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Marine Air Control Group-38  
3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, FMFPac  
Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona 85364

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Encl: (1) 2nd LAAM Battalion Command Chronology

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

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2d LAAM BN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

### ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

#### 1. DESIGNATION

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#### COMMANDER

LtCol R.D. FOSTER  
1Jan-30Jun72

#### SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Btry

Capt R.T. MACY  
1Jan-30Jun72

"A" Btry

1stLt G.P.GABEL Jr.  
1Jan-18Jun72

"B" Btry

Capt B.R. COURTNEY  
19Jun-30Jun72

"C" Btry

1stLt W.D. SUTTON  
1Jan-30Jun72

1stLt R.J. ARMSTRONG  
1Jan-30Jun72

#### ATTACHED UNITS

Marine Wing Weapons Unit-3

Capt H. POSTHUMA  
1Jan-30Jun72

#### 2. LOCATION

Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona 85364 1Jan-30Jun72

#### 3. STAFF OFFICERS

##### a. EXECUTIVE STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Maj T.G. GSIK  
1Jan-30Jun72

S-1

Capt J.R. DEVORE  
1Jan-6Mar72

1stLt D.A. BRAY  
7Mar-30Jun72

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S-2/3

Maj T.H. WOLD  
1Jan-7Jun72

Capt J.R. DEVORE  
8Jun-30Jun 72

S-4

Capt J.F. CHAPMAN  
1Jan-26May72

Capt L.G. MALONE  
27May-30Jun72

b. SPECIAL STAFF OFFICERS

Communications Officer

Capt H.D. HOCKADAY  
1Jan-24Jan72

Capt W.T. MCAULEY II  
25Jan-30Jun72

Supply Officer

1stLt J.F. CIAMPA  
1Jan-30Jun72

Embarkation Officer

1stLt H.L. BORDEN  
1Jan-29Feb72

1stLt J.S. HALL  
1Mar-30Jun72

Legal Officer

1stLt P.J. GIACINTI Jr.  
1Jan-30Jun72

Education Officer

1stLt P.J. GIACINTI Jr.  
1Jan-29Feb72

1stLt R.C. SETON  
1Mar-30Jun72

Motor Transport Officer

CWO-4 R.D. MILLER  
1Jan-30Jun72

Weapons System Maintenance Officer

CWO-3 S.E. STOTE  
1Jan-30Jun72

Career Planning Officer

CWO-2 T.R. SHINE  
1Jan-30Jun72

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## 4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Jan	41	544	0	6
Feb	38	533	0	6
Mar	36	514	0	6
Apr	37	509	0	7
May	38	482	0	7
Jun	38	480	0	7

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## PART II

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. READINESS. This portion is classified - see current FORSTAT.
2. PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

<u>a. PERSONNEL STATUS</u>	<u>M/L</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>90 DAYS</u>
Officer	38	39	37
SNCO	64	61	58
Sgt & Below	533	420	404

Personnel figures have shown a continual decline during the last six months as indicated by a total enlisted strength of 565 in January and a present total of 482. Numbers of officers and staff have remained comparatively stable, with most of the decline having occurred in the ranks of Sergeant and below.

b. The figures presented do not include the redesignation of Marine Wing Weapons Unit-3 which became Sub Unit-1, H&S Battery 2nd LAAM Battalion on 1 February 1972. Further organizational changes occurred on 29 February 1972 with the deactivation of "D" Battery. Personnel of "D" Battery were distributed among other units in the Battalion.

c. Disciplinary actions in the previous six months totaled 93 NJP's, 5 SCM's, 6 SPCM's, and 1 GCM. One SPCM was appealed and an acquittal was received. Violations of Article 86 continued to predominate types of offenses and were the subject of 67 of 105 disciplinary actions. Proceedings in Administrative Discharges resulting in 10 approved (three of which were suspended) and 8 pending final action. Also, two of the three suspended are awaiting approval of vacation of suspension.

d. Personnel Reporting showed significant improvement in accuracy and produced an average monthly error per cent rate of only 4% on an average monthly transaction of 884.

### 3. PERSONNEL PROGRAMS/PROCEDURES

a. The Battalion has drawn from many sources to enhance the continuing leadership development and education of personnel. The Marine Combat Crew Readiness Training Group-10 and Third Marine Aircraft Wing NCO School quotas have allowed many Sergeants and Corporals of this unit to attend NCO schools. Likewise, the 3rd MAW and MCDEC SNCO Academies have provided further training for some Staff Sergeants. Since implementation the Battalion has had 17 Officers and 28 SNCO's attend the PEOPLES program. The seminar course was considered very valuable by those attending.

