



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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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, (Historical Officer), MACG-38  
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 Jul - 31 December 1979  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1D  
(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.

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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: 8622-M/27 Jun 79

2. Period Covered: 1 Jul 1979 - 31 Dec 1979

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Period</u>
2nd Light Antiaircraft Missile Battalion	Lieutenant Colonel Billy J. SPEIGHTS	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Services Battery	Captain Robert E. BALL	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
Battery "A"	Captain Gerald M. HALE	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
Battery "B"	Captain Randy P. MYERS	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
Battery "C"	Captain Philip D. NORTON	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979

3. Location: 1 July - 31 December 1979

Marine Corps Air Station  
Yuma, Arizona 85364

4. Staff Officers:

Executive Officer:	Major Don T. REED	1 Jul - 25 Jul 1979
	Major Robert A. VAN HOUTEN	26 Jul - 31 Dec 1979

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4. Staff Officers: (cont)

S-1/Adjutant:	Chief Warrant Officer - 4	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
	Theodore W. SCHAUER	
S-2/S-3 Officer:	Major	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
	Walden L. DANIEL	
S-4 Officer:	Captain	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
	Richard K. BARTZER	
Communications Officer:	Captain	1 Jul - 19 Sep 1979
	William PRATHER	
	Captain	20 Sep - 31 Dec 1979
	Charles E. COOKE	
Hawk Maintenance Officer:	Captain	1 Jul - 10 Aug 1979
	Richard L. SOUDER	
	Chief Warrant Officer-4	11 Aug 1979 - 31 Dec 1979
	Stanley S. MINATOGAWA	
Motor Transport Officer:	1st Lieutenant	1 Jul - 31 Dec 1979
	Lyndon F. VROOMAN	
Supply Officer:	1st Lieutenant	1 Jul - 14 Oct 1979
	Eddie R. ELDER	
	Captain	15 Oct - 31 Dec 1979
	Thomas D. BARKER	
Maintenance Management Officer:	1st Lieutenant	1 Jul - 21 Aug 1979
	Floyd MICHEL	
	Captain	22 Aug - 31 Dec 1979
	Roger W. DAIGGER	
Sergeant Major:	Sergeant Major	1 Jul - 28 Aug 1979
	Henry J. PINTO	
	Sergeant Major	29 Aug - 31 Dec 1979
	Harold E. NELSON	

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5. Average Monthly Strength

BATTALION STRENGTH

<u>Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	543	45	498
August	533	41	492
September	523	43	480
October	532	44	488
November	551	43	508
December	561	43	518

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## PART II

### NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The months of July through Dec 1979 were serried with events that kept the Bn moving at a rapid pace. Operational commitments ran the gamut of working with agencies of the Marine Air Command and Control Community to tests with the United States Air Force.

2. The second half of 1979 started on an inspection note. Included in these inspections were embarkation inspections that marked the way for operational readiness evaluations for all three firing batteries. A Marine Corps Disbursing On Site Examination Team inspection found the Bn's performance significantly improved with H&S Btry receiving an O/S. Battery B followed it's ORE with participation in WTI 2-79, which provided excellent operational training. While Btry B supported WTI, Col D. J. VERDON visited the Bn. On 27 Aug Btry A began the new IHAWK Product Improvement Program implementation and equipment training. By 19 Dec all three firing batteries were PIP equipped and trained. September started Battery C's 4 month participation in the Cruise Missile Survivability Test conducted at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah. Battery C's performance proved effective in identifying cruise missile vulnerabilities. The Redeye Mission Performance Standards presented at the Marine Corps Combat Readiness Evaluation System conference by our representative were viewed as impressive and a valuable contribution to establishing volume VIII of MCCRES. The FMFPac inspection held in Sep found the Battalion ready and on course. October was highlighted by a visit by the Commandant and the SGTMAJ of the Marine Corps. Brig General C. L. COMFORT, the assistant Wing Commander, toured the Bn during the beginning of Nov. Btry A conducted operations with MACS-7 and subsequently wrote an SOP for joint LAAM/MACS ATDL-1 operations. December proved one of the busier months. It began with the Bn briefing Lt Generals W. J. WHITE, DCS Aviation and A. W. O'DONNELL CG, FMFPac. Btry A then combined an ORE, MCCRES support for HMM-268, evaluation of the SIMTRACC System and a FIREX at Raven Butte. Our Redeye teams participated in a FIREX at 29 Palms, CA. Battery B brought the year to a close by evaluating VX-5, based at China Lake, on its ECM and tactical capabilities when performing against IHAWK.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

5 July 1979 Btry C embark inspection conducted by Bn Embark Officer.  
Comm Plt embark inspection conducted by Bn Embark Officer.  
Comm Plt supply inspection conducted by Bn Comm Officer.

10-12 July 1979 Btry C ORE held at P-111.

11 July 1979 Btry B embark inspection conducted by Bn Embark Officer.

13-16 July 1979 MCDOSSET Inspection.

17-20 July 1979 Btry A ORE held at Luke AFB.

20 July 1979 Bn Commander Inspection of Btry C.

23-27 July 1979 Comm Plt conducts EST training at Tacna.

30 July-2 Aug 1979 Btry B ORE held at Rakish Litter.

6 Aug-12 Sep 1979 Btry B and elements of Comm and M/T support of VTI 2-79 at Baker Peaks and Glamis.

9 Aug 1979 Visit by Col D. J. VERDON, CO, MACG-38.

27 Aug 1979 Btry A begins implementation of IHAWK PIP equipment and training.

3-7 Sep 1979 CWO-2 R. R. DOWNIE participated in MCCRES conference held at CMC.

4-20 Sep 1979 Btry C participation in cruise missile survivability test conducted by USAF at Dugway Proving Grounds.

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25-26 Oct 1979	Visit by CMC/SGTMAJ of the Marine Corps.
29-31 Oct 1979	Bn Embark Inspection conducted by Group-38 Embark.
4-20 Nov 1979	Btry C participation in cruise missile survivability test conducted by USAF at Dugway Proving Grounds.
6 Nov 1979	Btry A participation in LAAM/MACS ATDL-1 operations.
9 Nov 1979	Visit by Brig General C. L. COMFORT, Asst Wing Cmdr.
19 Nov-14 Dec 1979	Btry B participated in 7222 trng conducted by Bn.
26 Nov-18 Dec 1979	Btry C participation in cruise missile survivability test conducted by USAF at Dugway Proving Grounds.
30 Nov 1979	AAOC, AN/TSQ-39 System turned in because of obsolescence.
3 Dec 1979	Visit by Lt General W. J. WHITE, DCS Aviation.
5 Dec 1979	Visit by Lt General A. W. O'DONNELL, CG, FMFPac.
5-6 Dec 1979	Btry A participates in MCCRES eval for HMM-268.
5-9 Dec 1979	Bn Redeye Gunners fire tactical rounds at FIREX at MCAGCC.
8-10 Dec 1979	Btry A ORE held at Raven Butte.
15 Dec 1979	Btry A FIREX conducted at Raven Butte.

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18-19 Dec 1979

Btry A evaluated VX-5 on ECM and aircraft tactics with IHAWK.

19 Dec 1979

Bn completes implementation of IHAWK PIP equipment and training.

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