



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

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Encl: (1) 2ND Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion Command
 Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July - 31 December 1978

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PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Unit: 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion
 - a. Unit Reporting Code : M-22960.
 - b. Table of Organization : M-8618/19 17 June 1976.
2. Period Covered : 1 July 1978 - 31 December 1978

| <u>Designation</u> | <u>Commander</u> | <u>Period</u> |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion | Lieutenant Colonel Maurice A. HOLDER | 1 July - 3 August 1978 |
| | Lieutenant Colonel Billy J. SPEIGHTS | 4 August - 31 December 1978 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Headquarters and Service Battery | Captain Gregory K. MANARY | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| Battery "A" | Captain William M. PRATHER | 1 July - 22 December 1978 |
| | Captain Gerald M. HALE | 23 December - 31 December 1978 |
| Battery "B" | Captain Robert J. DUHON | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| Battery "C" | Captain Richard K. BARTZER | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |

3. Location: 1 July - 31 December 1978

Marine Corps Air Station
Yuma, Arizona 85364

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4. Staff Officers:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Executive Officer | Major Don T. REED | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| S-1/Adjutant | Chief Warrant Officer-4 Theodore W. SCHAUER | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| S-2/S-3 Officer | Captain Philip D. NORTON | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| S-4 Officer | Major Jimmie W. CHILDS | 1 July - 28 September 1978 |
| | Captain Robert E. BALL | 29 September - 31 December 1978 |
| Communications Officer | Captain Martin E. CARNEY | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| HAWK Maintenance Officer | Chief Warrant Officer-4 Stanley S. MINATOGAWA | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1st Lieutenant Lyndon F. VROOMAN | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| Supply Officer | 1st Lieutenant Wayne C. BELL | 1 July - 3 August 1978 |
| | 1st Lieutenant Eddie R. ELDER | 4 August - 31 December 1978 |
| Maintenance Management Officer | Chief Warrant Officer-4 Clifford G. SCHLEUSNER | 1 July - 31 December 1978 |
| Sergeant Major | Sergeant Major Augustus WILLIS | 1 July - 26 November 1978 |
| | Master Gunnery Sergeant Donnie M. ALEXANDER | 27 November - 31 December 1978 |

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BATTALION STRENGTH

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| July | 616 | 47 | 569 |
| August | 590 | 48 | 542 |
| September | 582 | 48 | 534 |
| October | 583 | 48 | 535 |
| November | 590 | 50 | 540 |
| December | 608 | 49 | 559 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. During July the Battalion held training and instruction in NBC Warfare, with emphasis on protection and survivability. The Battalion held a training stand-down to complete essential subjects ranging from Basic Radar Principles, Survivability, Evasion, Resistance and Escape to Voter Information and Leadership. An Assault Fire Unit deployed to the Fortuna Wash area from Battery "C" for field exercises. The exercise was supported by elements from the Battalion Communications and Motor Transport Platoons. Seven Redeye personnel from Battery "C" who participated in Camp Pendleton's MAFLEX 7 Operation returned. Battery "C" was inspected for embarkation readiness as was Battery "A"'s equipment.
2. August was highlighted with the Battalion Change of Command. Lieutenant Colonel M.A. HOLDER was relieved by Lieutenant Colonel B.J. SPEIGHTS. The Battalion Safety Stand-down emphasised instruction in Desert Survival, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Fire Prevention and Air Station Safety. Battery "C" conducted extensive training in Electronic Security, Electronic Counter Measures and Electronic Counter Counter Measures at the 2301 target area. The battery received support from Motor Transport. During the month Motor Transport Platoon also supported the Station EOD unit. Battery "C" was inspected for security of classified material by the Battalion S-2. The Battalion received a new Supply Officer with 1st Lieutenant E.R.ELDER replacing 1st Lieutenant W.C.BELL.
3. In September the Battalion was briefed on the Warsaw Pact threat forces by 1st Radio Battalion FMFPac. Battery "C" and Communications personnel participated in Electronic Warfare and Counter Measures. Battery "B" conducted similar exercises in conjunction with Weapons Training Instruction at Bakers Peak. Battery "A" continued the emphasized training at Raven Butte. Also during the month the Wing Administration and Maintenance Inspection was held, followed by the 3rd MAW Administration and Assistance Team inspecting Headquarters and Service Battery. 2nd LAAM Bn Embarkation and Ground Safety program was inspected by the MACG-38 staff. Major J.W.CHILDS, Battalion S-4, received orders and was replaced by Captain R.E.BALL.
4. During October MIMMS classes held by 1st Lieutenant HILL were given to 12 Marines representing all Battalion units. Batteries "A", "B" and "C" were inspected for embarkation readiness by 1st Lieutenant GARIFE who also inspected Headquarters & Service Battery office, Headquarters Platoon and Motor Transport for ground safety. October was the month for inspections with the Battalion MMO inspection preceeding the I.G. inspection. Battery "C" had 7 days of continuous operation prior to commencing IHAWK FIREX HOTSHOT I which successfully ended the month.

