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2d LAMN BN

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. REPORTING UNIT DESIGNATION

2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion

COMMANDER

Major L. A. SOLLBERGER  
1 January - 29 June 1971

Lt. Colonel R. D. FOSTER  
29 June - 30 June 1971

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters & Service Battery

1stLt A. J. WALZ  
1 January - 30 June 1971

Alpha Battery

1stLt R. E. GRIMM  
1 January - 30 June 1971

Bravo Battery

1stLt F. L. MILLER  
1 January - 6 March 1971

1stLt F. C. THOMAS  
7 March - 30 June 1971

Charlie Battery

1stLt G. E. SMITH  
1 January - 30 June 1971

Delta Battery

1stLt C. S. GRELECKI  
1 January - 30 June 1971

2. LOCATION

1 January - 31 March 1971: MCB, Twentynine Palms, California

1 April - 30 June 1971: MCAS, Yuma, Arizona

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. K. TAYLOR  
1 January - 31 March 1971

Major J. W SPIVEY  
1 April - 30 April 1971

Major T. H. WOLD  
1 May - 30 June 1971

Officer-in-Charge, Detachment Alpha

Major J. W SPIVEY  
1 January - 31 March 1971

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S-1 Officer, Detachment Alpha

Capt L. G. MALONE  
1 January - 8 March 1971

None assigned 9-15 March 1971

1stLt F. P. NOVAK  
15 March - 31 March 1971

S-1 Officer

Capt R. F. LINN  
1 January - 28 February 1971

1stLt F. P. NOVAK  
1 March - 15 March 1971

None assigned 16-31 March 1971

1stLt F. P. NOVAK  
1 April - 7 June 1971

None assigned 8-28 June 1971

1stLt D. A. BRAY  
29 June - 30 June 1971

S-2/3 Officer, Detachment Alpha

Capt J. W McGEE  
1 January - 31 March 1971

S-2/3 Officer

Capt H. J. BARBER  
1 January - 28 February 1971

None assigned 1-31 March 1971

Capt J. W McGEE  
1 April - 6 May 1971

Major J. W SPIVEY  
7 May - 30 June 1971

S-4 Officer, Detachment Alpha

CWO-3 R. D. MILLER  
1 January - 20 January 1971

Capt J. F. CHAPMAN  
21 January - 31 March 1971

S-4 Officer

Capt C. C. DURAZO  
1 January - 28 February 1971

None assigned 1-31 March 1971

Capt J. F. CHAPMAN  
1 April - 30 June 1971

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Supply Officer, Detachment Alpha

CWO-3 R. D. MILLER  
1 January - 20 January 1971

Capt J. F. CHAPMAN  
21 January - 31 March 1971

Supply Officer

CWO-3 R. A. DESJARLAIS  
1 January - 31 March 1971

1stLt J. F. CIAMPA  
1 April - 30 June 1971

Motor Transport Officer, Detachment Alpha

CWO-3 R. D. MILLER  
1 January - 31 March 1971

Motor Transport Officer

Capt P. J. KEARNEY  
1 January - 31 March 1971

1stLt R. J. STACK  
1 April - 30 June 1971

Communications Officer, Detachment Alpha

Capt H. D. HOCKADAY  
1 January - 31 March 1971

Communications Officer

Capt D. U. BLAIR  
1 January - 28 February 1971

None assigned 1-31 March 1971

Capt H. D. HOCKADAY  
1 April - 30 June 1971

Weapon Systems Maintenance Officer,  
Detachment Alpha

CWO-3 J. P. HEDRICK  
1 January - 31 March 1971

Weapon Systems Maintenance Officer

CWO-2 C. G. SCHLEUSNER  
1 January - 28 February 1971

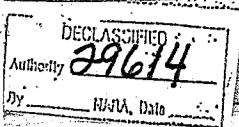
None assigned 1-31 March 1971

CWO-4 H. D. HEDRICK  
1 April - 30 June 1971

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>		<u>CIV</u>
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
January	44	640	1	9	0	0	1
February	40	577	1	9	0	0	1
March	38	458	1	6	0	0	1
April	41	536	1	5	0	0	1
May	43	570	1	5	0	0	1
June	44	597	0	5	0	0	1



## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the major portion of this reporting period the Battalion split between the Battalion (-), commanded by Major Sollberger and consisting of H&S, Alpha, and Bravo Batteries, located at MCB Twenty-nine Palms, California, and Detachment Alpha, Major Spivey, OIC, consisting of Sub-unit #1, H&S Battery, and Charlie and Delta Batteries, located at MCAS, Yuma, Arizona.

From January to April, as well as conducting normal training operations, the Battalion (-) was in the process of readying itself to move to Yuma, Arizona, and consolidate with Detachment Alpha, just as Detachment Alpha was busy preparing to receive the Battalion (-). The difficulties attendant to such a move, by virtue of the large amount of personnel and equipment, not to mention the inconvenience to the individual Marines and their families, made it necessary for the personnel to put forth their best efforts to insure proper planning and preparation was made. While conducting "business as usual", other tasks presented themselves, such as the Battalion's support of the Bob Hope Desert Classic Golf Tournament at Palm Springs, California in February.

Meanwhile Detachment Alpha prepared for the Wing A & M Inspection which was held in January. During February the Detachment deployed to a firing site near Tacna, Arizona, and conducted a highly successful FIREX, demonstrating their ability to perform the assigned mission of a HAWK unit. This training was augmented by weekly Anti-Air Warfare Exercises conducted at the Anti-Air Warfare Desert Training Site.

