

4thFAAD Battery (-), 4thLAAM Battalion, 4thMAW
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY REPORT CY-79

1. 4thFAAD Battery (-), 4thLAAM Bn, 4thMAW, MCRTC 2755 East Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91107

a. 1 January through 31 December 1979.

b. Major Wilmer K. HARPER USMCR, Line No. 2,
T/O: 4790, 1 January through 31 December 1979.

c. Average monthly strength during reporting period:
6 Officers and 70 Enlisted.

2. Sequential listing of significant events:

a. Personnel: 90% average drill attendance during reporting period.

b. Administration: Joined 31 Category "K" individuals and 7 prior service. Two Staff Sergeants selected and appointed Warrant Officer. Four individuals were administratively separated due to disciplinary problems.

c. Training:

(1) 13-14 January: Conducted mission oriented training at MCRTC, Pasadena, CA.

(2) 2-4 February: 1st and 2nd platoon conducted Redeye tracking operations at Fort Bliss, TX.

(3) 3-4 March: Conducted mission oriented training at MCRTC, Pasadena, CA.

(4) 21-22 April: Conducted a RELS FIREX at Camp Pendleton.

(5) 3-16 May: Battery personnel participated in Dawn Patrol in the Mediterranean area.

(6) 5-6 May: Conducted land navigation for Battery personnel at Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles, CA.

(7) 2-3 June: Conducted mission oriented training at MCRTC, Pasadena, CA.

(8) 1-15 July: Battery personnel participated in a Redeye FIREX at Onslow Beach, NC.

(9) 8-21 July: Battery personnel participated in RESPHIBLEX 1-79 at MCAS New River, NC.

(10) 19Aug-1Sep: Personnel from Battery went to Redeye School at Fort Bliss, TX.

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(11) 1-16 October: Battery personnel participated in Display Determination held in Turkey.

(12) 3-4 November: Conducted mission oriented training at H&S Btry Detachment, Pasadena, CA.

(13) 4-9 December: Conducted a Redeye FIREX at 29 Palms, CA to qualify/requalify Redeye Gunners.

d. Special Projects: November and December, assisted in the annual Toys for Tots Program.

e. Community Relations: Assisted Detachment Staff during the Annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

f. Ceremonies: Participated in the Marine Corps Birthday Ball held at Pasadena Hilton, Pasadena, CA in which 250 persons were in attendance.

g. Modification to Plant and Facilities: None.

h. New programs and changes/status of existing programs:

(1) Retention: Renewed retential effort stressed.

(2) Recruiting: Renewed recruiting effort stressed, high exposure in community.

(3) "Marine of the Quarter" receives a plaque, high recognition, and special privileges, including own parking space, names of all recipients are placed on a permanent plaque located at the Reserve Center.

i. Command relationship with other military organizations within the immediate area: Excellent.

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DET "A" 4th FAAD Battery Command Chronology

1. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. Det "A", 4th FAAD(-) Battery,
4th LAAM Battalion, 4th MAW, FMF, NAS Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia.

b. Period Covered. 1 January - 31 December 1979

c. Commanding Officer and Principal Staff Officers

OIC	R. F. BAKER, LtCol	1 Jan - 5 Aug
OIC	D. C. VASSEY, Maj	6 Aug - 31 Dec
AOIC	D. C. VASSEY, Maj	1 Jan - 5 Aug
AOIC	R. JACKSON, Capt	6 Aug - 31 Dec
3RD PLT CO	M. E. GEHRING, Capt	1 Jan - 31 Dec
4TH PLT CO	D. A. RICHARDSON, 1stLt	1 Jan - 19 Jun
5TH PLT CO	R. JACKSON, Capt	1 Jan - 5 Aug
5TH PLT CO	R. J. SUTTER, 1stLt	20 Sep - 31 Dec
SERVICES PLT CO	S. BROWN, Capt	1 Jan - 10 Oct

d. Average Monthly Strength During the Period. 5 Air/Ground
Officers, 83 enlisted, 88 total.

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events, Especially as They
Relate to:

a. Personnel. During the period of this report, one officer
was added to the unit and three officers transferred out of the
unit.

b. Administration. The Detachment Administrative section has
effectively maintained the unit's records, basic correspondence,
SRB audits, message releases, and reports during the period.

c. Intelligence. Negative Report.

d. Training

(1) During the course of the 12 months covered by this
report, priority has continued to be placed on maintaining
qualification and expertise of redeye gunners. In excess of 100
hours have been devoted to Redeye training. This training has

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consisted of aircraft recognition, tracking head training, map reading, communications and associated military training.

(2) The unit accomplished ATD in several phases.

(a) During 3-16 May the unit participated in the NATO exercise "Dawn Patrol" in Italy. From Det "A" 6 enlisted personnel along with 1 Officer, 1 Staff NCO and 6 enlisted from Pasadena were implemented into this problem. These Marines provided anti-air defense for the 32nd MAU. Cross training with other NATO units occurred.

(b) During 1-15 July, 3 Officers and 22 enlisted conducted an ATD at MCAS Cherry Point/Bogue Field. A Redeye Launch Simulator firing exercise FIREX was conducted at Bogue Field. Aircraft utilized for targets in RELS firing consisted of A-4's, A-6's, AV-8A's and OV-10A's. Other training conducted by Det "A" 4th FAAD, while on ATD consisted of the following:

- 1 Swimming/Drown Proofing.
- 2 Marksmanship Training with M-16.
- 3 Marksmanship Training with .45 Caliber Pistol.
- 4 CBR Training/Gas Chamber Drill.

(c) During 7-22 July, 1 Officer and 12 enlisted participated in the RESPHIBLEX at MCAS(H) New River. This unit conducted redeye training and communications training while at New River. During the field problem the redeye unit was tasked with the anti-air defense for the MAU.

(d) From 19 August - 1 September, 11 enlisted personnel attended a two week redeye school at Fort Bliss, Texas. During this training LCpl Michael V. JOHNSON scored the only 100% score on the aircraft recognition test.

(e) During 1-15 October, 1 Officer and 11 enlisted from Marietta and Pasadena participated in the NATO exercise "Display Determination". They conducted the anti-air defense for the 4th MAB Headquarters.

(3) Training Hours Accomplished

(a) Officer and Enlisted Technical	2364
(b) Officer and Enlisted GMS	233
(c) Officer and Enlisted OJT	630

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e. Special Operations. In September, the unit deployed to the Army Ranger Camp at Dahlonga, Georgia. Training consisted of small unit tactics, mapping, communications; deployment of the redeye weapon.

f. Command and Control. Negative report.

g. Logistics. General supply system, requisitioning, and records keeping was maintained. First echelon maintenance, OJT and classes were conducted for the equipment organic to the detachment.

h. Air Defense. The complete spectrum of redeye training was conducted as mentioned earlier in this report.

i. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

(1) Detachment personnel, both reserve and regular participated in the "Toys for Tots" program.

(2) Command relations with other Marine and Navy units located at NAS Atlanta are excellent.

j. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. Negative report.

k. ATD Site and Dates. As noted above.

l. Changes of Operational and Administrative Control. Negative Report.

m. Ceremonies. A change of command was held 5 August.

n. New Program. Negative Report.

o. Other Significant Activities/Events. Negative Report.