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5. In November the 203rd Birthday of the Marine Corps was celebrated. The 4th LAAM Battalion received training with assistance from Battery "A". Battery "A" deployed to Camp Pendleton for VARSITY LANCE exercise. Battery "B" conducted exercises in various forms of antiair warfare. Battery "C" deployed to White Sands Proving Grounds for the Target Tracking Missile Test.

6. During December Battery "C" continued the Target Tracking Missile Test at White Sands Missile Range. Upon return Battery "C" conducted Mode 4 checks with assistance from various Marine aircraft stationed at MCAS Yuma. Battery "A" participated in Fleet Exercise VARSITY LANCE which concluded during the month. 4th LAAM Battalion again received training from Battery "A" in joint exercises.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 July - 31 December 1978

1. July

- 5-7 Training Stand-down for Essential Subjects.
- 18-19 Assault Fire Unit deployed to the Fortuna Wash area.
- 18-19 Communications personnel to Fortuna Wash.
- 19-21 Battery "A" equipment inspection.
- 19-21 Battery "C" equipment inspection.
- 23 Battery "C" personnel return from MAFLEX 7 exercise.

2. August

- 1 Battery "C" inspected by Battalion S-2 for security procedures and storage of classified material.
- 1-14 Motor Transport Platoon in support of EOD unit.
- 2 Battalion Safety Stand-down.
- 4 Battalion Change of Command. Lieutenant Colonel M.A. HOLDER relieved by Lieutenant Colonel B.J. SPEIGHTS
- 4 First Lieutenant W.C. BELL relieved by First Lieutenant E.R. ELDER as Battalion Supply Officer.
- 7-21 Battalion personnel assigned to "Jeep" school.
- 11-18 Battery "C" Electronic Warfare exercise at 2301 target area.

3. September

- 6 Battalion briefed on the Warsaw Pact threat by the 1st Radio Battalion FMFPac.
- 6-8 Electronic Warfare and Electronic Counter Measures exercises with Battery "C" and Communications personnel.
- 8-15 Battery "B" Electronic Warfare and Weapons at Bakers Peak.
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3. September

- 19 Battery "A" Electronic Warfare exercise at Raven Butte.
- 28 Wing Administration and Maintenance Inspection.
- 29 3rd MAW Administration and Maintenance Assistance Team inspects H&S Battery.
- 29 Major J.W. CHILDS replaced as Battalion S-4 by Captain R. E. BALL.

4. October

- 2-6 MIMMS instruction given by 1st Lieutenant C. HILL.
- 5 Battalion MMO Inspection.
- 10 Embarkation and Safety NCO's meeting.
- 10-17 Battery "C" 1 week continuous operation.
- 16-18 I.G. Inspection of Battalion.
- 20-30 Battery "C" IHAWK FIREX HOTSHOT I.

5. November

- 4-5 4th LAAM Bn and Battery "A" training exercise.
- 9 Station Parade
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday
- 26 Battery "C" deployed to White Sands Proving Grounds.
- 28 Battery "A" deployed to Camp Pendleton for Fleet Exercise VARSITY LANCE.

6. December

- 1-17 Battery "C" Target Tracking Missile Test at White Sands.
- 15 Battery "A" returns from Camp Pendleton.
- 21 Battery "C" conducts Mode 4 Checks.

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