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From: Commanding General  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Subj: Addendum to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology for the period 1-31 August 1969; submission of  
Encl: / (1) 1st LAAM BN Command Chronology for period 1-31 August 1969

1. Enclosure (1), which was received 25 October 1969 from the parent command, is forwarded for insertion into the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology for August 1969.

2. By copies hereof, the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific are furnished with copy numbers three and four respectively of 1st Light AA Missile Battalion Command Chronology for insertion into 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Chronology for August 1969.

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1st Light AA Missile Battalion  
 Marine Air Control Group-38  
 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing  
 Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
 MCB, Twentynine Palms, California 92278

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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Air Control Group-18  
 Subj: Command Chronology, Submission of (U)  
 Ref: (a) GruO 5750.1A

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

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

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1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Marine Air Control Group-38  
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, PAC

Command Chronology  
MCB, Twentynine Palms, California  
1-31 August  
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## PART I

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## 1. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	8 July 69 to present	Maj. Edward L. HOUSE JR.
Sergeant Major	20 Jan 69 to present	Sgt. Major Phillip P. GIRLEN
Executive Officer	8 July 69 to present	Maj. James D. MCGOWAN JR.
S/1 Adjutant	31 Jan 69 to present	1st Lt. Harold D. MAYO JR.
S/2 S/3	13 <sup>JULY</sup> Jan 69 to present	Maj. Harry N. JOHNSON
S/4	8 July 69 to present	Capt. George P. KENNISTON
CO, H&S Battery	23 Apr 69 to present	Capt. Albert I. HARTKOPF
CO, "A" Battery	6 Mar 69 to present	Capt. James M. MUTTER
CO, "B" Battery	11 Apr 69 to present	Capt. Charles RECHTENBACH
CO, "C" Battery	30 Mar 69 to present	1st Lt. Don O. THOMPSON
Comm Officer	15 Mar 69 to present	1st Lt. Gordon E. ANDERSON

## 2. Task Organization and Unit Locations

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location: (Correct until 15 Aug 1969 when Battalion embarked from RVN for CONUS):

1. H&S Battery coordinates (1:50,000) BT007750 15 Feb 65
2. "A" Battery coordinates (1:50,000) AT943917 31 Aug 66
3. "B" Battery coordinates (1:50,000) BT091837 1 Sept 65
4. "C" Battery coordinates (1:50,000) AT972737 26 Mar 65

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## 3. Average Monthly Strength

## a. Total Battalion

- (1) 35 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 502 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 11 Enlisted (USN)

## b. H&amp;S Battery

- (1) 23 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 310 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 5 Enlisted (USN)

## c. "A" Battery

- (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 62 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Enlisted (USN)

## d. "B" Battery

- (1) 3 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 45 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Enlisted (USN)

## e. "C" Battery

- (1) 5 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 75 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Enlisted (USN)

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## 4. Important Visitors

On August 6, 1969 Mr. Maurice Lee, Saigon Embassy, Mr. Kramer III  
 MAF Psychological Operations, Col. M. Mardin, USA, and Col. M.C. Barber,  
 III MAF Psychological Operations visited "A" Battery Area.

## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

The first two weeks of August 1969 were spent moving firing batteries from tactical sites to the immediate area around the Battalion CP and MACG-18 in preparation for embarkation from the Republic of Vietnam.

On 11 August 1969 an advanced party left for Okinawa to locate and recover personal baggage stored there. "A" and "C" batteries began loading aboard ship on 13 August and departed Danang that same day aboard the USS BELLE GROVE, LSD-2 and the USS TORTUGA LSD-26. On 14 August "B" and H&S batteries departed Danang aboard USS TULARE LKA-112.

A brief stop was made at Okinawa by all three ships to pick up personal baggage. The two LSD's then stopped at Yokosuka, Japan 21 August and sailed for CONUS on 26 August. The LKA arrived at Sasebo, Japan 23, August and sailed for CONUS on 31 August. The Battalion was still embarked at the end of August.

The Battalion embarked after four and one half years of continuous service in RVN with no damage to equipment. Loading of all three ships was completed swiftly and smoothly.

