

4TH FAAD BATTERY DET A COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Organizational Data:

a. Designation and Location. 4TH. Forward Area Air Defense Battery, Detachment A, 4TH. Marine Aircraft Wing, USMCR, Naval Air Station Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia 30060

b. Period Covered by Report. 1January-31 December 1983.

c. Commanding Officer and Principal Staff Officers.

OIC Lieutenant Colonel C. W. O'Neill  
( 1 December-31 December 1983)

Major R. L. O'Brien Jr.  
( 1January-30November 1983)

AOIC Major K. D. Hankins  
( 1January-31December 1983)

3RD. PLT. CO. Captain M. E. Gehring  
( 1January-31December 1983)

4TH. PLT. CO. Captain M. E. NUNNALLY  
( 1January-31December 1983)

5TH. PLT. CO. GYSGT. R. F. Riggs  
( 1JANUARY-30September 1983)

WO1. L. B. Chappell  
( 10October-31December 1983)

SERVICES PLT. CO. 1ST. Lieutenant R. Bruneau  
( 1August-31December 1983)

GYSGT. W. L. Jeffery  
( 1January- 31July 1983)

TRNGO Captain M. E. NUNNALLY  
( 1January-31December 1983)

d. Average Monthly Strength During the Period. 5 Air/Ground Officers, 120 Enlisted, 125 total.

2. Sequential Listing of Significant Events, Relating to:

a. Personnel. A Change of Command took place in December.

b. Administration. In August 1ST. LT. Bruneau became PLT. CO. of the Services PLT. The Detachment Administrative Section has maintained the Unit's records, basic correspondence, SRB audits, and reports during the period.

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c. Intelligence. 23 new security clearance's were granted during the period.

d. Training.

(1) During the course of the 12 months covered by this report, priority was placed on maintaining qualification and expertise of Redeye/Stinger Gunners. 140 hours have been devoted to Redeye/Stinger training. This training has consisted of Aircraft Recognition, Tracking Head Training, Map Reading, Communications, Small Unit Deployment and Tactics, and associated military training. The unit achieved a 32% completion rate for MCI courses and a 97% passing rate of the PFT. An exemption was given for Rifle qualification.

(2) Unit training accomplished during ATD is as follows:

(a) During 13February-26February 1983 7 Marines from Services Plt. attended MOS training at MCLSB PAC, Barstow, California.

(b) During 13February-26February 1983, 2 Marines attended Cook School at the Naval Weapons Training Site, Fallon, Nevada.

(c) During 12June-24June 1983, 1 GYSGT. and 12 enlisted personnel attended the formal Redeye/Stinger school conducted by the U. S. Army at Fort Bliss El Paso, Texas. 100% completion rate.

(d) During 12June-24June 1983, 1 Staff NCO and 1 enlisted person attended MOS training at MCB, Camp LeJune, North Carolina.

(e) During 19June-2July 1983, 2 Officers and 17 enlisted personnel participated in CAX 7-83 conducted at MCAGCTC, 29 Palms, California.

(f) During 9July-23July 1983, 1 Officer and 12 enlisted personnel participated in CAX 8-83, conducted at MCAGCTC, 29 Palms, California.

(g) During 9July-23July 1983, 1 GYSGT. and 7 enlisted personnel attended MOS training at the Communication School, MCB, Camp LeJune, North Carolina.

(h) During 9July-23July 1983, 2 enlisted personnel attended the formal Redeye/Stinger school conducted by the U. S. Army, at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

(i) During 30July-14 August 1983, 1 Officer and 12 enlisted personnel participated in the Reserve Phiblex conducted at MCB, Camp Pendleton, California.

(j) During 6August-19August 1983, 8 enlisted personnel attended the formal Redeye/Stinger school conducted by the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

(k) During 6August-19August 1983. 1 Staff NCO attended Embarkation School, conducted at MCB, Camp Pendleton, California.

(l) During 6August-19August 1983, 5 enlisted personnel from the administration section, conducted On Site ATD at 4TH FAAD, DET A, NAS, Atlanta.

e. Special Operations.

(1) On 6 and 7 April 1983, the unit conducted Air Defence Deployment training in the North Georgia Mountains, at the U.S.Army Ranger Training Facility, Dahlonega, Georgia.

(2) On 2 and 3 September 1983, live aircraft tracking, with tracking head trainers, and communication techniques were conducted at Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia.

(3) On 17 and 18 December 1983, 1 Officer and 23 enlisted personnel participated in a live fire exercise conducted by the 2ND. FAAD, MCAS, Cherry Point, North Carolina. The exercise was held at Onslow Beach, MCB, Camp LeJune, North Carolina. 25 missiles were fired by the 23 enlisted personnel.

f. Command and Control. Negative Report.

g. Logistics. General supply system, requisitioning, and record keeping were maintained. First echelon maintenance, OJT, and classes were conducted for the equipment organic to the detachment.

h. Air Defense. The complete spectrum of Redeye/Stinger training was conducted as mentioned in previous paragraphs, with major emphasis placed on transitional training toward the Stinger System, and small unit deployment and defense tactics.

i. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations.

(1) Command relations with other Marine and Naval units located at NAS Atlanta are excellent.

(2) Marines of this unit collected and donated toys for the Toys for Tots campaign of the Marine Corps Reserve.

j. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation. Negative Report.

k. ATD Sites and Dates. As noted above.

l. Change of Operational and Administrative Control. Negative Report.

m. Ceremonies. Negative Report.

n. New Programs. A more aggressive approach to training the unit toward a higher degree of Combat Readiness will be started in CY-84. An emphasis on team and section operations, as well as small unit tactics is being implemented. Basic infantry skills and NCO responsibilities in operational deployment are being stressed, to enhance Combat Readiness in any mission that the 4TH. FAAD DET A might be assigned.