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b. Two Navy Achievement Medals were awarded during the last six months and other awards included 23 Meritorious Masts. Battalion personnel were selected as 3rd MAW "Marine of the Month" during February and March and another was selected as MGAS, Yuma "Marine of the Month" for June. Twenty-two personnel were awarded Superior Performance Pay for a six month period beginning 1 January.

c. Marines requested mast with the Battalion Commanding Officer on 47 occasions during the past six months. Action was completed on 34 of the requests and 13 were referred to higher command. The subject of requests were without trend and indicated no consistent problems.

d. The rehabilitation of personnel claiming exemption under the Drug Exemption Program involved transfer of three personnel to the Navy Rehabilitation Center, Miramar. One Marine completed a local rehabilitation program and two others received Administrative Discharges. Since implementation six Marines have claimed exemptions and all have been discharged or have completed rehabilitation.

e. A total of 153 Battalion personnel advanced in rank during the past six months. One Sergeant was promoted into the ranks of SNCO while three other SNCO's advanced to higher grades. Eight of the 149 promotions to Sergeant and below were meritoriously earned.

## 4. CAREER PLANNING/EDUCATION

### a. PERSONNEL STATUS

(1) At present, there is one officer, two SNCO's and one Sergeant assigned as full-time Career Planners in this unit. All the enlisted Career Planners are formal school trained with a minimum of 1 year experience in the Career Planning billet.

(2) The addition of a second Career Planner located at the P-111 desert site has given our program greater coverage and more flexibility in both administrative and counseling contacts.

### b. OFFICER RETENTION. (Company Grade)

(1) Newly Joined	6
(2) Released from Active Duty	4
(3) Augmentation Requested	0
(4) Augmentation Accepted	0

### c. ENLISTED CAREER PLANNING

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## (1) Monthly Reenlistment Results

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>ATTRITION/EAS</u>	<u># REELISTED</u>	<u>%</u>
Jan	28/19	1	5.3
Feb	17/13	7	54.0
Mar	28/25	6	24.0
Apr	12/11	0	0.0
May	25/22	7	31.8
Jun	<u>27/21</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>14.0</u>
TOTAL	137/111	24	21.6
Monthly Average	23/19	4	21.5

## (2) Special Programs

(a) Battalion Commander's letter to wives of newly married personnel.

(b) Frequent briefing with all Officer and SNCO's.

(c) Quarterly career planning presentation to all members of the Battalion.

### d. EDUCATION

USAFI -- 16 new enrollments, 2 course completions, no drops

Off-Duty Education (less USAFI) -- 6

GED Test -- 29

CLEP Test -- 4

GCT Test -- 0

EDPT Test -- 4

EOC Test -- 1

Early Release for School -- processed -- 11  
 released by 30Jun72 -- 6

Education Interviews -- 160

Marine Associate Degree Program -- 1 application submitted

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### 5. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

a. The Battalion is pursuing an aggressive training program through the conduct of weekly Anti-Air Warfare Exercises (AAWEX). These practical exercises are complemented by use of the AN/TPQ-21 simulator. Further efforts to increase the proficiency of personnel include the establishment of MOS evaluation boards whose standards must be met before qualification/promotion is considered.

### b. TRAINING

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## (1) Officers

- 24 Passed PFT
- 9 Requalified with M-14
- 12 Requalified with .45
- 17 Completed PEOPLE Training
- 1 Attended Human Relations Discussion Leader Training, MCAS, Yuma
- 4 Enrolled in an MCI Course
- 5 Completed an MCI Course
- 1 Completed MTO Orientation Course, Camp Lejeune, N.C.
- 2 Attended One Day Drug Education Workshop, El Tero, Calif
- 35 Attended Wing DDNIE Lecture

## (2) Enlisted

- Sgts and below - 10 hrs of Basic Training
- Sgts and below - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs of Troop Information
- SNCOs - 5 hrs Career Training

