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1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 May to 31 May 1968.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
1 May to 31 May 1968

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PART ONE  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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1. Command and Staff

a.	LtCol Marshall J. TREADO	Commanding Officer	5Aug67
b.	Maj Robert F. HALLETT	Executive Officer	16Dec67
	(1) Maj Norman P. FITZGERALD, JR	Staff Officer	31May68
c.	1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN, JR	S-1/Adjutant	12Mar68
	(1) 1stLt William TOWNSLEY III	Asst S-1/Adjutant	25Mar68
d.	Maj Harold L. HUNTER	S-3 Officer	16Dec67
	(1) Capt Alexander E. LANCASTER	Asst S-3/Liaison Officer	15Apr68
	(2) Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN	Asst S-3/Tmg Officer	30May68
	(3) Capt Charles B. LORCH	Asst S-3 Officer	27May68
	(4) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	Asst S-2 Officer	13Jan68
	(5) 1stLt Marvin L. JACKSON	Asst S-3 Officer	30May68
e.	Maj George H. EARLE, JR	S-4 Officer	25Mar68
	(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS, JR	Asst S-4/Embark Officer	19Jan68
	(2) Capt Frank K. TURNER	Supply Officer	1Nov67
	(3) 1stLt Benny W. LANE	Asst Supply Officer	6Dec67
	(4) Capt James C. BROWN	Motor T Officer	18Apr68
	(5) Maj Richard WHITE	Maint Plt Commander	7Mar68
	(6) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE	Msl Sys Maint Officer	6Mar68
f.	1stLt Tom J. STAFFORD	Communications Officer	27Feb68
g.	Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH	CO HAS Battery	4May68
	(1) 1stLt Elton R. BROWN	GIC AFU "E"	8Dec67
	(2) 1stLt Ronald E. BALSKE	Maint Officer AFU "E"	10Oct67

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h. Capt Wm A. DAVIDSON III	CO Battery "A"	8Apr68
(1) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI	Firing Plt Cmdr	2Feb68
(2) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH	Support Plt Cmdr	2Dec67
i. Capt Alan D. PETTIT	CO Battery "B"	30May68
(1) 1stLt Robert B. GARNER	XO Battery "B"	1Apr68
(2) 1stLt Glenn K. EVANS	Firing Plt Cmdr	30May68
(3) WO-1 Ed HOWARD	Support Plt Cmdr	27Mar68
j. Capt John R. MOORE	CO Battery "C"	15Mar68
(1) Capt Charles W. SCHROEDER	XO Battery "C"	16Nov67
(2) 1stLt Robert L. DOUP	Firing Plt Cmdr	12Mar68
(3) 1stLt Ralph C. SCHMIDT	Support Plt Cmdr	20Oct67
k. Naval Officers		
(1) Lt Thomas M. O'NEIL	Battalion Surgeon	24Jun67
(2) Lt James R. PERDEW	Battalion Chaplain	31Jan68

## 2. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location:

H&S Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT005749	15Feb65
A Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT946922	21Aug66
B Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	BT093837	1Sep65
C Battery Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT972737	26Mar65
AFU "E" H&S Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT970620	27Aug66

## 3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

(1) 33 Officers (USMC)

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(2) 589 Enlisted (USMC)

(3) 2 Officers (USN)

(4) 10 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

(1) 21 Officers (USMC)

(2) 305 Enlisted (USMC)

(3) 2 Officers (USN)

(4) 10 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

(1) 3 Officers (USMC)

(2) 109 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 75 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 100 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 3 May 1968 Captain L.M. LINDQUIST, CHC, USN, Staff Chaplain to CMC made an official visit to 1st LAAM Bn, as did Commander B.W. LONG, CHC, USN, Assistant Chaplain to FMFPac on 8 May 1968. On 10 May 1968 Brigadier General H.S. HILL Assistant Wing Commander inspected H&S Battery, as did Colonel Edward N. LEPAIVARE on 11 May 1968. On 24 May 1968 Brigadier General James H. KELLER, USA, Army Security Agency, Brigadier General G.A. GODDING, USA, Colonel ELDER, III MAF G-2, Colonel RILEY, USA, MACV Siagon, and Lt Colonel (JISENBURY, CO, 1st Radio Battalion visited Battery "C" for an inspection of 1st Radio Battalion platoon. On 27 May 1968 Brigadier General H.S. HILL Assistant Wing Commander, Lt Colonel J.W. DILLON, CO, MACG-18 and Major C.S. HUGHES, OIC Danang detachment MASS-3 visited Battery "C" on an inspection tour.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY~~SECRET~~

During the month of May, Battery "B", Coder Decoder Group of the AN/TSQ-57, completed the interface checks with Marine Air Control Squadron-4, Marine Tactical Data System (MTDS). In conjunction with the interface checks the 1st LAM Operations Central checks of the AN/TSQ-57 were completed.

