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 2d Light AA Missile Battalion  
 Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Adv)  
 Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
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From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One (Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology Report

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 (b) WgO 5750.1A  
 (c) GruO 5750.1

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report for November 1965

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with references (a) through (c).

2. Items listed in this report include the following:

a. At 1700 on 2 November 1965, the 1st Provisional Rifle Platoon of H&S Battery was notified to mount out. Its mission was to defend the south end of the Chu Lai Airstrip. Two-man fighting holes were constructed approximately 75 paces apart with a total frontage of about 1000 yards. A Command Post was established and one fire team held in reserve. Communications were established with LIMA Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines and all positions were occupied within 20 minutes of arrival. 20 Viet Cong Guerrillas were observed about one mile to the right rear of the platoon's positions. No contact was made with the enemy and positions were secured at 0700 3 November. The Platoon was Commanded by 2dLt P. H. MORTON.

b. On 10 November the Battalion celebrated the 190th birthday of the Marine Corps. The Battalion Commander was present at all batteries for the traditional cake cutting ceremonies.

c. On 17 November 1965 Pfc C. J. SUDDETH of "C" Battery was wounded twice in the leg when fired on by a sentry. The wounded man was evacuated to "B" Medical Company and then to a U.S. Naval Hospital in the Philippines.

d. On 17 November Battalion Medical personnel accompanied the 3rd Battalion 12th Marines on a regularly scheduled MEDCAP visit to LY TINH. Treated on this visit were approximately 50 adult males, 50 adult females, and 150 children. The majority of cases were skin diseases. A total of 89 bars of soap donated by personnel of this Battalion were distributed to the people of the village.

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e. On 20 November the battalion Anti Aircraft Operations Center was integrated with the Combat Air Operations Center of MACS-7 to form the first Tactical Air Operations Center employed in a combat zone. This TAOC is functioning on a 24 hour daily basis.

f. On 22 November Sgt R.D. MC NUTT of Battery "A" was evacuated to "B" Medical Company with an organic eye disease. He was later evacuated out of country.

g. On 24 November the Battalion Surgeon and three (3) Corpsmen accompanied 3rd Battalion 12th Marines on a regularly scheduled MEDCAP visit to LY TINH. On this visit 150 people were treated, mostly children. The majority of cases were skin diseases.

h. On 25 November a detachment of Navy Composite Squadron-3 arrived from the U.S. to provide MQM-39A drone support for the HAWK FIREX to be conducted in December.

i. On 26 November Operation "Christmas Tree" was terminated with 23 orders totaling \$782.70.

j. On 27 November a detachment of Navy Composite Squadron-5 arrived from the Philippines to provide BQM-34A and RF8/TD22-U Drone services for the HAWK FIREX.

k. Construction of a radio relay tower was begun this month in an attempt to improve communications by reducing the effect of wind on the antenna. At this time the construction has not been completed. All material is from salvage.

l. Mr. GOFF, The Hughes Aircraft Technical representative was transferred from the Battalion to Marine Wing Headquarters Group One this month.

m. During the month the Battalion received 22 replacements for personnel due for rotation to the U.S..

n. Throughout the month of November the Battalion continued to provide Motor Transport Support to all units at Chu Lai.

o. 459 locally flying aircraft were designated hostile for practice purposes during November 1965. Of these 100% were engaged and 84.8% were kills.



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## Command Chronology Report

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1. Organizational Dataa. Unit Designations and Locations

- (1) 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
MWHG-1 1st MAW  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
- (2) Subordinate Units of This Command
  - (a) H&S Battery, 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
MWHG-1 1st MAW  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
  - (b) Battery A - 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
MWHG-1 1st MAW  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
  - (c) Battery B - 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
MWHG-1 1st MAW  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
  - (d) Battery C - 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion  
MWHG-1 1st MAW  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
- (3) Attachments
  - (a) Detachment, Fleet Composite Squadron-5  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam
  - (b) Detachment, Fleet Composite Squadron-3  
Location - Chu Lai, Vietnam

b. Period covered by this report: 1 November 1965 to 30 November 1965

c. Task Organization: None

d. Commanders and Staff Officers

- (1) E.F. PENICO Major USMC  
Battalion Commanding Officer
- (2) M.S. JOLLEY Major USMC  
Battalion Executive Officer
- (3) W. S. MILLER Major USMC  
Battalion B-2/S-3 Officer

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- (4) R.P. CAPATOSTO      Captain USMC  
Battalion S-4
- (5) J.H. ROSENTHAL      CWO-2 USMC  
Battalion S-1
- (6) D.H. DINWIDDIE      Captain USMC  
H&S Battery Commanding Officer
- (7) M.J. CUMMINGS      2dLt USMCR  
H&S Battery Executive Officer
- (8) J.A. DESPOTAKIS      Captain USMC  
Battery A Commanding Officer
- (9) D.J. CHRISTENSEN      1stLt USMC  
Battery A Executive Officer
- (10) C.G. RAHM Jr.      Captain USMC  
Battery B Commanding Officer
- (11) D.B. WILSHUN      2dLt USMC  
Battery B Executive Officer
- (12) C.B. MC COY      1stLt USMC  
Battery C Commanding Officer
- (13) A.B. CARRANO JR.      2ndLt USMC  
Battery C Executive Officer
- (14) F.T. BOUCHER      LCDR USN  
Detachment VC-5 Officer-in-Charge
- (15) W.E. LINKS      Lt USN  
Detachment VC-3 Officer-in-Charge

e. Average Monthly Strength

- (1) H&S Battery      277
- (2) Battery A      90
- (3) Battery B      90
- (4) Battery C      88
- (5) Battalion TOTAL      545
- (6) Attached Navy Personnel 22

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2. Significant Events

- a. One provisional rifle platoon from H&S Battery was called on to defend the south end of the Chu Lai Airstrip on 2 November 1965.
- b. On 10 November the Battalion celebrated our Corps Anniversary with ceremonies at all Batteries.
- c. On 17 November Pfc C. J. SUDDETH was wounded in the leg by a sentry and evacuated.
- d. The Battalion Doctor and Corpsmen accompanied 3rd Battalion 12th Marines to LY TINH on a MEDCAP visit on 17 November.
- e. On 20 November the 2d Light AA Missile Battalion Anti Aircraft Operation Center (AAOC) was consolidated with MACS-7 Tactical Aircraft Operation Center (TAOC).
- f. Sgt R. D. MC NUTT was evacuated with an organic eye disease on 22 November 1965.
- g. On 24 November The Battalion Doctor and Corpsmen accompanied 3rd Battalion 12th Marines on a MEDCAP visit to LY TINH.
- h. A detachment of VC-3 arrived at Battalion Headquarters to support the missile shoot in December. Personnel arrived on 25 November.
- i. On 26 November Operation "Christmas Tree" was secured with 23 orders totalling \$782.70
- j. A detachment from VC-5 arrived at Battalion Headquarters on 27 November to support the missile shoot.
- k. During the month of November construction was began on a tower for radio relay in attempt to improve communications. At this time construction has not been completed.
- l. Mr. GOFF, the Hughes Aircraft representative was reassigned to Marine Wing Headquarters Group One.
- m. 22 new replacements have reported to Battalion during November.
- n. The Battalion has continued to provide Motor Transport Support to all units at Chu Lai.
- o. During the month of November the Battalion designated 459 locally flying aircraft as hostile for practice purposes.

  
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