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Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona 85364

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Command Chronology for the period 1 July - 31 December

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(a) MCO 5750.1D (b) FMFPacO 5750.8C

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Encl: (1) 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I ·

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Designation <u>Commander</u>

2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion Maurice A. HOLDER
Lieutenant Colonel

1 July - 31 Dec 1977

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Battery Darryl F. DZIEDZIC

Captain

1 July - 31 Dec 1977

Battery A Billy R. COURTNEY

Captain

1 July - 30 Sept 1977

William M. PRATHER

1st Lieutenant

1 Oct - 31 Dec 1977

Battery B George S. FICK

Captain

1 July - 31 Dec 1977

Battery C John E. RYAN

1st Lieutenant

1 July - 31 Dec 1977

2. Location

1 July - 31 Dec 1977 Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Arizona 85364

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer Don T.REED

Major

1 July - 31 Dec 1977

S-1/Adjutant Roger A. CRITZER

Captain

1 July - 22 July 1977

Joseph E. NOBLE lst Lieutenant

23 July - 2 Oct 1977

ENCLOSURE (7)

'1 .bdore W. SCHAUER S-1/Adjut. .c Chief Warrant Officer - 4 3 Oct - 31 Dec 1977 S-2/S-3 Officer Arthur O. CRAVETS Major 1 July - 31 Dec 1977' Harvey E. GREENEWALT S-4 Officer Major 1 July - 15 Dec 1977 Jimmie W. CHILDS Captain 16 Dec - 31 Dec 1977 Thomas W. SWIHART Communications Officer Captain 1 July - 15 Dec 1977 Martin E. CARNEY Captain 16 Dec - 31 Dec 1977 Stanley S. MINATOGAWA Hawk Maintenance Officer Chief Warrant Officer - 4 1 July - 31 Dec 1977 Percy M. FLOWERS Motor Transport Officer Captain 1 July - 31 Dec 1977 Jimmie W. CHILDS Supply Officer Captain 1 July - 15 Dec 1977 Wayne C. BELL 2nd Lieutenant 16 Dec - 31 Dec 1977 Martin E. O'MALLEY Maintenance Management Officer Captain

l July - 31 Dec 1977

Sergeant Major

Joseph S. FORD Sergeant Major 1 July - 30 Nov 1977

Augustus WILLIS Sergeant Major 1 Dec - 31 Dec 1977

ENCLOSURE (7)

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

	<u>Officer</u>	Enlisted
July	42	521
August	43	525
September	42	<i>523</i>
October	43	520
November	44	<i>514</i>
December	44	519

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1. During July, 2nd LAAM Battalion (-) deployed to 29 Palms, California for Operation Brave Shield XVI. Battery A and Battery C were heli-lifted to advantageous AAW sites. Multichannel radio was utilized to pass target information from the site areas through the Antiaircraft Operations Platoon (AAOP) to MACS-7, located at Big Bear Mountain. On 8 July 1977, Col. HOLMES, incoming Commanding Officer of MACG-38, visited the Battalion in Yuma.
- 2. During August, the Battalion received a staff visit from the Wing Administrative Assistance Team. Concurrently, staff representatives from MACG-38 arrived to give courtesy inspections in the areas of Communications and Safety. Engineers, AAOP and Battery A were inspected for Embarkation readiness. The Battalion shipped a Platoon Command Post (PCP), Battery Control Central (BCC) and Information Coordination Center (ICC) to Barstow, California for initial participation in IHAWK Product Improvement Program.
- 3. In September, primary emphasis was placed on the upcoming FMFPac Inspection. The FMFPac Inspection was conducted on 22 September with satisfactory results. Battery A was deployed to Camp Pendleton for 3 days on a miminum notice order to take part in the FMFPac Operational Readiness Technical Exercise with MACS-7. Upon returning to Yuma, Battery A was again deployed to Tacna, Arizona for three days for a HAWK EXCHECK. On 26 September, Col. HUDSON and LtCol. KRIMINGER were briefed by 1stLt. RYAN, Battery C Commanding Officer, on the IHAWK AFU configuration and capabilities. On 28 September, Lt. General BROWN, CG FMFPac, received the brief from 1stLt. RYAN.
- 4. In October, primary Battalion emphasis was placed on Operation STREAKER VII, the annual service practice live firing exercise for Battery B, and Battery C. Firing was conducted at RAVEN BUTTE, Arizona. A total of six missiles were fired, three in the Auto Fire Mode of operation, one in the Normal ADP Mode and two in the Manual Mode of operation. The Battalion made the first successful intercept with the IHAWK firing in the Auto and Normal ADP Mode of Operation from the IBCC. The overall results were highly successful. On 20 October Brigidier General MALONEY, Assistant Wing Commander for the Third Marine Aircraft Wing, visited the Battalion in the field at RAVEN BUTTE prior to live firing. On 26 October, H&S Battery received an Administrative Inspection by the Wing Inspection Team.
- 5. During November, there were no scheduled operations or exercises. Primary emphasis was placed on equipment maintenance with quarterly and semi-annual level maintenance being performed. Formal and courtesy inspections were conducted on the Battalion by MCCOSET,

