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HEADQUARTERS
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1st Marine Aircraft Wing
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Encl: ✓(1) Subject Report

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.


D. E. GUNTHER

ENCLOSURE (7)

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Command Chronology Report

2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion
Marine Air Control Group 18
First Marine Aircraft Wing

Located at

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

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PART I. Organizational Data1. Commanders and Staff

a. Donald E. GUNTHER Battalion Commanding Officer	LtCol USMC 9 Feb 1968 to present
b. Harry J. BALDWIN Battalion Executive Officer	Major USMCR 9 Feb 1968 to present
c. Lowell W. HINES Battalion S-1	1stLt USMCR 28 Feb 1968 to present
d. Richard C. YEZZI Battalion S-2/S-3	Major USMC 19 Feb 1968 to present
e. John V. WALSH Battalion S-4	Major USMC 12 Mar 1968 to present
f. William W. BENSON H&S Battery Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 22 Jan 1968 to present
g. Christopher ASHWORTH IV Battery A Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 24 Oct 1967 to 10 Apr 1968
h. Thomas R. SNEAD Battery A Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 11 Apr 1968 to present
i. Donald A. BACHMAN Battery B Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 18 Oct 1967 to present
j. Samuel H. WORLEY Battery C Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 23 Nov 1967 to present

2. Task Organization and Unit Location.

- a. No task organization.
- b. Battery A, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- c. Battery B, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- d. Battery C, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present.
- e. H&S Battery, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 15 September 1965 to present.

Enclosure (1)

3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. Battery A 89
- b. Battery B 84
- c. Battery C 83
- d. H&S Battery 264

4. Important Visitors

a. On 22 April 68, 2d LAAM Bn was visited by Major General W. J. VanRYZIN, Deputy Commander, III MAF and Colonel W. FARRELL Commanding Officer Chu Lai Air Base. The General was given a briefing of the overall operations of the LAAM Combat Operation Center and the mission of the HAWK Battalion.

PART II. Significant Highlights. None.

PART III. Significant Events1. Personnel

a. On 26 April 68 1stLt K.U. BEASOCK, 091347 was promoted to CW0-2 (Permanent) to rank from 1 April 68.

b. On 1 April 68 SSgt B.W. WOODARD, 1943081 was promoted to his present rank.

c. H&S Battery promoted 3 Corporals to Sergeant, 3 Lance Corporals to Corporal, 1 Private First Class to Lance Corporal, and 1 Private to Private First Class; all to rank from 1 April 68.

d. Battery A promoted 1 man to Private First Class on 16 April 68 and 2 Lance Corporals to Corporal on 30 April 68.

e. Battery C promoted 1 man to Lance Corporal and presented Lance Corporal H.E. COLWELL a Meritorious Mast.

f. On 4 April 68 Corporal L. WHITTAKER 2200438 extended his enlistment for six months.

g. 1stLt R.Y. KEEGAN, 094823/6704 joined 2d LAAM Bn during the month of March and was assigned duty with Battery A.

h. The following officer departed this battalion during the month of April.

Captain J. H. FLEMING 084659/3502

i. On 11 April 68 Captain C. ASHWORTH was assigned duty with the S-4.

2. Civil Affairs.

a. The school at Hoa Thanh hamlet is nearly completed. The Vietnamese have sold excess cement and dunnage to buy Teak beams and tile for the roof. The Village Chief is making plans for a dedication in the near future.

b. Chaplain TRAWICK began religious services at Hoa My hamlet earlier this month. Attendance has been so encouraging that in accord with the hamlet chief, we are stocking material for a small chapel.

c. Major WALSH, together with the CA Team delivered a sewing machine to the wife of one of the P.F.'s killed in the V.C. attack during October.

d. The CA Team has supplied Ky Hoa Village with two M-36 trucks for transporting laterite from Battery A site for road improvements. Coordination among the Vietnamese is being handled by the Chief and his assistants.

3. Motor Transportation. A total of 26,664 miles were driven in support of 2d JAAM Bn for the month of April. In addition, 1,130 miles were driven in support of the Chu Lai Base. A total of 2,596 short tons were hauled during the month.

4. Education

a. Battery A	25%
b. Battery B	37%
c. Battery C	33%
d. H&S Battery	40%
e. Composite Percentage	34%

5. Intelligence. 5 intelligence briefings were conducted for the Commanding Officer, staff, and battery commanders.

6. Air Defense. HAWK runs have been re-initiated by higher headquarters. The runs are controlled by MACS 4 through Panama. Aircraft returning from strike missions with excess fuel are vectored into our AOR and are engaged by this Battalion. HAWK runs are considered beneficial for training of personnel in the combat operations center as well as TCO's at the Battery level.

7. Training

a. One marine from Battery C was sent to NCO Leadership School in Okinawa.

b. Battalion personnel during the month of April received instruction

in general military subjects, technical training peculiar to the equipment which they operate, safety lectures, and familiarization firings of both individual and crew served weapons.

8. Ground Defense. At midnight on the 23rd of April while checking posts at Battery "A", the marine Sergeant of the Guard heard 6-10 shots fired in the vicinity of post #4. Investigation revealed that the 3d MP Bn, sentry dog handler, had challenged 2 persons hidden in the tall grass inside the barbed wire barrier. A flare was discharged and an individual was seen fleeing. The individual was again taken under fire. Inspection of the fence line revealed that the wire had been breached in 2 places, one hole was about 5' wide, the other had been cut, pulled together and marked with rope. At daybreak a patrol was sent out. A trouser leg was found with blood on it.