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2d Light AA Missile Battalion  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
1st Marine Aircraft Wing  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
WFO San Francisco, California 96602

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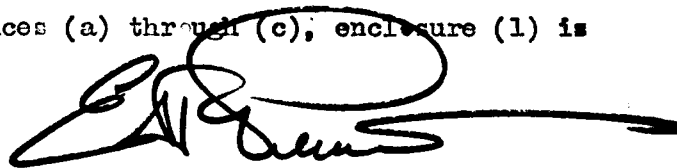
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(b) WGO 5750.13  
(c) GRUO 5750.1

Encl: ✓(1) Subject Report

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

  
E. F. PENICO

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1 May 1966

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Command Chronology Report

2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One  
First Marine Aircraft Wing

Located at

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

1 May 1966 to 31 May 1966

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a. Edward F. PENICO Battalion Commanding Officer	MAJOR USMC 1 June 1965 to present
b. Malcolm S. JOLLEY Battalion Executive Officer	MAJOR USMC 2 August 1965 to present
c. William S. MILLER Battalion S-2/S-3	MAJOR USMC 12 May 1964 to 5 May 1966
d. Richard P. CAPATOSTO Battalion S-2/S-3	CAPTAIN USMC 5 May 1966 to present
e. John A. DESPOTAKIS Battalion S-4	CAPTAIN USMC 1 February 1966 to present
f. James H. ROSENTHAL Battalion S-1	2NDLT USMC 15 October 1963 to present
g. Donald H. DIWIDDIE HES Battery Commanding Officer	CAPTAIN USMC 16 September 1965 to present
h. William C. HAUBER HES Battery Executive Officer	1STLT USMC 11 April 1966 to present
i. James W. GALLAWAY Battery A Commanding Officer	1STLT USMC 1 February 1966 to present
j. David J. CHRISTENSEN Battery A Executive Officer	1STLT USMC 3 January 1966 to 25 May 1966
k. Jeffrey L. JOHNSON Battery A Executive Officer	1STLT USMC 26 May 1966 to present
l. Charles G. RAHM Battery B Commanding Officer	CAPTAIN USMC 19 July 1965 to present
m. John T. KESS Battery B Executive Officer	1STLT USMC 13 April 1966 to 24 May 1966
n. David J. CHRISTENSEN Battery B Executive Officer	1STLT USMC 25 May 1966 to present

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- o. Charles B. McCOY                      CAPTAIN USMC  
Battery C Commanding Officer      8 August 1965 to present
- p. Richard M. ANDREWS                  1STLT USMC  
Battery C Executive Officer      1 February 1966 to present

## 2. Task Organization and Unit Locations

- a. No Task Organizations.
- b. Battery A, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- c. Battery B, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- d. Battery C, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 10 September 1965 to present
- e. H&S Battery, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion  
Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, 15 September 1965 to present

## 3. Average Monthly Strength

- a. Battery A - 86
- b. Battery B - 88
- c. Battery C - 87
- d. Battery H&S - 265
- e. Battalion Total - 526

## 4. Important Visitors

- a. 13 May Lieutenant General Victor H. KHULAK, Commanding General,  
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific visited the Battalion and received a  
30 minute briefing from Major E. F. PENICO and Captain J. DESPOTAKIS.  
Other members of the battalion staff were in attendance.
- b. 18 May 1st Marine Division Commanding General L. J. FIELDS visited  
Battery A on My Hoa Island.

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- c. 22 May Lieutenant Colonel COTTEMAN of 1st Battalion 5th Marines visited Battery A.
- d. 24 May Colonel E. I. LUPTON, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One, and Lieutenant Colonel T. I. GUNNING and Sergeant Major D. E. GOODWIN visited all batteries with the Battalion Commander.

Part Two, Significant Highlights

- 1. None

Part Three, Significant Events1. Personnel

- a. The following staff and command changes have been made in the battalion:

(1) 1st Lieutenant J. JOHNSON replaced 1st Lieutenant D. CHRISTENSEN as Battery A Executive Officer (24 May 1966).

(2) 1st Lieutenant D. CHRISTENSEN replaced 1st Lieutenant John T. HESS as Battery B Executive Officer (25 May 1966).

