

HEADQUARTERS
2d Light AA Missile Battalion
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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From: Commanding Officer
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1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.


T. I. GUNNING

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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 July 1966 to 31 July 1966

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a. Edward F. PENICO Battalion Commanding Officer	LtCol USMC 1 Jun 1965 to 30 Jul 1966
b. Thomas I. GUNNING Battalion Commanding Officer	LtCol USMC 31 Jul 1966 to Present
c. Malcolm S. JOLLEY Battalion Executive Officer	Major USMC 2 Aug 1965 to 24 Jul 1966
d. Milton C. KRAMER Battalion Executive Officer	Major USMC 25 Jul 1966 to Present
e. Richard P. CAPATOSTO Battalion S-2/S-3	Capt. USMC 5 May 1966 to Present
f. John A. DESPOTAKIS Battalion S-4	Capt. USMC 1 Feb 1966 to Present
g. James H. ROSENTHAL Battalion S-1	2ndLt USMC 15 Oct 1963 to Present
h. Donald H. DINWIDDIE H&S Battery Commanding Officer	Capt. USMC 16 Sep 1965 to Present
i. William C. HAUBER H&S Battery Executive Officer	1stLt USMC 11 Apr 1966 to 25 Jul 1966
j. Leason N. MCCOY H&S Battery Executive Officer	WO USMC 26 Jul 1966 to Present
k. James W. GALLAWAY Battery A Commanding Officer	Capt. USMC 26 May 1966 to Present
l. Joffery L. JOHNSON Battery A Executive Officer	1stLt USMC 26 May 1966 to 6 Jul 1966
m. James R. SCHWIB Battery A Executive Officer	1stLt USMC 7 Jul 1966 to Present
n. David J. CHRISTENSEN Battery B Commanding Officer	1stLt USMC 6 Jun 1966 to Present

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- o. John T. KNESS
Battery B Executive Officer 1stLt USMC
6 Jun 1966 to Present
- p. Charles B. MCCOY
Battery C Commanding Officer Capt. USMC
8 Aug 196~~6~~⁵ to 20 Jul 1966
- q. James D. KOPPANG
Battery C Commanding Officer Capt. USMC
21 Jul 1966 to Present
- r. Richard M. ANDREWS
Battery C Executive Officer 1stLt USMC
1 Feb 1966 to Present

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

- a. No Task Organization
- 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 84
- b. Battery B 82
- c. Battery C 81
- d. H&S Battery 267

4. Important Visitors

- a. Visiting dignitaries present at 2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile
Battalion Change of Command Ceremony held at H&S Battery on 30 July 1966
were:

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- (1) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Major General L. B. ROBERTSHAW
- (2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, Major General L. J. FIELDS
- (3) Air Defense Battle Commander, CRC DaNang, Colonel D. E. HOLMES, USAF
- (4) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 36, Colonel N. G. JOHNSON
- (5) Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group 12, Colonel J. W. HUBBARD
- (6) Executive Officer, Marine Wing Headquarters Group One, LtCol N. E. DAYVAULT

Part Two, Significant Highlights

1. None.

Part Three, Significant Events

1. Personnel.

- a. 1stLt James R. SCHEIB relieved 1stLt Jeffery L. JOHNSON as Battery A Executive Officer 6 July 1966.
- b. LTCOL E. F. PENICO was promoted to his present rank on 8 July 1966.
- c. Capt. James W. GALLAWAY was promoted to his present rank on 13 July 1966.
- d. Battery A had two promotions; GySgt WENTWORTH to 1stSgt and Sgt LATZKE to SSgt on 16 July 1966.
- e. Battery C had one promotion; SSgt HUDSON was promoted to GySgt on 16 July 1966.
- f. Capt. James D. KOPPANG relieved Capt. Charles B. MCCOY as Commanding Officer of Battery C on 21 July 1966.
- g. Major Milton C. KRAMER relieved Major Malcolm S. JOLLEY as Battalion Executive Officer on 25 July 1966.
- h. 2ndLt Roberto P. MAURICIO was promoted to his present rank on 29 July 1966.

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i. LtCol T. I. GUNNING relieved LtCol E. F. PENICO as Commanding Officer of the 2d LAAM Battalion, on 30 July 1966.

j. During the Month of July, the following six officers joined this Battalion:

- (1) LtCol T. I. GUNNING
- (2) Major M. C. KRAMER
- (3) Capt R. W. WRIGHT
- (4) Capt J. D. KOPPANG
- (5) 1stLt J. R. SCHEIB
- (6) WO J. P. HEDRICK

k. During the Month of July a total of four officers left the Battalion:

- (1) LtCol E. F. PENICO
- (2) Major M. S. JOLLEY
- (3) 1stLt W. C. HAUBER
- (4) 2ndLt T. S. O'SHIELDS

2. General Information. Battery A dedicated their camp, on the island of Ky Hoa, in honor of Marine Staff Sergeant Martin James LACHER, who lost his life while scuba diving off the island. The dedication was given by LtCol E. F. PENICO, Battalion Commanding Officer and Capt J. W. GALLAWAY, Battery A Commanding Officer on 28 July 1966.

3. Casualties. None

4. Morale and Welfare. This battalion received three cinemascope lens from A&AF Motion Picture Service-Pacific, Vietnam Region Office, during the month of July. This is the first time since this battalion arrived in Vietnam that each battery is capable of showing cinemascope movies.

5. Civil Affairs

a. On 15 July 1966 Lieutenant Colonel E. F. PENICO accompanied by Lieutenant D. R. LAUGHLIN and Staff Sergeant D. M. LEMOS visited the village of Ky Hoa to discuss Civic Affairs. Eighty pounds of clothes were distributed to the villagers.

b. On 16 July 1966 Staff Sergeant D. M. LEMOS accompanied the village chief and hamlet chiefs of Ky Hoa Island to district headquarters at Ly Tin, where they procured some building supplies.

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c. MedCAP treatments for July totaled 2,612. Construction of playground equipment for the village school in Ky Hoa village was started and road building for an island road to connect all the hamlets has begun. Very close and friendly relations have been established with the people of Ky Hoa island and at least one voluntary report of Viet Cong activities has resulted.

6. Motor Transport. During the month of July this battalion provided 67 vehicles, travelling 2,767 miles in support of the Chu Lai Combat Base.

7. Air Defense. ADEX's were conducted on the 13th and 14th of July from 0900 - 1400 on both days.

8. Logistics. This battalion working with the 1st LAAM Battalion staffed a major T/E change, containing 90 recommended changes.

9. Supply. Significant highlights of supply activities during the month of July were the submission of 1793 requisitions; of this total 243 requisitions were priority 02, and 235 requisitions were priority 05.

10. Communications. The communications section had the services of a Marine Sergeant from the Traffic Analysis Section, 1st Radio Battalion, who gave two presentations to the 2d LAAM Battalion on Communications Security. A total of 65 persons attended.

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