On 4 May Captain A.J. ENGLISH assumed command of H&S Battery vice Captain PETTIT.

On 6 May First Lieutenant F.W. SEELOW departed for CONUS.

On 16 May Warrant Officer-1 James JOY departed for CONUS.

On 22 May the 1st Marine Air Wing Band conducted a concert for the members of H&S Battery.

30 May 1968 Captain A.D. PETTIT assumed command of Battery "B" vice Captain J.W. ROBBEN who was transferred to H&S Battery as the new Assistant Operations Officer.

Total mileage for May 1968 was 46,844 miles.

During May 127 Home Town News Releases were forwarded from this Battalion.

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1. Enemy Action

- a. On 5,7,8,9,11,12,21 and 29 May 1968, the DaNang airbase received rocket attacks. No damage to H&S Battery personnel or equipment.
- b. On 11 May 1968 Hill #55 received 6 to 10 rounds of incoming mortar fire. No damage to AFU "E" personnel or equipment.
- c. On 14 May 1968 Hill #55 received 15 to 20 rounds of incoming mortar fire. No damage to AFU "E" personnel or equipment.
- d. On 18 May 1968 SSgt MOORE, Battery "B" received a superficial wound in the leg by sniper fire near the Air Force CRC at Panama. He was treated and returned to duty.
- e. On 23 May 1968 Hill #724 received small arms fire. No damage to Battery "A" personnel or equipment.

2. Casualties

- a. Cpl SULLIVAN, S. 2nd degree burns to the back. Evacuated to Yokohama Japan.
- b. LCpl SINGLETON, C.W. Anxiety reaction. Evacuated to the USS Repose.

3. (U) Civic Action

- a. Five students at Sacred Heart Orphanage School continue to receive General WALT Scholarship assistance through the sponsorship at the 1st LAAM Bn. Also given to Sacred Heart were 2,626 pounds of food, 180 gallons of milk, 60 dozen eggs, 80 pounds of soap and 40 pounds of candy.
- b. Medcaps were conducted in the 1st LAAM Bn Civic Action Area twice weekly, for a total of 392 persons treated.
- c. The China Beach Orphanage received the following support from the 1st LAAM Bn: \$400.00 for orphan support, 150 pounds of clothing and toilet articles, \$164.00 contributed by a civic group in the U.S., \$800.00 to the Captain THUET Memorial fund for the education of DOL-HOANG Khe.
- d. The Baptist Missions received the following support: \$75.00 for a sewing machine, 120 pounds of soap and 70 pounds of candy.

4. Air Defense

- a. A new Battalion record was established by the number of practice raids held during one month period. One thousand one hundred eighty four (1184) aircraft were designated as practice raids. Of these, one thousand one hundred sixty six (1166) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 98.5%

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b. Sixteen (16) HAWK raids were held during the month of May. Of these fourteen (14) were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 87.5%.

#### 5. Ground Defense

a. At Battery "A" clearing around the perimeter is continuing. Work has been completed as far as Post #6. Blasting in front of Post #4 has improved visibility and fields of fire. Post #12 and #15 have been rebuilt; the wall around Post #10 is now being rebuilt; secondary positions behind the mess hall are being constructed, the ammo bunkers and missile ready pits revetment are being repaired.

b. At Battery "B" wire laying and jungle clearance continued along all portions of the perimeter.

c. At Battery "C" two new bunkers were completed and one new bunker is still under construction. All existing bunkers were rebuilt. Alternate and secondary positions are under construction and additional wire has been strung around the battery's perimeter.

d. H&S Battery has initiated a bunker refurbishment and compound re-wiring program.

#### 6. Training

a. Battery "A" held 9 hours scheduled technical training and 5 hours of GMS classes.

b. Battery "B" held 30 hours of scheduled technical training and 10½ hours of GMS.

c. Battery "C" held 13 hours of scheduled technical training and 6 hours of GMS.

d. H&S Battery held 27½ hours of scheduled technical training and 16 hours of GMS.

e. 18 members of the Battalion attended a 2 day NBC school conducted at Marine Air Control Group-18.

