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Encl: ✓(1) Subject Report

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


D. E. GUNTHER

2ND LAM BN

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~~ENCLOSURE~~ (7)

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 May 1968 to 31 May 1968

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 1968-1 May 1968
g. Norman P. BOURRE H&S Battery Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 2 May 1968 to present
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 7 May 1968
j. Frank J. D'AGOSTINO Battery B Commanding Officer	1stLt USMCR 8 May 1968 to present
k. Samuel H. WORLEY Battery C Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 23 Nov 1967 to 5 May 1968
l. James K. CRONEY Battery C Commanding Officer	Captain USMCR 6 May 1968 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.

Enclosure (1)

e. H&S Battery, 2d Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 15 September 1965 to present.

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Battery A 86
 b. Battery B 83
 c. Battery C 84
 d. H&S Battery 296

4. Important Visitors

a. On the 14th of May 1968 Major D. H. CORMACK MACG-18 (S-4) and Major GREENE, a HAWK Specialist from the Philadelphia Support Activity, made a liaison visit to the Battalion.

b. On the 24th of May 1968 Brigadier General HILL, Assistant Wing Commander, visited H&S, B and C Batteries. The General toured each of the sites discussing battery operations and problem areas.

PART II. Significant Highlights. None.

PART III. Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. On 25 May 1968 SSgt P. R. WEBB 1834035 was promoted to his present rank.

b. On 20 May 1968 SSgt K. W. BELLS 1885083 was promoted to his present rank.

c. H&S Battery promoted 10 personnel to Lance Corporal, 2 individuals to Private First Class and 1 Lance Corporal to Corporal during the month of May.

d. Battery A promoted Lance Corporal H. R. COX and Lance Corporal F. J. COOK to their present rank on 27 May 1968.

e. Battery C promoted 1 Private to Private First Class and 1 Lance Corporal to Corporal during the month of May.

f. Cpl GUNTHER 2129589 and Cpl BOWMAN 2115107 extended their overseas tour for 6 months.

g. Corporal David S. BOGAN 2171668 was awarded a Meritorious Mast for his outstanding performance as a generator Section Chief.

h. Sergeants R.S. ZENEEL, J.W. GRABRIC, D.L. COOLEY, and Corporals S.M. VERKOTIS and C.M. WHITTAKER were awarded good conduct medals.

i. The following officers departed the battalion during the month of May.

Captain D. A. BACHMAN 092953/6704
 Captain W. L. DANIELS 093056/6704

j. The following personnel joined the battalion during the month of May.

1stLt B. R. HARRIS 094761/6704
 1stLt D. A. HEDGE 0100315/6704
 1stLt R. F. COX 0100144/6704
 1stLt J. P. BROWN 095503/6709

k. On 1 May Captain W. W. BENSON 092976 was sent TAD to the 620th TACS at DaNang to function as the HAWK liaison officer.

l. On 4 May 1968 Captain C. ASHWORTH 092951 and Corporal W. C. HARRINGTON 2094602 and Lance Corporal D. N. RENSHAW 2328149 were sent TAD to Embarkation School at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

2. Civil Affairs

a. The school at Hoa Thanh on Fish Island (BT 479125) was formally dedicated on 18 May. Major's H. BALDWIN and R. YEZZI accompanied by the Civil Action Team and 30 marines attended a celebration dinner given by the Vietnamese dignitaries.

b. The Civil Action Team is in the process of distributing four Yorkshire hogs each to the village elders of Hoa Trung (BT 489141), Hoa Long (BT 501128) and Hoa Dong (BT 510123). Fifty per cent of the subsequent litters will be returned to the village chief of Ky Hoa for distribution to other needy families.

c. During May Battery C gave one of the Vietnamese workers it employs, building materials with which to rebuild his home.

d. During May the Chaplain distributed 340 bars of soap to the indigenous personnel on Ky Hoa Island. Also 460 gallons of milk were apportioned to the Catholic and Protestant Orphanages at Tam Ky and An Tan.

e. A total of 1465 Vietnamese were treated by the MED CAP team on the Island of Ky Hoa.

3. Motor Transportation. A total of 30,720 miles were driven in support of 2d LAAM Bn for the month of May. In addition 1,430 miles were driven in support of the Chu Lai Base. A grand total of 2,988 short tons were hauled during the month.

4. Education

a. Battery A 27%

b. Battery B 57%

- c. Battery C 31%
- d. H&S Battery 23%
- e. Composite Percentage 30%

5. Intelligence. Four intelligence briefings were conducted for the Commanding Officer, Staff and Battery Commanders. Intelligence briefings were also conducted for the enlisted Marines of the battalion.

6. Training. Battalion personnel during the month of May received instruction on the following subjects: NBC Defense, Care and cleaning of weapons, fam-firing of individual weapons, M79 grenade launcher and .50 cal. machine gun.

7. Construction/Engineering. Work was begun on a new Battalion Supply warehouse on 10 May 1968. The structure will be 40' x 100'. The new building will consolidate the issue point and operating stock under one roof. Completion is estimated to be approximately 15 June 1968.

8. Ground Defense. On 5 May 1968 Chu Lai Base came under rocket attack. In the ensuing period (12) 122mm rockets impacted in Battery B's AOR. One rocket detonated behind a launcher and caused 3 missiles to ignite. One missile was observed heading out to sea, one ricocheted off a dirt mound and came to rest in FLSC-B's living area, the 3rd collided with a missile can. In addition to the launcher, a PU 648 generator received extensive damage. No personnel casualties resulted from the attack.