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Marine Air Control Group-18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
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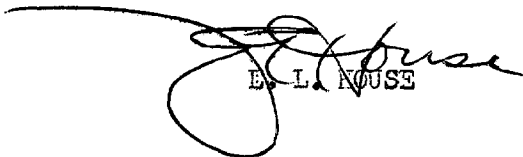
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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1969

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for the period 1 to 31 July 1969.


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Marine Air Control Group-18
1st Marine Aircraft Wing, FMF, PAC

Command Chronology
DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
1-31 July
1969

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PART I

1. Command and Staff

Commanding Officer	12 Oct 68 to 7 Jul69	LtCol John W. DRURY
Commanding Officer	8 Jul 69 to present	Maj Edward L. HOUSE JR.
Sergeant Major	20 Jan 69 to present	SgtMaj Phillip P. GIRTEN
Executive Officer	25 Mar 69 to 7 Jul69	Maj Edward L. HOUSE JR.
Executive Officer	8 Jul 69 to present	Maj James D. MCGOWAN JR.
S-1/Adjutant	31 Jan 69 to present	1stLt Harold D. MAYO JR.
S-2/S-3	14 Apr 69 to 12Jul69	Capt Robert A. KOTZ
S-2/S-3	13 Jul 69 to present	Maj Harry N. JOHNSON
S-4	19 Jan 69 to 7 Jul69	Maj James D. MCGOWAN JR.
S-4	8 Jul 69 to present	Capt George P. KENNISTON
CO, H&S Battery	23 Apr 69 to present	Capt Albert I. HARTKOFF
CO, "A" Battery	6 Mar 69 to present	Capt James M. MUTTER
CO, "B" Battery	11 Apr 69 to present	Capt Charles RECHTENBACH
CO, "C" Battery	30 Mar 69 to present	1stLt Don O. THOMPSON
CIC, AFU "E"	6 Mar 69 to 17Jul69	1stLt Denham B. CLEMENTS
Comm Officer	15 Mar 69 to present	1stLt Gordon E. ANDERSON

2. Task Organization and Unit Location

a. Task Organization: N/A

b. Unit Location:

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- (1) H&S Battery Coordinates (1:50,000) BT007750 15 Feb 65
- (2) "A" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000) AT943917 31 Aug 66
- (3) "B" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000) BT091837 1 Sep 65
- (4) "C" Battery Coordinates (1:50,000) AT972737 26 Mar 65
- (5) AFU "E" H&S Coordinates (1:50,000) AT970620 27 Mar 66

3. Average Monthly Strength

a. Total Battalion

- (1) 38 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 516 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 5 Enlisted (USN)

b. H&S Battery

- (1) 24 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 282 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 0 Officers (USN)
- (4) 2 Enlisted (USN)

c. "A" Battery

- (1) 5 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 78 Enlisted (USMC)
- (3) 1 Enlisted (USN)

d. "B" Battery

- (1) 4 Officers (USMC)
- (2) 75 Enlisted (USMC)

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- e. "C" Battery
- (1) 5 Officers (USMC)
 - (2) 81 Enlisted (USMC)
 - (3) 2 Enlisted (USN)

4. Important Visitors

On 18 July 1969, Mr. HOHNSON and Mr. BELLEGET, both with Associated Press, toured "B" Battery area to take publicity pictures.

On 25 July 1969, Col. W. R. FRY, from the Marine Reserve on two weeks active duty, visited "A" Battery during an inspection of the television translator site on Alpha point.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT HIGHLIGHTS

On 1 July 1969, 1st LAAM Battalion received an initial warning order to deploy to Okinawa. Operational Control of the 1st LAAM Bn. was passed from 7th AF back to 1st MAF and the Battalion started preparing for embarkation and redeployment.

Surface to Air Defense Operations continued under Op-Con of 1st MAF from 1-18 July 1969. On 17 July AFU "E" was de-activated and its personnel and equipment returned to H&S Battery after 19 months colocation with 7th Marines on Hill #55 South of DaNang.

On 19 July all operations ceased and a concentrated effort began to embark two batteries scheduled to depart on 25 July 1969. On 22 July movement of 1st LAAM Bn. was held in abeyance.

On 31 July 1969 1st LAAM Bn received unofficial word that it would redeploy to CONUS after serving 4½ years in the Republic of Vietnam.

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PART III

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- A. Administration. None
- B. Personnel. None
- C. Command and Control.

