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3rd Marine Aircraft Wing FMFPac  
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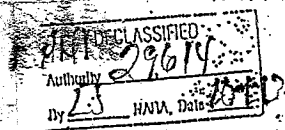
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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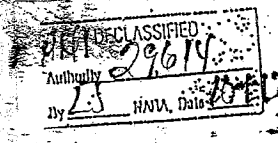
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER/PERIOD  
(RUC 22960)

2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion  
Major Harry J. BALDWIN

1Jan-30Jun69

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Detachment Alpha  
Major Alan C. GETZ

31Jan-30Jun69

H&S Battery  
1stLt Robert P. JOHNSON  
Capt. Edward N. NEWMAN  
Capt. Frank H. ROBERTS

1Jan-14Mar69  
15Mar-9May69  
10May-30Jun69

Sub-Unit #1, H&S Battery  
Capt. Robert P. JACOBSON  
Major Alan C. GETZ

1Jan-10Jun69  
11Jun-30Jun69

Battery "A"  
Capt. Ronald E. BALSKE

1Jan-30Jun69

Battery "B"  
Capt. Karl R. VON FAGEN  
Capt. Raymond F. SMART

1Jan-19May69  
20May-30Jun69

Battery "C"  
1stLt Harry W. STERLING

31Jan-30Jun69

Battery "D"  
Capt. David L. BAGLEY

31Jan-30Jun69

2. LOCATION

1Jan69 to 30Jun69: MCB, Twentynine Palms, California;  
Detachment Alpha, MCAS, Yuma, Arizona.

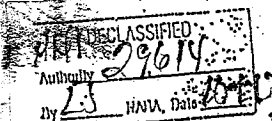
3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer  
Major Kenneth L. SCARBOROUGH

9Jun-30Jun69

S-1 Officer  
Capt. Hal J. BARBER

1Jan-30Jun69



|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| S-2/S-3 Officer                |               |
| Capt. James K. CRONEY          | 1Jan-30Jun69  |
| S-4 Officer                    |               |
| Capt. Christopher ASHWORTH III | 1Jan-13Jun69  |
| Major Frederick J. SNYDER      | 14Jun-30Jun69 |

DETACHMENT ALPHA

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| S-1 Officer              |               |
| 1stLt Daniel J. COLLINS  | 31Jan-27Jun69 |
| Capt. Robert D. GODFREY  | 28Jun-30Jun69 |
| S-2/S-3 Officer          |               |
| Capt. Albert I. HARTKOPF | 31Jan-17Mar69 |
| Major Andrew D. GLAD     | 18Mar-31May69 |
| Capt. Robert P. JACOBSON | 1Jun-30Jun69  |
| S-4 Officer              |               |
| Capt. Larry G. MALONE    | 31Jan-30Jun69 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

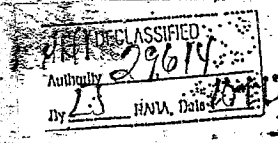
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|-----|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jan | 18/238                        | 0/0                          | NONE                           |
| Feb | 48/754                        | 1/9                          | "                              |
| Mar | 47/718                        | 1/8                          | "                              |
| Apr | 43/729                        | 1/8                          | "                              |
| May | 39/718                        | 1/7                          | "                              |
| Jun | 42/691                        | 0/6                          | "                              |

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During this reporting period, the Second Light AA Missile Battalion developed from an unpacked RVN returnee into an operational and versatile unit. In January the last shipment of equipment from RVN arrived at MCB, Twentynine Palms and, by the end of June, the battalion had completed three HAWK FIREX's, several field deployments and an amphibious operation. Meanwhile, the battalion's logistical and maintenance capabilities were increasing as qualified personnel reported aboard to fill serious personnel shortages.

On 31 January 1969, the Fifth LAAM Bn was deactivated and became Detachment "A", Second LAAM Bn. Although located at MCAS, Yuma, the detachment quickly improved our readiness and independently conducted several successful operations. Its FIREX in February, while not employing ADL with MACS-1 due to the lack of command data, was successful using the complete AN/TSQ-57 system. Twice the detachment deployed a battery to the Chocolate Mountain area to serve as an aggressor SAM site for COMFIRSTFLT exercises. These exercises were conducted with



MACS-1 and definitely improved our ADL/MBDL proficiency.

