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HEADQUARTERS  
2d Light AA Missile Battalion  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
APO San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding officer  
To: Commanding officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One,  
(Attn: S-3)

Subj: Command Chronology Report for April (u)

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2  
(b) MCO 5750.1B  
(c) GRMC 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Subject Report

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.



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Command Chronology Report

2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
First Marine Aircraft Wing

Located at

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

1 April 1966 to 30 April 1966

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Part One, Organizational Data

1. Commanders and Staff

|                                                        |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. HOWARD F. PRINCE<br>Battalion Commanding officer    | MAJOR USMC<br>1 Jun 1965 to present                          |
| b. MARSHALL S. JOLLEY<br>Battalion Executive officer   | MAJOR USMC<br>11 August 1965 to present                      |
| c. WILLIAM S. MILLER<br>Battalion S-2/S-3              | MAJOR USMC<br>12 May 1964 to present                         |
| d. JOHN A. DUNN<br>Battalion S-4                       | CAPTAIN USMC<br>1 February 1966 to present                   |
| e. JAMES H. ROSENTHAL<br>Battalion S-1                 | 2dLt USMC<br>15 October 1963 to present                      |
| f. DONALD H. DUNN<br>HQS Battery Commanding officer    | CAPTAIN USMC<br>16 September 1965 to present                 |
| g. WILLIAM C. HANCOCK<br>HQS Battery Executive officer | 1stLt USMC<br>11 April 1966 to present                       |
| h. JAMES W. GALLAGHER<br>Battery A Commanding officer  | 1stLt USMC<br>1 February 1966 to present                     |
| i. DAVID J. CHRISTENSEN<br>Battery A Executive officer | 1stLt USMC<br>3 January 1966 to present                      |
| j. CHARLES G. RAY<br>Battery B Commanding officer      | CAPTAIN USMC<br>19 July 1965 to present                      |
| k. JOHN T. HESS<br>Battery B Executive officer         | 1stLt USMC<br>13 April 1966 to present                       |
| l. CHARLES B. MCCOY<br>Battery C Commanding officer    | <del>CAPTAIN</del><br>1stLt USMC<br>8 August 1965 to present |
| m. RICHARD M. ANDREWS<br>Battery C Executive officer   | 1stLt USMC<br>1 February 1966 to present                     |

2. Task Organization and Unit Locations

a. No Task Organizations.

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- b. Battery A, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- c. Battery B, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- d. Battery C, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- e. H&S Battery, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 15 September 1965 to present

**3. Average Monthly Strength**

- a. Battery A - 84
- b. Battery B - 84
- c. Battery C - 83
- d. H&S Battery - 259
- e. Battalion Total - 510

**4. Important Visitors**

- a. BGen R.R. Vannestrom, Deputy Commander FMEPac/1st Marine Amphibious Corps (Forward) visited Alpha Battery site and was briefed by Major R.F. Penick and the Commanding Officer of Lima Company, 3rd Bn., 1st Marines (6 April 1966).
- b. 1st Division Band visited Alpha Battery site and ate lunch and played for the troops (16 April 1966).
- c. Major General L.J. Fields, CG, 1st MarDiv visited H&S Battery area (17 April 1966).
- d. BGen. H.W. Elwood, Asst Wing Commander visited Alpha, Charlie, and H&S Battery sites and was briefed by Major Jelley (26 April 1966).
- e. Colonel E.I. Dutton, MACG-1 Commanding Officer and SgtMaj. D. Gordon, visited all Battery sites and were briefed by Major Jelley, Acting Battalion Commanding Officer (26 April 1966).

**Part Two, Significant Highlights**

- 1. None

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## Part Three, Significant Events

### 1. Personnel

- a. Alpha Battery joined ten new personnel during month of April
- b. Charlie Battery joined nine new personnel and dropped one during April.
- c. 2ndLt. O'Shields of Charlie Battery returned from emergency leave on 18 April 1966; Pfc Mable of Charlie Battery left on emergency leave on 6 April 1966.
- d. Captain B.P. Rust, MOS 3002, joined Battalion and was assigned to Battalion Supply on 28 April 1966.
- e. During the month of April H&S Battery had 13 men promoted to Corporal, 7 to Lance Corporal, and 1 to Private First Class.

### 2. Administration

- a. No report

### 3. Casualties

- a. SSgt. Martin J. Lacher 1353818/5913 of "A" Battery 2d LAAM Bn. died of accidental drowning while scuba diving off Ky Hsa Island at approximately 1700 on 3 April 1966.

### 4. Civic Action

- a. Normal Med. Cap. visits continued. Plans to set up a clinic in Ky Hsa Hamlet have been temporarily halted while the Civic Action Program at Chu Lai is being evaluated by 1st MarDiv.

- b. This unit has continued to receive clothing and soap from individuals and organizations in the United States.

### 5. Ground Defense

- a. 2d Light AA Missile Bn. First Provisional Platoon (Security Platoon) assisted in Field Fortification, of the Chu Lai Enclave by stringing concertina wire under the direction of the First Recon Battalion (7 April 1966).

- b. H&S Battery started manning five ground forces positions (listening posts) in bunkers 900 yards to the front of the Battalion's C.P. on 23 April 1966. These posts require 16 men per night from 1800 to 0800. They are being provided in accordance with requirements established by the area ground defense coordinator. This number causes a corresponding reduction in the number of trucks the battalion can

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commit to First MarDiv lifts and that command has been advised accordingly.

6. Air Defense

a. Major William S. Miller, Captain Richard P. Capatosto, and Capt. Harold J. Barber attended the Air Defense Conference at DaNang (Pheana) (17 April 1966).

7. Motor Transport

a. During the month of April, 2d LAAM Battalion furnished 94 trucks for outside commitments. The trucks were used for troop movements, and to haul ammunition.

8. Training

a. Annual GHS Training has been carried on in all batteries.

b. The below listed training has been accomplished.

(1) Courses completed - 39

(2) GED passed

(a) High School - 1

(b) College - 2

c. Participation in correspondant courses is as follows:

(1) Battery A - 50.5%

(2) Battery B - 53.2%

(3) Battery C - 77.7%

(4) H&S Battery - 30.1%

9. Supply

a. For the month of April 2,292 requisitions were submitted from the 2d LAAM Bn. to FSMA2.

10. Communications

a. During the month of April the Communications Section has been working on a Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary communication system

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to provide the S.D/AMD with a more sophisticated control system while operating in either a TAOC or a AAOC environment. The month of May should see the completion of this system.

b. During the month of April, the Communications Section has designed and built control boxes for use by the S.D/AMD. The new boxes will provide a more rapid and uniform means for the S.D/AMD to exercise control of all available Communications Circuits.