A" for duty.

On 4 February 1969, Captain Richard S. NAUGHTON was transferred to Battery "A" for duty. Captain Elton R. BROWN, III was transferred to 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Okinawa, for duty.

On 5 February 1969, Captain Charles A. PARSONS, JR. was relieved as Battery "A" Commanding Officer by Captain Richard S. NAUGHTON due to Captain PARSON's rotation to CONUS.

On 8 February 1969, Captain Robert B. GARNER was transferred to CONUS for duty at MCB 29 Palms, California.

On 11 February 1969, 2ndLt Gordon E. ANDERSON reported aboard and was assigned duties as assistant Communications Officer.

On 12 February 1969, 1st Light AA Missile Battalion celebrated its fourth Anniversary in RVN at the H&S Enlisted Club.

On 13 February 1969, Captain Robert L. DOUP was transferred to Battery "C" where he assumed the duties of Commanding Officer. Captain DOUP relieved Captain John R. MOORE who has been rotated to CONUS.

On 15 February 1969, Captain John R. MOORE ended his RVN tour and rotated to CONUS.

On 19 February 1969, 1stLt Michael D. SHANNON reported aboard from 5th Light AA Missile Battalion, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona. 1stLt SHANNON has been assigned duties as Assistant S-3 Officer.

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PART III

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Enemy Action

On 7 February 1969, semi-permanent structures were discovered at AT947927 and at AT945928 by a Battery "A" reconnaissance patrol. On 10 February 1969, eight structures, one half gallon of kerosene and five tarpaulins were destroyed at AT945928 by a Battery "A" reconnaissance patrol.

On the night of 22-23 February 1969, Company "C", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, had heavy enemy movement both north and south of Hai Van on Route #1.

On the evening of 22 February 1969, and the morning of 23 February, a large scale rocket attack was launched against the DaNang area during which two rounds landed within Weapons System Maintenance Compound. There were some minor equipment damage sustained on two AN/MPQ-39 (HIPIR), one missile XMLM23A, and 3 P4-648 generators, but there were no casualties.

On 22 February 1969, enemy troop concentrations were reported at several locations within striking distance of Battery "C"’s perimeter. The Battery also received small arms fire from Hill 244 ridge. No casualties or damages were sustained. The Battery was unable to fire in support due to the possibility of firing into friendly troops. The 3rd MP Battalion area and brig south of our perimeter was also hit by an unknown number of enemy troops.

On 23 February 1969, Company "B", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines and ARVN forces from Hai Van swept through Kiem Lien Village finding 7 rocket launchers (122MM) and an unknown quantity of rockets.

On 23 February 1969, enemy troops were again concentrated near Battery "C" perimeter.

On 24 February 1969, at approximately 2130, a ~~UH-1E~~ gunship accidentally fired a burst of fire into Battery "C"’s area but caused no damage or casualties.

On 24 February 1969, at about 1230, enemy RPG-40 and small arms fire was reported at AT926917. Five NVA KIA, one NVA WIA captured. Company "C", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines had two WIA, neither of which was serious. Army M-42 dusters, 4.2" mortars, 81mm mortars, and Battery "A" .50 cal. machine guns all fired in support of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 26th Marines. Army dusters received small arms fire at AT942920 with no casualties.

On 25 February 1969, a VC Regiment was reported about 3 kilometers to the west of Battery "C". There were heavy artillery barrages and air strikes in that area.


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On 26 February 1969, Marine forces conducted a sweep of the area in which the VC Regiment was reportedly located. Battery "C" 's results were negative.

On 26 February 1969, at about 2330, a grenade damaged two generators at Battery "A", no casualties were sustained.

On 27 February 1969, 4.2" mortars received heavy small arms fire from the draw between their position and Battery "A" site. There were no casualties. Battery "A" post #3 received small arms fire from the same general area and had trip flares ignited near the perimeter wire. No casualties.

2. Casualties

a. During the month no casualties were reported.

3. Civic Action

a. Five students of the Sacred Heart Orphanage receive Gen WALT Scholarship Assistance through the sponsorship of the Battalion.

b. The Battalion's Area of Responsibility has been enlarged. It now includes all rea of Khue Trang III and IV which is one half of the entire Khue Trang Village.

c. The following school supplies were distributed to a village school: 240 notebooks, 240 pencils, and one plywood blackboard.

d. Officers of Battery "A", whose civic action efforts are outside those of the DaNang area of civic action responsibility, attended several Tet functions given by the ARVN compound at Hai Van, and the people of Hai Van.

4. Air Defense

a. The Battalion had 507 targets during 54 AAWEX's. Of this total 501 or 98.8% were successfully engaged.

b. No Unknowns occurred during February.

c. There were 13 HAWK runs during the month of February. Of this total 8 were successfully engaged for an effectiveness of 61.5%.