Meanwhile, the batteries located at MCB, Twentynine Palms were conducting independent AAW operations and training aboard the base to prepare for their first FIREX in more than a year. Battalion headquarters was concurrently consolidating and improving its capabilities. The entire battalion assets were unified to conduct a four-battery FIREX during May. Employing ADL/MBDL with MACS-1 over a distance of 45 miles, this FIREX was the most successful in the battalion's history. All four batteries performed well and the system was proven in several different modes. The operational accomplishments were enhanced by the excellent logistical effort.

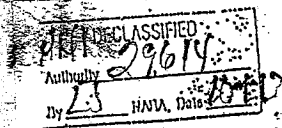
Due to target scheduling, the annual service practice was continued at MCB, Twentynine Palms as a joint exercise with the Marine Air Reserve Missile Training Detachment. The impressive MQM-74A jet drone was used for the first time and proved to be a realistic challenge to the HAWK. Minor acquisition problems were overcome and our battery completed the first successful HAWK engagement of this target. During June, two batteries, in conjunction with MACS units, participated in a major amphibious operation. One battery was airlifted and predeployed while the other was landed from an LKA. This exercise demonstrated the battalion's flexibility.

### PART III

#### SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

##### 1. PERSONNEL

- a. 10Jan69 Capt. J. K. CRONEY awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- b. 17Jan69 1stLt F. D. SETH awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- c. 21Jan69 Capt. J. D. D'AGOSTINO awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- d. 5Feb69 Cpl L. G. BUCK awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- e. 6Feb69 1stSgt G. E. WEAVER, MSgt J. W. PRIVITT, GySgt J. D. CAMPBELL and GySgt W. F. WAHL were promoted to their present ranks
- f. 15Feb69 LCpl J. G. RODRIGUEZ awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- g. 17Feb69 1stLt R. K. STRONG promoted to present rank
- h. 19Feb69 Major F. J. SNYDER awarded Navy Commendation Medal; LCpl A. L. MURO awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- i. 20Feb69 LCpl C. M. McNAUGHT awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
- j. 22Feb69 LCpl M. PURR awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry; MSgt T. R. WILDER promoted to present rank
- k. 24Feb69 MSgt T. R. WILDER awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- l. 26Feb69 Cpl C. A. YBARRA awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- m. 27Feb69 MSgt G. L. MINTZ promoted to present rank
- n. 3Mar69 GySgt J. D. FRALEY awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- o. 4Mar69 LtGen BUSE toured battalion facilities  
1stLt D. W. BLAIR awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- p. 5Mar69 Capt H. B. JOHNSON promoted to present rank; LCpl J. G. RODRIGUEZ awarded Navy Achievement Medal



- q. 7Mar69 Cpl C. M. AUTENRIETH awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- r. 10Mar69 Capt. A. D. GLAD awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- s. 12Mar69 SSgt B. C. BROWN awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- t. 13Mar69 Capt. H. J. BARBER, Capt. C. G. SCHLEUSNER, 1stLt W. H. SIDERS and 1stLt M. W. PERRY were promoted to their present ranks
- u. 15Mar69 CMC authorized PUC for First Marine Aircraft Wing
- v. 18Mar69 Cpl R. L. SIMS awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- w. 21Mar69 Cpl H. G. COOK awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- x. 26Mar69 1stSgt C. CAVAZOS awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- y. 31Mar69 Cpl R. A. WELLS awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- z. 3Apr69 MSgt L. P. STREICH promoted to present rank
- aa. 8Apr69 Cpl W. D. DEAN and Cpl P. L. WILLIAMS awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- bb. 18Apr69 Sgt T. G. FIELDS awarded Gold Star on second Purple Heart Medal; Cpl J. D. SIMMONS awarded Bronze Star Medal
- cc. 22Apr69 Capt. L. W. HINES awarded Navy Achievement Medal; LCpl R. W. GEORGE awarded Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
- dd. 25Apr69 Capt. C. A. PARSONS, JR. awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- ee. 29Apr69 Cpl A. TOSCANO, JR. awarded Navy Achievement Medal
- ff. 1May69 Major H. N. JOHNSON promoted to present rank
- gg. 14May69 Capt. R. E. BALSKE promoted to present rank
- hh. 16May69 Capt. E. N. NEWMAN awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- ii. 20May69 LtGen BUSE briefed at MCAS, Yuma
- jj. 26May69 SSgt A. CANTU and SSgt A. H. TRAVARES promoted to their present ranks
- kk. 30May69 CWO-4 J. N. TUSA awarded Bronze Star Medal; GySgt V. F. GABBITAS awarded Navy Commendation Medal
- ll. 2Jun69 SSgt W. J. WOELL promoted to present rank
- mm. 4Jun69 Major A. D. GLAD promoted to present rank
- nn. 9Jun69 MajGen ADAMS delivered farewell address to battalion formation
- oo. 12Jun69 Capt. F. H. ROBERTS and SSgt H. G. SHARPE promoted to their present rank
- pp. 13Jun69 Capt. D. J. COLLINS and Capt. R. C. GODFREY promoted to their present rank