## PART III

- A. Administration None
- B. Personnel None
- C. Command and Control, The Operation Center was maintained operational for rocket defense of 1st LAAM Bn. and Danang AB until 11 August 1969 .
- D. Air Control None
- E. Special Operations, Embarkation from the Republic of Vietnam.
- F. Civic Action None
- G. Ground Defense

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1. "A" Battery guard was increased from 5 August to 12 August 1969 when K. Co., 26th Marines took charge of Hill 724.
2. "B" Battery emplaced extra wire around perimeter until 11 August at which time Marine Air Control Squadron 4 assumed the responsibilities for ground defense of Hill 647.
3. "C" Battery cut grass around the perimeter and continued to improve the defensive wire until MASS-3 took over the ground defensive of Hill 647 on 11 August 1969.
4. H&S Battery made no changes in defensive position during the month. Defense condition III was in effect all month.

**H. Training**

1. "A" Battery conducted training in Convoy Procedures, Personal Health, UCMJ, Conduct Marks, Effects of Discharges, Military Bearing, and Map Reading.
2. "B" Battery conducted instructions on Embarkation and Convoy Procedures.
3. "C" Battery conducted four hours of GMS classes.
4. H&S Battery conducted no GMS classes, Technical Team training during the month of August, while making preparations to embark from RVN.

**I. Logistics**: Logistics plans continued for deployment and relocation of 1st LAAM Bn.

**J. Supply**

1. The entire Battalion organic supply account was loaded aboard the USS TULARE LKA-112, upon embarkation from RVN.
2. All documents to Force Logistics Command and 3rd Force Service Regiment were cancelled prior to deployment. The Requisitioning objectives were reduced in accordance with operational directives for the redeployment of 1st LAAM Bn.
3. All temporary loans and garrison property accounts were terminated prior to deployment.
4. Expenditures, 1st MAW grant amendment brought all funds to zero balance prior to deployment from RVN.

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K. Engineering: All equipment made ready for embarkation

L. Maintenance: None

M. Communication/Electronics

1. Radio Relay Section: During the first part of the month the four AN/MPC-60s were painted, steam cleaned and reassembled for embarkation. Operational radio relay communications were maintained until 9 August 1969. Eight AN/PRC-27s and other minor items were palletized and packed for embarkation.
2. Radio Section: All AN/MRC-83s were prepared for embarkation. Windshield covers were mounted and antenna mounts were replaced. All vehicles were steam cleaned. AN/TRC-75 and AN/TSC-15 communications central was banded and mounted on an M-37. Minor radio items were packed in a CONEX box.
3. Message Center Section: Office equipment was packed for embarkation and continuous communications were maintained ashore and afloat by facilities of the 1st MAW communicationscenter and the USS TULARE. 110 incoming messages were precessed during the month.
4. Maintenance Section: Two AN/MRC-83s were rebuilt from AN/MRC-38s. All equipment was inventoried, cleaned, and packed for embarkation. One AN/GRM-32, one AN/GRM-38 and one AN/GRM-48 were mounted on M-36 trucks for embarkation.
5. Wire Section: All equipment was cleaned and packed for embarkation operational trunks and locals were maintained until 11 August 1969. All wire lines tagged for the benefit of MASS-3, which was moving into the battalion area.
6. General: The communications platoon, upon mounting out of the combat zone after four and one half years, leaves Vietnam with every piece of equipment that it entered with.

N. Construction: None

O. Motor Transport:

1. Total amount of vehicles mileage for the August was 13,464
2. Total number of passengers carried for the month of August was 5,168
3. Total tonnage transferred for the month of August was 1,480

P. Information Services

1. During the month of August, Three Hundred and Eighty-Five Hometown News Releases were forwarded from the Battalion.

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1. Promotions during the month of August were as follows.

	H&S	A	B	C
First Lieutenant	1			
Staff NCO's	1			
Sergeant	6			
Corporal	8	3	1	5
L/CPL	5	3	4	4
PFC	2	2		

2. Awards: NoneS. Morale and Welfare: NormalT. Base Development and Military Construction: NoneU. Enemy Action: Attacks by rockets of the Danang AB were received on the nights of 12 and 13 August. No damage or casualties were reported in the Battalion.UNCLASSIFIED

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