#### 7. Logistics

a. Received one (1) AFCC AN/TSM-4 and one (1) CCJB AN/GSA-50 from FLC.

b. Received one (1) Test Set AN/GSM-51 for the AN/TSQ-57 from CONUS.

c. Battalion supply processed a total of two thousand five hundred ninety one (2591) requisitions for the month of May. This figure does not

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~~SECRET~~1. Enemy Action

a. On 26 June 1968 the Marble Mountain Air Facility received a rocket attack.

b. Enemy activity in area of Battery locations has been negligible.

c. On 8 June 1968 From 2100 to 0600 on 9 June 1968 Battery "A" was hit with 8 rounds of 105MM artillery fire. Originally believed to be enemy fire it has been ascertained to have been friendly. Two power cables, one data cable, one perimeter light, and one 50 foot section of two inch fuel hose were destroyed. Lance Corporal Marshall G. HARRELL was superficially wounded by shrapnel, treated and returned to duty.

2. Casualties

a. Lance Corporal M.R. ECK, Communicating Hydrocele. Evacuated to Yokohama, Japan.

b. Sergeant E.R. STEPANIAK, Parotitis, Right. Evacuated to NSA Hospital, DaNang.

c. Private First Class G.A. JUDKINS, Left Inguinal Hernia, Evacuated to USS Sanctuary, DaNang.

3. (U) Civic Action. During the month of June 1968, the following was accomplished.

a. Five students at the Sacred Heart Orphanage and School continue to receive General WALT Scholarship assistance through the sponsorship of the 1st LAAM Bn. One of our orphans graduated with the highest honors in the school.

b. The Sacred Heart Orphanage received the following support from 1st LAAM Bn: 1,600 pounds of food, 130 pounds of soap and 60 pounds of candy.

c. The China Beach Orphanage received \$542.00 for Orphan support. Mr. Paul THUET Jr donated \$250.00 to the Captain THUET Memorial fund for the education of DO HOANG KHOI.

d. Medcaps were conducted in the 1st LAAM Bn Civic Action Area twice weekly, for a total of 264 persons treated.

4. Air Defense

a. A new Battalion record was established for the number of practice raids held during a one month period. 1407 aircraft were designated as practice raids in ninety Anti-Air Warfare Exercises. Of these, 1398 were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 99.4%.

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include clothing or serv-mart items. Of this number one thousand eight hundred ninety five (1895) issues from stock were made to give a gross effectiveness of 73.1%. Of this total requisitions submitted, four hundred thirty six (436) were for items not previously carried. The net effectiveness was 87.9%.

d. During the month of May, the final preparations were made for the mechanization of stock record portion of the 1st LAAM Organic Supply Account. The period 24 May to 1 June 1968 was used as a testing and evaluation period. The first run, which will consist of approximately 100 cards, will be run on 2 June. A target date of 1 July is set for the complete mechanization of this account. The program used is the same as Shop Stores 1st FSR, with minor modifications.

#### 8. Military Construction and Camp Improvement

a. Battery "A" has poured and finished a new Continuous Wave Radar pad. The Generator section's hut has now been completed along with the completion of the new CP bunker.

b. Battery "B" has built an extension on the generator shed.

c. Battery "C" has made several improvements to the galley and its serving line. The staff club has been renovated and an addition added.

d. H&S Battery has built a new modern air conditioned Sergeants Club. The Communications Section has initiated a refurbishment program on all communications revetment. During the month of May the Communications Wire Section re-wired the Battalion compound with 50 pair cable. In addition to this, two 5 pair cables were laid from the AAOC to the 1st Wing Wire Test Station 31, put in an 8 pair cable from the AAOC to radio relay and replaced the old switch board. The generator cables leading to the AAI and AAC radio relay and both Jeep sites, and the TSC-15 van were rewired so that the cables can be changed on the junction box during a 100 hour P.M. or in the event of power failure.

#### 9. Operations

a. The Communications section has established a strict policy of providing personnel in the AAOC during all AMEX's and during rocket/ground alerts to facilitate the operations of the Battalion.

b. The Communications Section has established status boards to facilitate the movement of gear from H&S Battery to the missile batteries and on allocation of "Back-Up" gear.

c. On 12 May 1968 digital data was received at the Operations Central from the Marine Tactical Data System at MACS-4 using a FMAW AN/TRC-97 Radio Set.

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- a. Lance Corporal R.W. STROMBELL was awarded Meritorious Mast 2 May 1968.
- b. Lance Corporal W.M. BURG was awarded Meritorious Mast 8 May 1968.

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