The Desert Site, recently constructed to accommodate training by MACS-1 and the Battalion, drew several important visitors, culminating with a visit by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in March and by the Assistant Commandant in April.

The first of April found the 2nd LAAM Battalion consolidated at MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, and learning to work well as one coherent unit, conducting normal training operations. Major Spivey became the Executive Officer until Major Wold returned from attending the HAWK Officer's Qualification Course at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Before and since its consolidation, the Battalion has been plagued by a shortage of enlisted personnel, and the reversion of several key temporary officers impaired the training early in the year. By May, although still undermanned, the Battalion was beginning to "flesh out" and operations became somewhat easier; the shortage of drivers was lessened and Batteries were assigned their own communications personnel.

The remainder of the period was spent in continued improvement in training and operations, and saw the continued deployment of the Batteries in training exercises. The Battalion continued to gain confidence in its ability as a unit to perform its assigned mission. At the end of June a Change of Command Ceremony and Parade was held as Major Sollberger was transferred to WesPac and Lieutenant Colonel Foster assumed command.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 09 January 1971 CWO-2 P. E. UONIO joined and was assigned to C Battery.
- 22 January 1971 2ndLt J. S. HALL joined and was assigned to D Battery.
- 24 January 1971 1stLt K. E. RUTLEDGE joined and was assigned as the assistant S-2 officer.
- 25 January 1971 Detachment Alpha received a Wing A & M Inspection which was conducted through 29 Jan 1971.
- 03 February 1971 Detachment Alpha conducted a FIREX (OPORDER 1-71) near Tacna, Arizona, through 9 Feb 1971, firing five (5) missiles and getting five (5) hits.
- 10 February 1971 B Battery personnel supported the Bob Hope Desert Classic Golf Tournament in Palm Springs, California, through 14 Feb 1971, by supplying crowd control and security personnel. 2ndLt H. L. BORDEN joined and was assigned to C Battery. Maj T. H. WOLD joined and remained unassigned pending school.
- 23 February 1971 D Battery deployed to Niland, California to participate in a Navy, First Fleet Training Exercise, through 3 Mar 1971.
- 24 February 1971 2ndLt D. J. LEGIDAKES joined and was assigned as the assistant S-4 officer.
- 04 March 1971 The Commandant of the Marine Corps visited the Desert Training Site, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, and was briefed by 1stLt SMITH, CO, C Battery.
- 07 March 1971 2ndLt R. J. ARMSTRONG joined and was assigned to D Battery
- 15 March 1971 A Battery was relocated from MCB, Twentynine Palms, California, to MCAS, Yuma, Arizona.
- 22 March 1971 C Battery deployed to Camp Pendleton, California,, for training with MAGS-7 in MBDL, through 1 Apr 1971.
- 24 March 1971 B Battery equipment was relocated to MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, from MCB, Twentynine Palms, California, with an advance party. The entire battery arrived 29 Mar 1971.



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- 01 April 1971            The Detachment Alpha was deactivated and the 2nd IAAM Battalion was consolidated as one unit at MCAS, Yuma, Arizona.
- 03 April 1971            1stLt W. F. TAGGERT was joined and assigned to the S-3 section.
- 05 April 1971.            2ndLt W. J. BOYLE was joined and assigned to B Battery.
- 15 April 1971            D Battery deployed to Niland, California to participate in a Navy, First Fleet Exercise, through 20 Apr 1971. WO-1 P. B. PETERSON was joined and assigned to the S-3 section.
- 26 April 1971            Wing A&M Inspectors arrived to inspect those portions of the Battalion not inspected during the Detachment Alpha inspection in February.
- 03 May 1971            CWO-2 P. C. HANKINSON was joined and assigned as the assistant Supply Officer.
- 05 May 1971            2ndLt W. R. DANIEL was joined and assigned to C Battery.
- 11 May 1971            1stLt G. M. McHUGH was joined and assigned to the S-3 Section.
- 28 May 1971            LtCol R. D. FOSTER was joined and remained unassigned while on leave.
- 01 June 1971            1stLt SUTTON was assigned to the ProvMag-50 Staff at Santa Ana, California, for OPERATION BELL THUMPER.
- 04 June 1971            A Battery deployed to Camp Pendelton, California, to participate in MBDL training with ~~MACS-7~~ through 18 Jun 1971, and remained to participate in OPERATION BELL THUMPER through 26 Jun 1971.
- 11 June 1971            2ndLt R. J. FINK was joined and assigned to the S-3 Section.
- 17 June 1971            2ndLt W. G. SCHILD and 10 men deployed with an Augmented Assault Fire Unit from B Battery in support of OPERATION BELL THUMPER through 25 Jun 1971.
- 29 June 1971            A Battalion Parade and Change of Command Ceremony was conducted. LtCol FOSTER assumed command of the Battalion.

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- 30 June 1971 1stLt W. F. TAGGERT was released from active duty at the expiration of his active service.
- 22 May 1971 Cpl J. A. SKIBA, 2385567 of H&S Battery died of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on 21 May.
- 22 June 1971 Cpl L. K. DALTON 2546701 of H&S Battery died of injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile after being pushed from the MCAS, Yuma liberty bus.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. The following documents are submitted as supporting documents.
  - Tab* a. ✓ Detachment Alpha, 2nd LAAM Bn, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona, Operation Order 1-71 dtd 191030T Jan71.
  - b. ✓ 2nd LAAM Bn Twentynine Palms, California , Operation Order 1-71 dtd 191330T Feb71.
  - c. ✓ A Battery, 2nd LAAM Bn, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona Operation Order 2-71 dtd 241600T May71.