

CANNONS AND MISSILES PROVE COMBAT READY

Two mount-out exercises were concluded earlier this month aboard the Base testing the operational readiness for a combat mission of the 4th Battalion 11th Marines augmented by the 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery and of the 2nd Light Anti-aircraft Missile Battalion.

At 6 p.m., Jan. 7th a warning order was issued to the 4th Bn., 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Howitzers. The following morning at 8 a.m. the administration and embarkation plans and the operation order and intelligence annex were published.

With every Marine working around the clock, the unit was assembled and ready to to board ship at 9 a.m., Jan. 10.

At this time, inspections were conducted and discrepancies not-

ed and corrected. The artillery mount-out was concluded at 2:45, Jan. 10 and declared a success-

ful operation providing invaluable training information.

MISSILES MOVE

The 2nd LAAM Bn., under the command of LtCol W. K. White went operational Jan. 13, assembling behind the battalion gun park near the rifle range. They underwent similar inspections and readiness checks as the artillery, but made their plans to board aircraft rather than ship.

And board they did for on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 16, and 17 "A", and "B", and "C" Batteries moved their gear (one battery each day) down to the Base Airstrip where a gigantic C-124 Globemaster II transport aircraft was used for practice loading and unloading exercises.

WORLD WIDE

The 2nd LAAM Bn. missile men proved that they could be ready and move out to any spot in the world via Air Force aircraft within a moments notice.

Thanks to the efforts of "D" Company, 7th Engineers, the big transport planes can now land right here eliminating the waste of time consumed transporting equipment of missile battalions to other air bases by motor convoy.



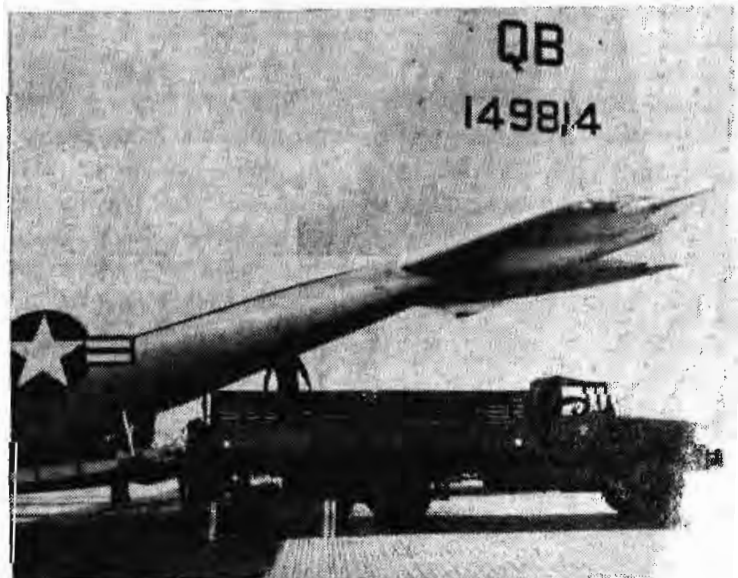
PACK INSPECTION — The commanding general inspects field transport packs of the 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery during recent mount-out exercises.



INSIDE THE MONSTER — The cameraman captures the jaws of the Globemaster II opening preparing to swallow another load of heavy equipment.



STRIP INSPECTION — Officials of the Convair Corp. along with Col. W. F. Humphreys, MCB Chief of Staff and Capt. A. J. D'Arco, Commanding Officer of "D" Company, 7th Engineers inspect new matting on our Base airfield. Having passed the inspection, the big Globemaster II was cleared to land.



FAST LOADING — The Marine transport KC-130F is loaded from the back rapidly enabling the Marine Force-in-Readiness to mount-out to any place in the world with little time lost.



OPEN WIDE — Members of the 2nd LAAM Bn. load a Pulse Acquisition Radar aboard the Air Force C-124 Globemaster II during mount-out and loading exercises last week. The two-deck transport can be loaded by elevator from below and by the open nose as shown, as compared to the Corps KC-130F "Hercules" shown at left.