- 193 Passed PFT
- 158 Requalified with M-14
- 22 Requalified with .45
- 28 SNCOs attended PEOPLE Training
- 73 Enrolled in an MCI Course
- 19 Completed an MCI Course
- 12 Sgts & below completed NCO Leadership School, MCCRTC-10, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona
- 1 SNCO Completed SNCO Academy, Quantico, Va.
- 1 SNCO Completed SNCO Academy, El Tero, Calif.
- 1 NCO Completed NCO Leadership School, El Tero, Calif.
- 2 Completed SRB/MMS Crs, Santa Ana, Calif.
- 1 Completed M.T. NCO Crs, El Tero, Calif.
- 1 Completed Embark for Amphib Ops, Coronado, Calif.
- 1 Completed LFTC PAC Embark Off Asst Crs, El Tero, Calif.
- 2 Completed NBC Defense Schl, El Tero, Calif.
- 375 Sgts & below Attended Wing DDNIE Lecture
- 52 SNCOs Attended Wing DDNIE Lecture

c. The Battalion conducted a total of 354 hours of technical training during the period 1 January - 30 June 1972.

### d. EXERCISES

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- (1) 10-13Jan72 Helo-lift Training Exercise
- (2) 25Jan-1Mar72 Operation Grasscatcher
- (3) 16-26Mar72 FIREX 1-72
- (4) 12-30Jun72 Operation Grasscatcher

e. On 3 March 1972 the Wing A&M Inspection was conducted. Four (4) of the five (5) Batteries inspected received a grade of SATISFACTORY. The remaining Battery received a grade of SATISFACTORY with minor discrepancies.

f. On 9 June 1972 all personnel from A, B, and C Batteries and the Communication, WSM, and S-3 Radar Sections of H&S Battery participated in a quarterly NBC drill.

## 6. HAWK MAINTENANCE

a. Basic Electronics classes have been conducted to increase the technical ability of the personnel in the 5900 field.

b. The establishment of the Organizational Readiness Float (ORF) has increased the scope of work to be done by this section. A reduction of the ORF has been requested due to the shortage of qualified technicians on hand.

c. A technical inspection was conducted on the firing batteries. SATISFACTORY results were obtained.

d. The Engineers Section rebuilt the Battalion Armory to conform with security regulations.

e. PROBLEM AREAS. A definite trend in the failure of the Trans Air Conditioners was noted. Also observed were the high failure rates of the K-4 relays and input circuit breakers.

## 7. SUPPLY

a. The Field Supply Analysis Team conducted an inspection of Supply Operations and Records.

b. The Battalion Supply was relocated from Building 332 to Building 480 providing security and control.

c. The Battalion Armory was relocated to Building 480 providing increased security and control.

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d. An authorization of \$66,000.00 was received and used to procure approximately 9,500 line items of MSL deficiencies.

e. Redistribution of "D" Battery's assets began in accordance with instructions contained in redistribution messages from the Wing Supply Officer.

#### 8. FINANCIAL

a. During the past fiscal year the Battalion received a total grant of \$230,468.00 for stock fund account spending of which \$223,000.00 has been spent. The Battalion has further spent an additional \$67,000.00 totaling approximately 5,000 MSL requisitions during this current fiscal year.

b. During the 3rd Quarter of this fiscal year we received 4 grants totaling \$35,560.00. In the 4th Quarter we received only one grant for the amount of \$44,440.00.

9. MOTOR TRANSPORT. During the period 1 January thru 30 June 1972 the Motor Transport Section travelled a total of 221,947 miles of which 24,106 was chargeable as on base mileage, and 197,841 chargeable as off base mileage. Passengers carried amounted to 22,754 with 972 Tons, 585 lbs of cargo being moved.

#### 10. EMBARKATION

a. The Battalion displayed its embarkation readiness in the thorough planning and swift execution of the sealift in support of Battalion FIREX 1-72 at San Clemente Island, California. Much embarkation experience was gained through this exercise.

b. During the month of June an embarkation syllabus was instituted to introduce MEDS to all Battalion embarkation personnel. This syllabus will continue through July and August and will then allow for the implementation of the MEDS at the battery level.

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## PART III

### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Jan Capt. W.T. McAULEY II assumed the duties as the Battalion Communications Officer vice Capt. H.D. HOCKADAY relieved.
- 3 Jan Battalion Motor Transport was utilized in support of MACS-7 during Operation Grasscatcher.
- 10-13 Jan The Battalion conducted a training exercise employing the helo-lift of battery equipment to a tactical site. The Batteries were then evaluated on their tactical readiness during low altitude air attacks and ground aggressor raids.
- 21 Jan 1stLt. R.C. SETON assumed command of "D" Battery vice 1stLt. D.S. HEMPHILL relieved.  
  