5. Ground Defense

a. Battery "A" 's ground defense effort included completing several bunkers, registering defensive fires and pre-planned fires for Battery patrols. .50 cal. machine guns have been employed at Post #1 and on top of the armory for fire support of both launcher sections. A total of eight reconnaissance/ security patrols have been completed this month.

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b. Battery "B" personnel ran ground defense drills on 11, 24, 25 February 1969.

c. Battery "C" has cleared and emplaced protective wire on two knolls outside the Battery perimeter to deny the enemy the use of these two excellent avenues of approach. Grass has been burned and screen wire placed in front of several bunkers to prohibit grenades being thrown in. Also a 106MM recoilless rifle was obtained and emplaced on the west side of Hill 327 to cover an avenue of approach.

d. H&S Battery effected a new ground defense order; however, made no changes effecting the Battery's defensive positions.

e. AFU "E" spread weed killer in front of defensive lines and then burned off the residue. Work still continues on the alternate positions.

6. Training

a. Battery "A" conducted four hours of GMS and thirteen hours of Technical training.

b. Battery "B" conducted five hours of GMS and four hours of Technical training.

c. Battery "C" conducted three hours of GMS and thirteen hours of Technical training.

d. H&S Battery conducted four hours of GMS and twenty hours of Technical training. Battery NBC Officer also conducted six hours of NBC team training and a unit NBC drill.

7. Logistics

a. Weapons Systems Maintenance received nine (9) new AN/MPQ-39 (X03) (High Power-BITE modified Illuminator Radars).

b. 1stLt RAMIREZ accompanied the Battalion Commander to Okinawa and Japan regarding logistical engineer equipment and rebuild program problems and CWO HOWARD attended FMFPAC Ordnance Officers Conference at Camp Courtney, Okinawa.

c. The A&M Inspection conducted this month by Wing Engineer, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, gave the Battalion a Satisfactory with discrepancies.

8. Supply

a. \$48,320.18 was obligated from OpBud funds, \$61,921.59 was obligated from Hotel funds. No Quebec funds were obligated. This leaves a balance

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of \$26,199.41 in OpBud, \$62,124.38 in Hotel due to credits & grants received, and \$4,973.75 in Quebec funds.

b. During the month Battalion Supply processed a total of 1,956 requisitions during February not including clothing or Serv-Mart items. Of this number 1,170 issues were made from stock, creating a gross effectiveness of 60%. There were 225 requisitions for items not previously held in stock, which accounts for a net effectiveness of 67%.

9. Motor Transport

a. Total vehicle milage was 41,454; 22,302 passengers were carried; and 2,903 tons transferred.

10. Military Construction and Camp Improvement

a. Battery "A" finished a BCC/CDG bunker with the assistance of Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion. The engineers finished construction on a support platform for a 3,000 gallon water tank. The re-flooring of the EM Club is 50% complete. A new access road has been made to the Battery dump.

b. Battery "B" has installed a 60 cycle, 150kw generator at their site. When parts for the 400/60 cycle converter become available, it will be used to power some of the HAWK equipment.

c. Battery "C" has relocated its dispensary to a more centrally located area. Additional sand bags and filled barrels were placed in front of access openings on the illuminator radar bunkers and by each generator pit on top of the Hill. The dike around the fuel bladder on top of the hill was recovered and built up with additional sand bags. Double screened doors were acquired for the Battery Messhall to aid in promoting more sanitary conditions.

d. H&S Battery completed several improvements during the month of February. Wire was laid around the working and living areas and six firing positions were constructed. In the "old area" improvements have been made upon several bunkers and barrels of sand have been emplaced around many of the living quarters.

11. Operations

a. An evaluation of the AN/TSQ-57 FDS utilizing AN/MRC-107/VCC-1 complexes proved satisfactory for transmission of ADL information. These complexes were on temporary loan and had to be returned to 5th Communications Battalion for a higher priority mission. It is believed this is the first successful utilization of these complexes for ADL transmission in a tactical environment.

b. Information concerning the OC air conditioner should be available 10 March 1969.

c. The AN/UPS-1B is non-operational due to lack of 400 cycle power.

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- a. During the month the TSC-15 van was repaired and now is operational as are 14 of our 18 MRC-83's.
- b. During the month the Communications Work Shop has received 134 work orders, of which 125 were completed. One was evacuated to a higher echelon and 10 are awaiting parts, two of which were held over from the previous month.
- c. During the month of February, the operations equipment was effectively utilized to ensure that Communications was maintained at all Batteries.

13. Awards

- a. Promotions during the month were as follows:

	H&S	"A"	"B"	"C"
First Sergeant		1		1
Gunnery Sergeant		1		1
Staff Sergeant	1	1		
Corporal	2			
Lance Corporal	3	2		
Private First Class	2			

- b. Four Marines were awarded Meritorious Mast.

14. Informational Services

- a. During the month 382 Home Town Releases were forwarded from the Battalion.

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