1. The Operations Section ceased all operations with Panama and MACS-4 on 1 July 1969. The AN/TSQ-39 Operations Central was kept on the air for Battalion integrational checks until 19 July 1969, when it was shut down and march-ordered.

2. From 1-18 July Surface to Air Defense Operations continued under Op-Con, 1st MAW.

3. The Operations Center was kept operational to ensure Battalion integrity and to provide rocket watch for 1st LAAM Bn. and DaNang AB.

- D. Air Control. None
- E. Special Operations. None
- F. Civic Action.

1. The remaining lumber needed to complete construction of two new classrooms for the Hoa Cuong Elementary School was delivered.

2. On 4 July 1969, a dinner was given to commemorate the completion of a new temple. The Battalion Commander, LtCol J. W. DRURY, the Hamlet Chief and the Battalion Civic Action Officer attended.

3. On 23 July 1969, the 1st LAAM Bn. officially terminated its work in Civic Action. MASS-3 will assume responsibility for the area.

- G. Ground Defense.

1. "A" Battery had a severe storm early in July which caused extensive damage to four of its bunkers. All damage to the bunkers was repaired during the month. Thirty rolls of German Tape were used to finish wire construction around the perimeter and new flood lights were installed. Broken glass and razor blades were strewn throughout the wire.

2. On 18 July 1969, "B" Battery held a night Ground Defense Drill. Tear Gas was used to ascertain chemical warfare readiness.

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3. At "C" Battery, additional trip flares were emplaced in various places around the perimeter. Work on the perimeter wire was continued throughout the month. Three barrels of defoliant were mixed and spread over part of the grass inside the perimeter. Additional claymore mines were also emplaced around the perimeter.

4. H&S Battery made no changes affecting the units defensive positions during the month of July. Ground defense condition III was set for the entire month. All projects at AFU "E" were halted due to it's move into the Battalion area on 17 July 1969.

H. Training.

1. "A" Battery conducted three and a half (3½) hours of GMS and twelve (12) hours of technical training during the month of July.

2. "B" Battery conducted sixteen (16) hours of technical training. No GMS training was held during the month due to other commitments.

3. "C" Battery conducted four (4) hours of GMS training and thirty seven (37) hours of technical training during the month of July. In addition three (3) hours of task team training was held.

4. H&S Battery conducted four (4) hours of GMS and eleven (11) hours of technical training during the month of July. All newly joined personnel were given a four (4) hour drug abuse lecture by Wing Drug Abuse Committee. AFU "E" personnel received practical experience redeploying during their mount-out to Battalion area.

I. Logistics.

1. Logistics plan were made for redeployment of 1st LAAM Bn. and included in the Battalion movement Operation Order.

J. Supply.

In preparing for redeployment all H&K peculiar excess items have been shipped in accordance with disposition instructions. Disposition instructions have been requested for all P-4960 allowances and T/E excess. All temporary loans have been processed for termination. Prepositioned stocks have been returned from the deployed units. All requisitions to FLC have been cancelled and prepared for resubmission to the supply system upon review of the quantity field. In addition, the Requisitioning Objective and the Re-Order Point were reduced by 50% as directed by the III MAF Operations Order.

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The following is a list of Expenditures:

1. OPBUD:

Total Spent this Month	\$ 22,833.45
New Authorizations	\$185,000.00
Available Balance	\$162,165.55
Total Spent this Year	\$ 22,833.45
Total Authorized	\$185,000.00

2. HOTEL:

Total Spent this Month	\$ 1,347.00
New Authorizations	\$ 66,000.00
Available Balance	\$ 64,653.00
Total Spent this Year	\$ 1,347.00
Total Authorized	\$ 66,000.00

3. QUEBEC:

Total Spent this Month	\$ -0-
New Authorizations	\$ 1,200.00
Available Balance	\$ 1,200.00
Total Spent this Year	\$ -0-
Total Authorized	\$ 1,200.00

4. PMC - This account is only used for ASA purchases from 6th Battalion, 56th Artillery. There have been no authorizations or expenditures in this account this fiscal year.

Reduced spending in all accounts is due to operational stand-down in operations.

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K. Engineering. All equipment made ready for embarkation.

L. Maintenance. None

M. Communications/Electronics.

1. Radio Section. All radio gear and vehicles were made ready for embarkation, with the exception of PRC-25's and one (1) TRC-27 which are still in operation. Gear was inspected, banded and loaded into Conex boxes for shipment. All MRC-83's and one (1) MRC-87 were brought up to as near operational status as possible.