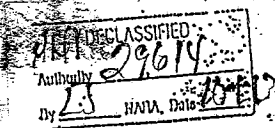
2. ADMINISTRATION. 1Apr69 First and Third Redeye Platoons were placed under administrative control of H&S Btry, 2nd LAAM Bn.

3. INTELLIGENCE. Nothing significant.

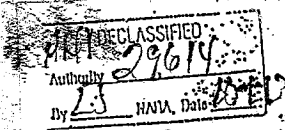
4. TRAINING. Nothing significant.

5. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- a. 10-14Feb69 Conducted HAWK FIREX at Colfred Airstrip, Tacna, Ariz.
- b. 20-25Feb69 Provided aggressor SAM site in support of COMFIRSTFLI
- c. 14-18Mar69 Provided aggressor SAM site in support of COMFIRSTFLI
- d. 17-20Mar69 Battery AAWEX at MCB, Twentynine Palms



- e. 7-11Apr69 Battalion AAWEX at MCB, Twentynine Palms
  - f. 28Apr-10May69 Conducted HAWK FIREX at Colfred Airstrip, Tacna, Arizona
  - g. 23-25May69 Battery HAWK FIREX with MARMED at MCB, Twentynine Palms
  - h. 5-25Jun69 Participated in large-scale amphibious operation at Camp Pendleton, California
6. COMMAND RELATIONS. Second LAAM Bn is under the operational and administrative control of Marine Air Control Group 38.
7. EQUIPMENT. 20Jan69 Final shipment of equipment from RVN arrived at MCB, Twentynine Palms
8. LOGISTICS. 25-10May69 75,000 accident-free miles driven in support of FIREX
9. COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- a. 19Apr69 As host unit, the battalion provided for Father and Son Indian Guides tour aboard MCB, Twentynine Palms
  - b. 17May69 Set up HAWK static display for Base Armed Forces Day presentation
10. COMMUNICATIONS. Nothing significant.
11. ACTIVATIONS, DEACTIVATIONS AND REDESIGNATIONS. 31Jan69 Fifth LAAM Bn deactivated and redesignated as Detachment "A", Second LAAM Bn
12. NEW PROGRAMS. Nothing significant.
13. COMMAND RELATIONS WITH OTHER MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS
- a. 20-25Feb69/14-18Mar69 Conducted MBDL operations from Chocolate Mountain area with MACS-1 at Yuma
  - b. 10-14Mar69/27-30Jun69 Provided MACS-3 with equipment and personnel for field acceptance test of AN/TYQ-2
  - c. 14-22Mar69 Provided logistical support for MASS-5 field deployment
  - d. 23Apr69 CG, MCB, Twentynine Palms briefed on battalion situation
  - e. 30Apr-10May69 Conducted ADL/MBDL FIREX with MACS-1
  - f. 24-25May69 Conducted FIREX from AAOC of MARMED
  - g. 26May69 CG, MCB, Twentynine Palms toured battalion facilities



PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. ✓ Operation Order 1-69 (Operation Sky Blazer)
2. ✓ Operation Order 2-69
3. ✓ Operation Order 3-69 (FIREX)
4. ✓ Operation Order 4-69