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1. In accordance with instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 June 1968 to 30 June 1968.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
1 June to 30 June 1968

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PART ONE
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA~~SECRET~~

1. Command and Staff

a. LtCol Marshall J. TREADO	Commanding Officer	5Aug67
b. Maj. Norman P. FITZGERALD, Jr.	Executive Officer	2Jun68
c. 1stLt Edward N. NEWMAN, Jr.	S-1/Adjutant	12Mar68
(1) 1stLt William TOWNSLEY III	Asst S-1/Adjutant	25Mar68
d. Maj. Robert F. HALLETT	S-2/3 Officer	2Jun68
(1) Capt Alexander E. LANCASTER	Asst S-3/LnO	15Apr68
(2) Capt Joseph W. ROBBEN, Jr	Asst S-3/TrngO	30May68
(3) 1stLt D.B. CLEMENTS	Asst S-2 Officer	30Jun68
e. Maj George H. EARLE, Jr.	S-4 Officer	25Mar68
(1) 1stLt Charles A. PARSONS, Jr.	Asst S-4/EmbarkO	19Jan68
(2) Capt Frank K. TURNER	Supply Officer	1Nov68
(3) 1stLt Freddie J. FALGOUT	Motor T Officer	19Jun68
(4) CWQ-3 Glenford A. HEWTOWN	Motor T MaintO	1Jun68
(5) Maj Richard WHITE	Maint Plt Cndr	7Mar68
(6) 1stLt Charles B. DRAKE	Mel Sys MaintO	6Mar68
f. 1stLt Tom J. STAFFORD	Comm Officer	27Feb68
g. Capt Alfred J. ENGLISH	CO H&S Battery	4May68
(1) 1stLt Elton R. BROWN III	OIC AFU "B"	8Dec67
(2) 1stLt Lynn W. WILSON	Asst OIC AFU "B"	12Jun68
h. Capt Wm A. DAVIDSON III	CO Battery "A"	8Apr68
(1) 1stLt P.M. COOK II	XO Battery "A"	30Jun68
(2) 1stLt Charles J. BORSANI	Firing Plt Cndr	2Feb68
(3) WO-1 Ira T. SMITH	Support Plt Cndr	2Dec67

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i. Capt Alan D. PETTIT	CO, Battery "B"	30May68
(1) 1stLt Robert E. GARNER	CO, Battery "B"	1Apr68
(2) 1stLt Glenn K. EVANS	Firing Plt Cdr	30May68
(3) WO-1 Ed HOWARD	Support Plt Cdr	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 Cdr	12Mar68
(3) 1stLt Ralph C. SCHMIDT	Support Plt Cdr	20Oct67
(4) 1stLt R.G. RAMIREZ	Battery Officer	20Jun68
k. Naval Officers		
(1) Lt Donald D. IERHING	Battalion Surgeon	21Jun68
(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 "B" H&S Coordinates	(1:50,000)	AT970620	27Aug66

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 32 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 579 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 2 Officers (USN)

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(4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

(1) 19 Officers (USMC)

(2) 290 Enlisted (USMC)

(3) 2 Officers (USN)

(4) 12 Enlisted (USN)

c. Battery "A"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 109 Enlisted (USMC)

d. Battery "B"

(1) 4 Officers (USMC)

(2) 76 Enlisted (USMC)

e. Battery "C"

(1) 5 Officers (USMC)

(2) 104 Enlisted (USMC)

4. Important Visitors

On 2 June 1968 Colonel SLAY visited Battery "B" in conjunction with his 1st MAW orientation brief. On 9 June and again on 19 June, Major GATES of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines visited Battery "A" inspecting damage from friendly artillery fire. On 11 June 1968 Colonel R.G. LAUFFER, CO Headquarters Battalion 1st Marine Division and Major F.P. ELLER, Headquarters Battalion S-3 visited "C" Battery. Lt Colonel DILLON, CO, Marine Air Control Group-18 visited AFU "E" on 13 June 1968 and "A" Battery on 21 June on inspection tours. On 21 June Brigadier General J.E. WILLIAMS, Asst Division Commander, 1st Marine Division visited "C" Battery on a familiarization visit. On 28 June Colonel S.R. HAGGARD, U.S. Advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force, visited Battery "C".

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 2 June Major N.P. FITZGERALD Jr. assumed the duties of Battalion Executive Officer vice Major R.F. HALLETT, who assumed the duties of Battalion S-3 Officer. Other Battalion assignments during the month of June were: Lieutenant D.D. HENNING joined as Battalion Surgeon; First Lieutenant L.W. WILSON became the Asst. OIC AFU "E"; First Lieutenant F.J. FALGOUT joined as Motor Transport Officer; CWO-3 G.A. NEWTOWN joined as Motor Transport Maintenance Officer; First Lieutenant R.G. RAMIREZ joined as Asst Support Platoon Commander Battery "C"; First Lieutenant P.M. COOK joined as XO of Battery "A" and First Lieutenant D.B. CLEMENTS joined as Asst S-3.