2. Maintenance. Both of the repair vans (GRM-32 and GRM-38) were deadlined for Major parts. All equipment has been inventoried and can be accounted for, including maintenance float equipment. All necessary and e required Preventive Maintenance was accomplished on all test equipment.

3. Radio Relay. During the month of July, a great deal of work was put into getting equipment, vans, trailers and trucks ready for mount-out. The Battalion went admin during the month, and the "Charlie" and "Echo" shots were shut down and the equipment returned to H&S Battery. The "Bravo" shot with MACS-4 was taken down and the AN/TRC-97 was returned to MACS-4.

4. Message Center. During the month of July the message center and the various communications sections were inspected for serviceability of all gear and equipment necessary in making a message center functional whether it was being used or not. There was a total of 360 incoming messages, including sixty-three (63) classified. There were forty-five (45) outgoing messages including ten (10) which were classified.

5. Wire. Very few wire problems were encountered this past month. The greater part of the month was devoted to working on embarkation for the anticipated move. All gear not in actual use was thoroughly cleaned and packed in BC-5 chests and mount-out boxes. The power cable running from the TRC-97 site to the generator shed was retrieved and rolled back onto its reel.

N. Construction. None

O. Motor Transport.

1. Total amount of vehicle mileage for the month of July was 44,992.
2. The total number of passengers carried for month of July was 19,278.
3. The total tonnage transferred for the month of July was 2,437.

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1. During the month of July, fifty-six (56) home town news releases were forwarded from the Battalion.

Q. Casualties.

The following personnel were evacuated during the month of July:

1. L/Cpl M. L. KOLICK, 2323160, was evacuated to Gen Hosp Camp Drake.
2. L/Cpl A. S. YOUNG, 2300789, was evacuated to USNH Guam.
3. Pfc. M. D. MILLS, 2383991, was evacuated to USNH Beth ESDA.
4. Pvt D. A. GRIFFIN, 2264830, was evacuated to USNH Memphis.

R. Awards.

1. Promotions during the month were as follows:

	H&S	"A"	"B"	"C"
First Lieutenant	1			
Staff Sergeant	1			
Sergeant		1		
Corporal	1	1		1
Lance Corporal	28	11	7	7
Private First Class	1			4

2. Cpl M. W. HOLLENBURG was presented the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V device.

3. Pfc R. N. HENSLEY was presented the Purple Heart Medal.

4. Three (3) Marines were awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

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S. Morale and Welfare.

1. On 25 July 1969, "B" Battery held a cookout for all personnel. The cookout was held in the battery area. The S-3 section of H&S Battery also held a cookout on 23 July 1969, for all S-3 personnel, at MAG-16 beach area.

2. The Battalion affords all personnel the opportunity to use the beach facilities at China Beach R&R Center each Sunday afternoon.

T. Air Defense.

1. On the 19th of July 1969, 1st LAAM Bn. ceased all operations and was relieved of all tactical commitments as a HAWK Missile Air Defense Unit in RVN. The remainder of the month was spent in preparation of mount-out.

2. The termination of 1st LAAM Bn's tactical commitments to the air Defense of the DaNang area marks the completions of over four and a half (4½) years of service in Vietnam.

U. Base Development and Military Construction.

1. At "A" Battery, work was started on the television translator station during the month. The construction is being done by the 7th Engineers. Battery hooches were sand bagged to prevent high wind damage to the roofs. On 31 July 1969, Seabee personnel inspected damage resulting from high winds during the last week of the month. They are expected to rebuild the motor transport garage and one hooch.

2. "B" Battery laid more defensive wire and built several new bunkers and fighting holes.

3. "C" Battery constructed a roof over the 600 cubic foot reefer for better cooling and more protection from the elements. Loose and excess materials were collected and placed in centralized locations.

4. H&S Battery had outside stairways added to all two (2) story barracks. This affords faster evacuation of personnel from the 2nd deck to the bunker during rocket attacks.

V. Enemy Action.

On 3 July 1969, "A" Battery received nine (9) rounds of 81mm mortar within the perimeter. Marine patrols on Hill 1192 reported hearing the mortar tube and called for a "Spooky" gunship. One Marine from "A" Battery was injured by the incoming mortar rounds, and only minor damage resulted within the Battery area.

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