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Encl: (1) 2nd LAAMBn Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

2nd LAAMBn

LtCol R. D. FOSTER  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Btry

1st Lt A. J. WALZ  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Aug 71

Capt R. T. MACY  
1 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71

"A" Btry

1stLt R. E. GRIMM  
1 Jul 71 - 9 Nov 71

1stLt G. P. GABEL JR.  
10 Nov 71 - 31 Dec 71

"B" Btry

1stLt F. C. THOMAS III  
1 Jul 71 - 7 Nov 71

1stLt W. D. SUTTON  
8 Nov 71 - 31 Dec 71

"C" Btry

1stLt G. E. SMITH  
1 Jul 71 - 22 Jul 71

1stLt J. L. RIGGS  
22 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

"D" Btry

1stLt C.S. GRELECKI  
1 Jul 71 - 26 Jul 71

1stLt D. S. HEMPHILL  
27 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

2. LOCATION

1 Jul 71 - 31 Jul 71; MCAS Yuma, Arizona

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Major T. H. WOLD  
1 Jul 71 - 9 Sep 71

Major T. G. CSIK  
10 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71

S-1

1stLt D. A. BRAY  
1 Jul 71 - 6 Sep 71

Capt J. R. DEVORE  
7 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71

S-2

Capt K. E. RUTLEDGE  
1 Jul 71 - 7 Oct 71

1stLt T. G. FOX  
8 Oct 71 - 31 Dec 71

S-3

Major J. W. SPIVEY  
1 Jul 71 - 19 Jul 71

Capt J. W. MCGEE  
20 Jul 71 - 9 Sep 71

Major T. H. WOLD  
10 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71

S-4

Capt J. F. CHAPMAN  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

Supply Officer

1stLt J. F. CIAMPA  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

MT Officer

1stLt R. J. STACK  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

Communications Officer

Capt H. D. HOCKADAY  
1 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71

WSM Officer

CWO-4 J. P. HEDRICK  
1 Jul 71 - 14 Dec 71

CWO-2 S. E. STOTE  
15 Dec 71 - 31 Dec 71

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
JUL	42	599	0	4	0	0
AUG	44	597	0	4	0	0
SEP	46	590	0	4	0	0
OCT	44	583	0	4	0	0
NOV	44	563	0	5	0	0
DEC	43	574	0	5	0	0

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

The period 1 July to 31 December 1971, was primarily characterized by intensified mission-oriented training and a general realignment of Battalion planning and management policies needed to support that training. Performance objectives for Battery and Battalion level Anti-Air Warfare operations were established and used as the basis for all individual and unit training activity during the period. Essentially built on a 120 day time frame, the training cycle of this Battalion was designed to progressively develop not only the technical experience level in the HAWK WEAPON SYSTEM, but also an understanding of Anti-Air Warfare defensive tactics and how they complement the Marine Corps overall air defense system. The 1 July - 31 December cycle, for example, started with hosting the 4th LAAM BN USMCR during their annual summer training in August. That training consisted primarily of the Reservists using this Battalion's equipment and personnel as instructors to conduct a live firing exercise of 12 HAWK MISSILES, an event that resulted in excellent experience for Regulars and Reserves alike. The next major operational event occurred during September when the Battalion deployed 2 missile Batteries along with support elements to Camp Pendleton to participate in MABLEX 1-71. In October, a full Battalion level HAWK firing exercise was conducted at TACNA, Arizona, with satisfactory results. Operational highlights of the October FIREX included a successful interface with the TAOC of MACS-1 and the full employment of Data Link Control procedures with missile Batteries for all live missile firing. The training cycle continued through November with live aircraft tracking and engagement drills conducted at the P-111 Desert Site utilizing a specially designed aircraft raid track southwest of that position. These operations together with special emphasis training events concerning C-130 airlift and CH-53 helolift familiarization as well as a Battalion wide full day program of NBC Defense, concluded the 1971 Battalion effort and served as excellent preparation for the final phase of the current operational cycle, a Battalion Training Exercise scheduled for 11-13 January 1972.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 12 Aug 71 The Commanding Officer presented a semi-annual briefing to MGEN BROWN, CG, 3rdMAW.
- 13-27 Aug The Battalion Staff sections plus components of H&S Battery with A and B Batteries supported the 4th LAAMBn FIREX conducted during their ATD at SAM Range R-2301 West near TACNA, Arizona.
- 20 Aug 71 The Commanding Officer presented an operational briefing to LtGEN JONES, CG, FMFPac.
- 23 Aug 71 C and D Batteries commenced preparation for the forthcoming MABLEX (1-71). 1stLt G. E. SMITH was transferred to 3rdMAW for duty as a Redeye Platoon Commander.
- 25 Aug 71 1stLt E. L. SIMMONS was transferred from his billet as XO of D Battery to H&S Battery as the Special Services Officer for the Battalion. In addition, he assumed the position of head coach of the MCAS Yuma Football Team.
- 30 Aug 71 Returning from Military Justice Course, 1stLt R. G. SETON was transferred to D Battery as XO.
- 31 Aug 71 A Battalion Staff NCO Parade and Retirement Ceremony was held transferring 1stSgt J. F. GUINN, GySgt W. F. WAHL of D Battery and MSgt G. R. FREY of H&S Battery to the Fleet Marine Force Reserve.
- 1 Sep 71 1stLt A. J. WALZ assumed the duties as XO of H&S Battery after being relieved as CO by Capt R. T. MACY.
- 3 Sep 71 Capt J. R. DEVORE became the Battalion S-1 Officer following his joining upon completion of AWS at Quantico.
- 7-17 Sep The Battalion AAOC supported by personnel from H&S Battery along with C and D Batteries participated in MABLEX 1-71 at Camp Pendleton, California.

