



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
2ND LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE BATTALION  
MARINE AIR CONTROL GROUP - 38  
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, FMFPAC  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, YUMA, ARIZONA 85364

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, (Historical Officer), MACG-38  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 Jan - 30 June 1979  
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(b) FMFPacO 5750.8C  
(c) WgO 5750.2  
(d) GruO 5750.1E  
Encl: (1) 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion Command  
Chronology

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

  
B. J. SPRIGHTS

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of the 2nd LAMPB

PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Unit: 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion

a. Unit Reporting Code: M-22960

b. Table of Organization: 8622-M/ 19 April 1979

2. Period Covered: 1 January 1979 - 30 June 1979

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Period</u>
2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Billy J. SPEIGHTS	1 Jan - 30 June 1979

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Services Battery	Captain Gregory K. MANARY	1 Jan - 14 June 1979
	Captain Robert E. BALL	14 June - 30 June 1979
Battery "A"	Captain Jerry HALE	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
Battery "B"	Captain Robert J. DUHON	1 Jan - 1 June 1979
	Captain Randy P. MYERS	1 June 1979 30 June 1979
Battery "C"	Captain Richard K. BARTZER	1 Jan - 8 June 1979
	Captain Philip D. NORTON	8 June - 30 June 1979

3. Location: 1 January - 30 June 1979

Marine Corps Air Station  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

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4. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer:	Major Don T. REED	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
S-1/Adjutant:	Chief Warrant Officer - 4 Theodore W. SCHAUER	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
S-2/S-3 Officer:	Captain Philip D. NORTON	1 Jan - 28 Jan 1979
	Major Walden L. DANIEL	28 Jan - 30 June 1979
S-4 Officer:	Captain Robert E. BALL	1 Jan - 14 June 1979
	Captain Richard K. BARTZER	14 June - 30 June 1979
Communications Officer:	Captain Martin E. CARNEY	1 Jan - 27 April 1979
	Captain William PRATHER	27 April - 30 June 1979
Hawk Maintenance Officer:	Captain Richard L. SOUDER	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
Motor Transport Officer:	1st Lieutenant Lyndon F. VROOMAN	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
Supply Officer:	1st Lieutenant Eddie R. ELDER	1 Jan - 30 June 1979
Maintenance Management Officer:	Chief Warrant Officer-4 Clifford G. SCHLEUSNER	1 Jan - 4 May 1979
	2nd Lieutenant Floyd MICHEL	4 May - 30 June 1979
Sergeant Major:	Master Gunnery Sergeant Donnie M. ALEXANDER	1 Jan - 6 Jan 1979
	Sergeant Major Henry J. PINTO	6 Jan - 30 June 1979

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BATTALION STRENGTH

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January	556	51	505
February	554	51	503
March	563	51	512
April	546	51	495
May	558	52	506
June	557	52	505

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## PART II

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During January Maintenance Analyses were conducted on the following units; NBC, Battery A, and Battery C. Lieutenant GARIFE inspected Battery A, Hawk Maintenance and Engineers for embark readiness. Lieutenant HILL conducted MIMMS information classes on the 5th and 19th of January. The following units were inspected for Ground Safety, Batteries A and C as well as Engineers and Barracks 930 and 919. Battery B conducted two weeks of essential subjects training at MCB Camp Pendleton. 2nd LAAM Bn Motor Transport supported Battery B during its block training. The Battalion CO inspected Battery A in Winter Service "A". Initial planning commenced for Battery C participation in a classified Air Force test in Utah.

2. The month of February was dominated by the activities of Battery B. After successfully completing HOTSHOT II (IHAWK FIREX) Battery B packed its gear and embarked for six weeks to Hawaii. While in Hawaii, Battery B set up and performed live tracking drills. Maintenance Analyses were held on Communications, the Armory and Battery B. Motor Transport and Communications were inspected for embark readiness by Lieutenant GARIFE. Battery C departed for Camp Pendleton to conduct two weeks of block training. Prior to departing for Camp Pendleton Battery C was inspected in Winter Service "A" by the Battalion CO.

3. The Battalion was subjected to two unannounced inspections during March. Both embarkation and safety inspections were conducted by Group-38. Battery B continued its deployment in Hawaii. Battery C returned from EST block training conducted at Camp Pendleton. Battery A participated in a Target Tracking Test at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada. The move to Nellis AFB was accomplished by C-5A aircraft. During March the Battalion's emphasis on training was demonstrated by the fact that all three firing batteries were deployed at the same time. On March 17th Battery C supplied an Assault Firing Unit for display at Yuma's Military Appreciation Days exhibition. Planning began to support MACS-7's impending move to Yuma.