- b. Battery A Joined one man and dropped two.

c. Battery C Joined three new personnel and dropped five. Private First Class HABLE returned from emergency leave.

d. Sergeant B. MINCHIEY of Battery A received a Meritorious Mast for a job "Well Done" from Battalion Commanding Officer (4 May 1966).

e. Private First Class MOE and Private First Class SANBORN of Battery C received Navy Commendation Medals for their heroic acts during the fire in An Tan on 19 February 1966 (13 May 1966).

f. On 27 May, five staff non commissioned officers were promoted to Second Lieutenant under the 1966 Temporary Officer Commissioning Program.

- (1) Gunnery Sergeant H. J. BARBER
- (2) Gunnery Sergeant F. CUTLER
- (3) Gunnery Sergeant F. DOWDEN
- (4) Gunnery Sergeant G. L. WOOD
- (5) Gunnery Sergeant C. F. ZUMSTEIN

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a. Private First Class James L. EISENHART went berserk on 31 May at Battery B and injured three Marines. 1st Lieutenant Patrick H. MORTON and Staff Sergeant Flor P. CASTANEDA were wounded by a grenade thrown by EISENHART and Sergeant Wilfredo TOROCOLLIADO was shot with an M-14. All men were hospitalized and reported in satisfactory condition.

3. Morale/Welfare

a. The 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion softball team won the MAG-12 softball tournament, but lost to a MAG-12 All Star Team.

b. HCB-4 constructed a new galley and showers for Battery A on 8 May 1966; job completed on 16 May 1966.

c. HCS Battery galley was completed on 10 May 1966 and is now in full operation.

4. Logistics

a. 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion commenced loading LST 692 with missiles scheduled for return to COMUS; completed loading at 1130 on 10 May 1966.

5. Maintenance

a. The Hawk Maintenance Butler Building was completed and was occupied by the Maintenance Platoon on 31 May 1966.

6. Civil Affairs

a. Regular Medical Civil Affairs Program visits have been continued.

b. This unit has continued to receive clothing and soap from individuals and organizations in the United States for distribution in the Civil Affairs Program.

c. On 27 May the Commanding Officer, 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion accompanied by the Battalion Civil Affairs Team, journeyed to the village of Ly Tin. The purpose of this visit was to distribute, to Vietnamese, much needed farm tools and equipment which had been sent by persons and community organizations in the United States.

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57507. Ground Defense

a. Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines replaced India Company 1st Marines for perimeter guard at Battery A site (18 May 1966).

b. Two men from Headquarters Battalion Communications Company, 1st Marine Division, at approximately 1730 on 24 May, set up an AN/TPQ-7 in H&S Battery area and remained until 29 May.

8. Motor Transport

a. (4-10 May) 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion provided a total of 53 vehicles in support of other units, these vehicles traveled a total of 3,408 miles.

b. (11-13 May) twenty M-36 trucks of this battalion were used to haul 75 loads of laterite soil to Battery C and H&S Battery. The soil was used to improve and construct the internal road networks of these sites.

c. (14-May) 22 trucks of the battalion were utilized to move ammunition from Quang Ngai; all returned safely.

d. (15-May) 30 trucks from this battalion, with shotgun riders, were dispatched to 1st Battalion 5th Marines to move troops. Trucks departed at 0630 and returned at 1300.

e. (11-17 May) 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion Motor Transport Section supplied a total of 56 vehicles in support of 1st Marine Division; 2,438 miles were traveled.

f. (18-24 May) 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion provided a total of three vehicles traveling a total of 89 miles. These vehicles were used in support of the Chu Lai Combat Base.

9. Supply

a. Another building was added to the Battalion Supply Office in T-shape form, providing adequate working areas for all personnel. The entire roof was covered with tin, providing more protection for valuable records.

b. A total of 2,199 requisitions were submitted to Fleet Stock Account A2:

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- (1) Priority 02's 293
- (2) Priority 05's 198
- (3) Priority 12's 1620
- (4) Priority 17's 88

10. Communications

a. During the past month the communications Section has completed the Primary and Secondary communications system. The month of June will see the completion of the Toritary System (Radio).

b. The primary (wire) and Secondary (radio relay) Systems provide the SIB/AD with a central system to all Batteries and control circuits to Panama and Housefly.