Battalion hosted a tour for a group of company grade officers from MCB, Camp Pendleton, California.
- 24 Jan The Field Supply Analysis Team from Camp Pendleton inspected Supply Operation Procedures and Records.
- 25 Jan A Navy Communications and Security Team conducted a training visit of the Battalion security areas.
- 28 Jan A liaison visit was made by the Wing Motor Transport Officer.
- 16 Feb Career planning staff visit by MACG-38.
- 22 Feb Staff visit to the Engineer Section of Weapons System Maintenance (WSM) by the Wing Engineer.
- 23 Feb "D" Battery turned in HAWK equipment to WSM.
- 29 Feb Maj. H.E. GRAIG of MACG-38 conducted a staff visit of the Battalion S-4 Section.  
  
A&M Inspection.
- 19 Mar "B" Battery represented the Battalion in the Station Military Appreciation Day ceremony.

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- 20-21 Mar 27 Officers, 14 SNCOs and 93 Enlisted personnel from the Battalion attended a Communications Security/Electronic Warfare class given by the 1st Radio Battalion.
- 20-31 Mar The Battalion provided logistical support for the MASS-3 ASRT Team.
- 3-20 Apr 2nd LAAM Battalion conducted its semi-annual FIREX on San Clemente Island.
- 6-7 Apr 1st Lt. J.R. LARGE of MACG-38 conducted a S-2 staff visit.
- 11-13 Apr "C" Battery participated in the 3rd MAF Armed Forces Day display at El Tero.
- 15 April Lt Col. R.D. FOSTER briefed MGen. R.T. DWYER, CG I MAF and BGen. F.C. LANG, CG 3rd MAF, on our FIREX.
- 18 Apr 3rd MAF conducted a supply staff visit.
- 19-25 Apr "C" Battery participated in a post exercise event with the 7th Marines as part of COMTUEX 10A-72.
- 4 May The 2nd LAAM Battalion Armory was moved to the Battalion Supply Building providing increased security and control.
- 6 May Capt. L.G. MALONE, the new S-4 Officer, reported aboard.
- 18 May An operational brief was given to the Commandant of the Marine Corps during his recent visit to MCAS, Yuma.
- 19 May Battalion S-2 Section conducted a staff visit to MACG-38 prior to participating in the I MAF Intelligence Symposium held at Camp Pendleton.
- 22 May A Calibration Team from Camp Pendleton arrived at the WSM Section to calibrate HAWK Maintenance Equipment.
- 31 May The MACG-38 Supply Officer conducted a staff visit.
- 8 Jun Capt. J.R. DEVORE assumed the duty as Operations Officer (S-2/3).
- 9 Jun An NBC Training Exercise was conducted at the P-111 Desert Site.

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- 12-16 Jun "B" Battery conducted a tactical training exercise.
- 12-30 Jun "C" Battery (Augmented) participated in Operation Grasscatcher.
- 15-16 Jun MACG-38 Legal Officer conducted a staff visit.
- 19 Jun Capt. B.R. COURTNEY assumed the duties as Commanding Officer of "A" Battery vice 1stLt. G.P. GABEL relieved.
- 20 Jun MACG-38 Staff visits were conducted in the following areas: Engineering, Fiscal, MARES, and Motor Transport.
- 23 Jun BGen. F.C. LANG, CG 3rdMAW, visited the Operation Grasscatcher site and was subsequently briefed.  
MACG-38 S-2 Officer conducted a staff visit.
- 26 Jun MACG-38 Safety Officer conducted a quarterly safety inspection.
- 26-27 Jun A reinspection of Battalion embarkation was held by the 3rdMAW staff. The results were satisfactory with minor discrepancies.
- 27 Jun 3rdMAW Fiscal Officer conducted a staff visit.
- 28-29 Jun MACG-38 Training Officer conducted a staff visit.

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## PART IV

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following are submitted as supporting documents.
  - a. ✓ 2dLAAMBn OpOrder 1-72, Helo-lift Training Exercise
  - b. ✓ 2dLAAMBn OpOrder 2-72, Operation Grasscatcher
  - c. ✓ 2dLAAMBn OpOrder 3-72, FIREX 1-72
  - d. ✓ 2dLAAMBn OpOrder 4-72, Operation Grasscatcher
  - e. ✓ Marine Wing Weapons Unit-3 Command Chronology, Jan-Jun 1972

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