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4. April was a month dominated by inspections. In the beginning of April the Battalion was inspected by the Wing A&M inspection team. A loader stress test was conducted by Mr John AUSTIN from the U.S. Army Missile Readiness Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. All three firing batteries were inspected by Lt GARIFE for embark readiness. H&S Battery was also inspected for embark readiness. Battery B returned from Hawaii after its successful participation in MACS/LAAM Bn Integrated exercise. Battery A deployed to the Bakers Peak region, in support of WTI 1-79 exercise. Battery C conducted a .50 caliber machine gun shoot at range 2301 West, Raven Butte Area.

5. During May Lieutenant GARIFE, the Battalion Safety Officer, conducted ground safety inspections on the following units, Battery A and Battery B, Hawk Maintenance, Engineers, Communications and AAOP. Battery C departed for Fort Huachuca, Arizona to participate in target training exercises. Battery A participated in a Marine Air Command and Control System Integrated Exercise with elements of MACG-38 on San Clemente Island, California during which time one live IHAWK missile was successfully fired. As is always the case, 2nd LAAM Bn Motor Transport supported both deployments. During a safety standdown the following areas were discussed, fire prevention/fire fighting, automobile and motorcycle safety and drug and alcohol abuse. Significant training was achieved from the FSMAO inspection conducted in May. The 2nd LAAM Bn Supply received excellent grades from the FSMAO team. The Battalion hosted a planning conference to discuss receipt of equipment and training in preparation for Product Improvement Program (PIP)/New Equipment Training (NET).

6. The month of June was highlighted by three change of command ceremonies. Captain R.E. BALL assumed command of H&S Battery, Captain R.P. MYERS assumed command of Battery B and Captain P.D. NORTON assumed command of Battery C. Battery A returned to MCAS, Yuma from San Clemente Island. Lieutenant Colonel SPEIGHTS attended the Marine Air Command and Control System Conference held at Huntsville, Alabama. The 2nd LAAM Bn Engineers used Mount Laguna as the site of their essential subjects training. Communications and Motor Transport also sent detachments with the Engineers to lend a supporting hand and take part in the training. Personnel began reporting aboard pending activation and assignment to Detachment A, MACS-7. Battery C returned to Yuma from Fort Huachuca, Arizona. The month came to a conclusion with a visit from Major General LeBLANC, Commanding General, 3d MAW.

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### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 January - 30 June 1979

##### 1. January

- 5 MIMMS information class
- 10 Commenced planning for an Air Force classified test in Utah
- 12-25 Maintenance analyses
- 14-21 Embark Readiness Inspections
- 16 Battery B departs for EST Training at MCB, Camp Pendleton
- 24 Bn CO's personnel inspection of H&S Battery
- 26 Bn CO's personnel inspection of Battery A

##### 2. February

- 2 MMO information class
- 6-7 Wing Engineer inspection team inspects Engineers
- 7-9 Maintenance Analyses of Communications, Armory and Battery B
- 13-18 Battery B participated in HOTSHOT II at the Raven Butte Firing Range
- 26 Battery C departed for EST block training at Camp Pendleton
- 27 Battery B departed for Hawaii to participate in joint LAAM/MACS Antiair Warfare Training

##### 3. March

- 1-31 Battery B deployed to Hawaii
- 2-14 Battery A participates in Target Tracking Tests at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada

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3. March (cont)

- 8 Command visit by Commanding General, 3d MAW
- 9 Battery C returns from two weeks EST block training at Camp Pendleton
- 13-15 Logistics personnel attended the Group-38 Conference at El Toro in preparation of joint MACS/LAAM exercise scheduled for San Clemente Island
- 17 Battery C supplies an assault firing unit for Military Appreciation Days
- 19 Detachments from MACS-7 arrive in preparation for WTI 1-79

4. April

- 2-6 Wing A&M inspection team inspected 2nd LAAM Battalion
- 7-24 Battery A deploys in support of WTI
- 10 Battery B returned from Hawaii after participating in MACS/LAAM Bn Integrated Exercise
- 13 Visit by Commanding General, FMFPac
- 20 Battery C conducts .50 cal live fire
- 21,23,24 Battalion Redeye teams act as aggressors in support of WTI final exercise

5. May

- 3 Battalion hosted PIP/NET planning conference
- 3-31 Battery C participated in test tracking and emitting at Fort Huachuca, Arizona
- 14-31 Battery A participates in MACCS Integrated Exercise on San Clemente Island, California
- 21-25 FSMAO Inspection is conducted

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6. June

- 1        Capt R.P. MYERS assumes command of Battery B  
          from Capt R.J. DUHON
  
- 8        Capt P.D. NORTON assumes command of Battery C  
          from Capt R.K. BARTZER
  
- 14       Capt R.E. BALL assumes command of H&S Battery  
          from Capt G.K. MANARY
  
- 18-22   Lieutenant Colonel SPEIGHTS attends Marine Air Command  
          and Control Systems Conference
  
- 18-27   Battalion Engineers conduct EST block training at Mount  
          Laguna
  
- 28       Major General LeBLANC visits 2nd LAAM Battalion

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