

1ST SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY 3d Marine Division(Rein), FMF FPO San Francisco 96602

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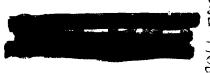
(a) MCO P5750.1A

(b) FMFPaoO 5750.8

- 1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the following report is submitted.
- 2. Reporting Period: 1-30 June 1968
- 3. Organizational Inter
- a. Designation of Unit. Reporting Unit 21503, 1st Searchlight Battery, 3d Marine Division(Rein), FMF, FPO San Francisco 96602.
- b. Commanding Officer. Captain Frederick C. McQuigg, 8 February 1968 present.
- c. Location of Unit. Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam, 29 June 1967 - present.
 - d. Battery Officers:
 - (1) 1stLt Robert E, NEITHAMMER Executive Officer.
 - (2) 2dLt Carl E. EASTWICK Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon.
 - (3) 1stLt James W. HILL Platoon Commander, 3d Platoon.
 - e. Battery Strength

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Narrative Summary:

- 1 June 1968. Third plate on moved one light from Khe Sanh Combat Base to Hill 558. Scond Platoon CP moved from Dong Ha to Con Thien. A 60 inch carbon arc searchlight was also moved to Con Thien.
- 8 June 1968. One patrol boat with searchlight was attacked by mortar fire, resulting in 1 searchlight operator MIA, and 1 WIA. The WIA was medevaced to "A" Company, 3d Medical Battalion in Phu Bai.
- 9 June 1968. The MIA from the river boat action on 8 June 1968 was found dead in the Cua Viet, changing his status to KIA.
- 14 June 1968. At approximately 2200 hours at OP# 2 Con Thien, 3 NVA were sigted with white light approximately 150 meters northeast of the position. No action was taken.
- 15 June 1968. At about 2200 hours I NVA was detected with white light about 400 meters north of OP# 2. No action was taken.
- 17 June 1968. A detachment of the 1st platoon moved from Dong Ha to Oceanview in support of 1st Amtrack Battalion to detect ememy heicopters operating between North Vietnam and Tiger Island.
- 18 June 1968. About 2300, OP# 2 at Con Thien detected with white light an unknown number of unidentified flying objects thought' to be helicopters approximately 8000 meters north of their position. At CAP P-6, approximately 100 NVA were spotted moving in a southerly direction. No action was taken due to proximity of friendly villages. Two jeep-mounted searchlights and a section chief were moved to A-3, to be augmented by infantry troops from that position.
- 21 June 1968. At about 2100 hours, while using white light from OP# 2 at Con Thien, an unknown number of NVA were sighted approximately 40 meters from the outer wire. Engaged enemy with small arms fire. Blood trails were found at first light.
- 22 June 1968. While using white light at CAP P-6, three VC/NVA were sighted. Contact was made by elements of CAP P-6 at about 2150, lasting about 10 minutes. Negative BDA.
- 23. June 1968. A river patrol boat with searchlight sighted one man walking on the river bank. A request was sent to get permission to fire on him. The boat followed him for about 1200 meters, at which time he disappeared into the brush on the bank. Permission was then granted Miles Lace and fire with M-79 grenades. Negative BDA.

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- 26 June 1968. At 0015 hours, river patrol boat spotted two people and one large box on the beach of the Cua Vict River. White light was turned on them, but no further action was taken. Later, at 0230, one man and three 5-gallon cans were detected on the beach with white light. No further action was taken.
- 29 June 1968: Detachment of 1st platoon at CAP R-1 returned to the battery position at Dong Ha. The searchlight will be displaced to high ground immediately west of Cam Lo to interdict NVA forces moving into refugee camps.
- 30 June 1968. Two battery personnel were wounded when an amtrack on which they were riding hit a mine. One man was medovated to "A" Company, 3d Medical Battalion in Phu Bai; while the other was treated at Delta Med at Dong Ha, and then released. Total number of hours of operation for the month of June was 4,500.
- 5. Sequential listing of Significant Events
 - a. Combat Missions assigned:
- (1) 1st Platoon Direct support of 3d Marine, Task Force Clearwater, Dong Ha Combat Base, and Combined Action Platoon (CAP) R-1 and 1st Amtrack Battalion.
- (2) 2d Platoon Direct support of 9th Marines, CAP 3-4-4, CAP 3-4-2.
 - (3) 3d Platoon Direct support of Task Force Hotel.
 - b. Operations conducted:
 - (1) Scotland II
 - (2) Lancaster II
 - (3) Kentucky
 - (4) Napolean/Saline
 - (5) Concordia Square
 - (6) Highrise
 - c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None
- d. New techniques of employment. Searchlights are now being used in an antiaircraft role at Con Thien to dotost the use of enemy helicopters.

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e. Casualties sustained: 1 KIA, 3 WIA

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- f. Equipment
- (1) 39% of the searchlights are deadlined for 3d and 4th echelon repair. Seven searchlights were turned into FLSG-B and three were returned.
- (2) 13% of the M-18 binoculars are deadlined for 3d and 4th echelon repair. Three M-18's turned into FLSC-B and two pairs were returned.
- (3) 14% of the motor vehicles are deadlined for 2d and 4th echelon repair.
- g. Logistics. The overall logistics situation remains satisfactory are a Motor transport statistics are as follows:
 - (1) Road miles: 1523.
 - (2) Personnel transported: 193.
 - (3) Tons of supplies transported: 47 tons.

h. Personnel. The overall personnel situation is satisfactory. Statistics for the month are as follows:

Transferred 0 20 Joined 0 14

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