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MMS, Wing Legal and Wing Administrative Assistance Teams. The Battalion assumed Administrative support of Marine Air Traffic Control Unit (MATCU) - 33.

6. December began with concentrated planning for Battalion participation in the Cruise Missile Survivability Test (CMST). Cold weather equipment was issued and loading and convoy plans were finalized. On 14 December, the firing batteries participated in a Wing In Garrison Air Control Exercise. On 15 December Battery A conducted Low Level Helicopter training with units of Det. MAG-16 in conjunction with WTI training. Battalion Redeye personnel also participated. On 16 December, the AAOC, linked by voice with an airborne E-2B aircraft and linked by data to 2 firing batteries, participated in a MCCRTG-10 AAW exercise.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5-20 July	Battalion Participation in Operation Brave Shield XVI.
8 July	Staff Visit by Colonel HOLMES, incoming Commanding Officer of Marine Air Control Group-38.
13 -26 Aug	VMA 143 and MWCS 45 on board for training.
17 Aug	IBCC, (AN/TSW-8), ICC (AN/MSQ-95), ICWAR (AN/MPQ-48) to Barstow Product Improvement Program. One LCHR (XM/192 E-1) to Barstow on RIR.
23 -24 Aug	Inspection by Wing Administrative Assistance Team.
25 Aug	Inspection by MACG-38 Administrative Officer. Wing CG debriefed by Capt. FICK on Operation HAWK, a Dahlgren Sponsered radio emissions test.
29 -30 Aug	MACG-38 MMO inspection for Embarkation Readiness.
22 -23 Sept	Battery A participated in FMFPac ORTEX at Camp Pendleton, California.
22 Sept	FMFPac Inspection of the Battalion.
25 -27 Sept	Battery A participated in FMFPac EXCHECK at Tacna, Arizona.
26 Sept	Brief given to Lt Gen BROWN on the AFU by lstLt RYAN.
13 -24 Oct	Batteries B and C, with support from Headquarters and Service Battery, participate in the Annual Service practice live firex, STREAKER VII.
20 Oct	Brig Gen MALONEY visited Batteries B, C and H&S at RAVEN BUTTE, prior to live firing.
26 Oct	H&S Battery recieves an Administrative Inspection by Wing.
17 - 18 Nov	AAOC and firing batteries received limited ECM training.
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21	Nov	All units received an inspection by MCDOSET.
22	Nov	Batteries received an MMS inspection from HQMC.
23	Nov	Held retirement Parade for Maj. H.E. GREENEWALT, SgtMaj. J.S. FORD and MGySgt. F.O. MOORE.
5	Dec	Battalion held a Quarterly Safety Standown.
12 -	16 Dec	Seven Battalion personnel attended a Military Airlift Command Course at Yuma.
14	Dec	Participated in INGRACE EXERCISE utilizing multichannel relay to MACS-7.
15	Dec	Conducted Low Level Training with DET.MAG-16, in conjunction with WTI training.
16	Dec	Participated in MCCRTG-10 AAW exercise.