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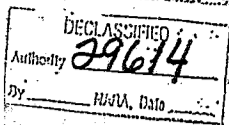
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- 10 Sep 71 Major T. G. CSIK joined the Battalion and assumed the duties as XO.
- 17 Sep 71 3rdMAW Colonels J. W. PARCHEN, and R. J. CHADWICK were given a tour of A Battery and a briefing by the CO.
- 22 Sep 71 All the Battalions Officers met for an All Officers Meeting/Breakfast during which time staff sections and subordinate unit CO's presented briefings and training objectives. Cpl Z. L. ROBINSON of D Battery was selected as the Marine of the Month by MACG-38 for October.
- 25 Sep 71 1stLt W. D. SUTTON returned from his TAD assignment to the Prev Mag 50 staff.
- 29 Sep 71 Battery A supported a TACC Field Demo Test at MCTSSA, MCAF (H) Santa Ana, California. Colonels W. BIEHL JR. and E. I. LUPON of 3rdMAW were briefed by the S-3 Officer, Major T. H. WOLD.
- 30 Sep 71 1stLt J. S. HALL returned from Embarkation School at NS, Coronado, California.
- 12 Oct 71 The allowance of PU 711 generator sets arrived and replacement of PU 648 generators began, resulting in a considerable improvement in tactical power source reliability. New air conditioners model A/E 32 C-25 were received. Units were installed, tested and repairmen trained with the assistance of a factory representative.
- 13 Oct 71 A minimum notice inspection was conducted by FMFPac Inspectors of selected Battalion units.
- 18-20 Oct A successful semi-annual FIREX utilizing both the TAOC and the AAOC for control was conducted at the SAM Range R-2301 West. All four missile Batteries participated.

Ref: (a) Commander's Concept of Operations for 2ndLAAMBn FIREX 2-72  
 (b) 2ndLAAMBn OpOrder 4-71

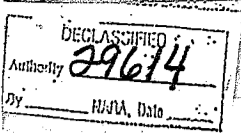
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- 19 Oct 71 MACG-38 Commanding Officer, Colonel J. R. O'MARA and SgtMaj E. TUMBERGER observed the FIREX operations and were briefed by the Battalion CO.
- 20 Oct 71 Eighteen officers from various units of 3rdMAW were briefed by the CO and toured the operating FIREX area at TAGNA.
- 28 Oct 71 1stSgt C. S. VALLEJO of H&S Battery and 1stSgt W. ZEIFERTS of B Battery returned upon completion of 1stSgt School at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. and exchanged billet assignments as 1stSgt of the respective Batteries.
- 1 Nov 71 1stLt G. W. BEALS, A Battery, was transferred to 3rdMAW to become a Redeye Platoon Commander.
- 1-30 Nov Semi-annual Physical Fitness Tests were conducted by the Batteries for all Battalion personnel.
- 13 Nov 71 A Family Day for dependents of Battalion personnel was held at the Desert Training Site. Included was a picnic style lunch, briefings on the unit's mission, medical and other benefits, static displays, and fun and games for all hands.
- 13 Nov - 3 Dec Logistics and personnel support was provided for the MCDEC LADS Field Test for Redeye.
- 24 Nov 71 A tour and briefing of the Battalion's garrison facilities was presented to BGEN E. S. PRIS, CG, COMCABWEST and Colonel E. S. MALONEY, CO, MCAS, Yuma. Air Embarkation Training utilizing a KC-130 from VMGR-352 was conducted for all Battalion embarkation personnel. Colonel J. H. O'MARA, CO, MACG-38 and Colonel F. N. PIPIN, G-4 visited the Battalion and toured various areas.
- 6 Dec 71 Helicopter training conducted with test lifting of various major HAWK equipment items and training of personnel on Helicopter loading/lift procedures by H.S.T. from Shore Party Battalion 1stMARDIV.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following are submitted as supporting documents.
2. a. ✓ Commander's Concept of Operation for 2ndLAAMBn FIREX 2-71.
- b. ✓ 2ndLAAMBn OpOrder 4-71 with Administrative/Logistics Order 4-71.

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