On 2 June Major H.L. HUNTER departed for CONUS.

On 5 June First Lieutenant M.L. JACKSON departed for CONUS.

On 10 June First Lieutenant R.E. BALSKE departed for CONUS.

On 15 June First Lieutenant B.W. LANE transferred to MMSG-17.

On 15 June Captain C.B. LORCH transferred to MACS-8.

On 17 June Captain J.C. BROWN departed for CONUS.

On 23 June Lieutenant T.M. O'NEIL departed for CONUS.

Total mileage for June 1968 was 30,791 miles.

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b. Fifteen HAWK raids were held during the month of June. Of these twelve were successfully engaged for an engagement rate of 80%.

5. Ground Defense

a. At Battery "A" perimeter clearing continues. The cleared area now reaches Post #6. Missile ready pits and the command bunker have been improved. Ammo bunkers have been reinforced with new sand bags. Wire laying has started from Post #3 to Post #7 while the wire laying from Post #9 along the access road has been completed.

b. At Battery "B" perimeter clearing and burning around defensive positions continued to be the major effort.

c. At Battery "C" defensive bunkers #8, #7, and #1 have been completely rebuilt. Perimeter wire has been reinforced on all sides. A ring of 55 gallon napalm barrels capable of being command detonated were emplaced around the battery perimeter as a defense measure.

d. At H&S Battery work continues on the bunker refurbishment and compound rewiring program initiated last month.

6. Training

a. H&S Battery held 21 hours of scheduled technical training and 12 hours of GMS classes.

b. Battery "A" held 5 hours of scheduled technical training and 7 hours of GMS classes.

c. Battery "B" held 38 hours of scheduled technical training and 14½ hours of GMS classes.

d. Battery "C" held 14 hours of scheduled technical training and 8½ hours of GMS classes.

7. Logistics

a. Received forty block 170 missiles from CONUS.

b. Battalion Supply processed a total of two thousand five hundred sixty-seven (2,567) requisitions, not including clothing or Serv Mart items for the month of June. Of this number two thousand sixty (2060) items were issued from stock for a gross effectiveness of 80.2%. Of the total requisitions submitted two hundred eighty (280) were for items not previously carried. The net effectiveness was 90.1%, with a rise over last month of 6.9% in gross effectiveness and 2.1% in net effectiveness.

c. The month of June saw the initial stages of the mechanization of

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this Battalion's supply account. Commencing with the first mechanized updating on 7 June there have been six additional updates in which approximately 2500 single item cards have been mechanized. September 1 has been set as the target date for total mechanization.

d. At the end of fiscal year 1968, total expenditures for FY-68 within the Battalion amounted to \$824,497.23. The Battalion stayed within its budget in all areas, turning in \$35,000 from the Hotel fund and \$2,000 from the Quebec fund to Wing prior to the end of the fiscal year.

1st Marine Aircraft Wing Supply inspected 1st LAAM Bn Supply from 10 through 14 June. Final inspection results have not been published to date.

8. Military Construction and Camp Improvement

a. Battery "A" has completed a new Continuous Wave Radar shelter, and poured the pad for a Pulse Radar shelter. Erosion control on the hill has been aided by the use of MACG-18 dump truck and scoop loader. A drainage system is being installed behind the BCC/49 shelter. A new fuel bladder is in operation for the storage of diesel fuel and the showers have been repaired.

b. Battery "B" has completed the interior construction of the CO's office and has painted much of the battery office. Fuel bladders have been covered.

c. Battery "C" has completed the renovation of the battery office. The revetment and shelter for the pulse acquisition radar were rebuilt. Approach pads were constructed to each launcher to facilitate loading and unloading missiles. The erosion control project continued and the garbage dump on Romeo was filled in as a new pit was dug.

d. H&S Battery has constructed facilities to house a laundry service which is now open for Battery personnel's use.

9. Operations

a. The communications section has initiated a system of self-operation checks of equipment before sending such equipment to the repair shop. This has resulted in a good deal of time saved.

b. The communications wire section installed a 50-pair cable from Radio Relay to the switchboard room and installed an 8-pair cable from one TSQ-57 van to another.

c. No significant progress was made in the phase testing of TSQ-57 system during the month because of equipment down time in the Battalion and at MACS-4. The OC air conditioner was down 16 days for repairs.

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The following 1st LAAM Bn personnel were awarded Meritorious Wasts during June 1968.

7 June 1968	GySgt F.A. GODSEY
7 June 1968	Sgt C.F. FOSTER
8 June 1968	LCpl G.G. GRIM
11 June 1968	Cpl T.R. DAUNT
11 June 1968	LCpl V.T. VE CCHIONE
21 June 1968	LCpl R.H. SCHULTZ
25 June 1968	Sgt D.C. HAMM
25 June 1968	Sgt D.D. BOMAN
25 June 1968	LCpl T.R. BIRSTER

11. Informational Services

One hundred ten (110) Home Town News Releases were forwarded from this Battalion during the month of June 1968.

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