

HEADQUARTERS
2d Light AA Missile Battalion
Marine Wing Headquarters Group One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report for December

1. In accordance with the requirements of references (a) through (c) enclosure (1) is forwarded.



E. F. PENICO

ENCLOSURE (8)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY REPORT

2d Light Anti Aircraft Missile Battalion
Marine Wing Headquarters Group-One
1st Marine Aircraft Wing

Located at

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

1 December 1965 to 31 December 1965

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Part One, Organizational Data

1. Commanders and Staff

a. Edward F. PENICO Battalion Commanding Officer	Major USMC 1 June 1965 to present
b. Malcom S. JOLLEY Battalion Executive Officer	Major USMC 11 August 1965 to present
c. William S. MILLER Battalion S2/S3	Major USMC 12 May 1964 to present
d. Richard P. CAPATOSTO Battalion S4	Captain USMC 11 August 1965 to present
e. James H. ROSENTHAL Battalion S1	2d Lieutenant USMC 15 October 1963 to present
f. Donald H. DINWIDDIE H&S Battery Commanding Officer	Captain USMC 16 September 1965 to present
g. Michael J. CUMMINGS H&S Battery Executive Officer	1st Lieutenant USMC 16 September 1965 to present
h. John A. DESPOTAKIS Battery A Commanding Officer	Captain USMC 15 April 1965 to present
i. Richard W. ANDREWS Battery A Executive Officer	1st Lieutenant USMC 16 December 1965 to present
j. Charles G. RAHM Battery B Commanding Officer	Captain USMC 19 July 1965 to present
k. David B. WILSHUN Battery B Executive Officer	1st Lieutenant USMC 20 September 1965 to present
l. Charles B. MCCOY Battery C Commanding Officer	1st Lieutenant USMC 8 August 1965 to present
m. Anthony B. CARRANO Battery C Executive Officer	1st Lieutenant USMC 8 August 1965 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

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- 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 - 79
- b. Battery B - 78
- c. Battery C - 78
- d. H&S Battery - 261
- e. Battalion Total - 496

4. Important Visitors to this Command

- a. Lt General V. H. KRULAK, Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific
- b. Major General L. W. WALT, Commanding General, III MAF
- c. Nguyen Chanh Thi, Commanding General, I Corps
- d. Alguyen Van Chuan, Commanding General, 1st ARVN Div.
- e. Hoang Xuan Lan, Commanding General, 2d ARVN Div.
- f. RAdm P.E. HARTMAN, COMFAIRWESTPAC

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Part Two, Significant Highlights

1. During the month of December a HAWK Missile Training Shoot was conducted at Battery A position on Ky Hoa Island. All firing batteries of both The 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion and the 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion participated in the shoot which ended 19 December, 1965. A total of 42 missiles were fired at two targets, jet drones, and propeller driven drones.

Battery C, 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, accomplished a "first" when it fired a HAWK Missile at a target towed by a manned aircraft. Battery A, 2d Light Anti-Aircraft Missile Battalion, duplicated the shot.

Many visitors, including those listed in paragraph 4 of Part One, were on hand to observe the shoot. Also on hand were many members of the press.

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Part Three, Significant Events

1. Personnel

a. During the month of December this battalion lost 88 enlisted due to rotation to CONUS.

b. Present total strength breakdown is as follows:

Marine Corps Officers	32
Navy Officers	1
Civilian	1
Marine Corps Enlisted	452
Navy Enlisted	10

2. Administration

a. During December eight second lieutenants were promoted to first lieutenant and seven warrant officers received temporary commissions as second lieutenants.

b. Lt D. B. CHRISTENSEN was granted emergency leave to return to CONUS due to the death of his father.

3. Casualties

a. No casualties for the month of December.

4. Civic Action

a. On 31 December a partial shipment of requested MEDCAP supplies arrived. Supplies received will be sufficient to operate the battalion's program on Ky Hoa Island without serious shortages in the near future.

b. On 31 December the Battalion Civil Affairs Officer, Battalion Doctor, and two Corpsmen toured Ky Hoa Island in preparation for the eventual assumption of responsibility for Civil Affairs from "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. At this time plans were made to operate a clinic five days a week, beginning on 3 January, on the north end of the Island.

c. During the month of December members of this battalion have been engaged in building a playground for the school in the village of An Tan. The playground, consisting of a swing set, two slides, and a see-saw, will be presented to school officials in January.

5. Ground Defense

a. On 7 December this battalion received 20 seismic intrusion detectors.

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These are now distributed as follows:

Battery A - 10
Battery B - 5
Battery C - 4
H&S Battery - 1

b. Battery "C" has installed perimeter lighting to augment local security.

6. Training

a. As of 31 December Battery "B" has 50.6% participation in individual correspondent courses and Battery "C" has 107.0% participation.

b. All batteries are involved in group study courses.