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

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)

Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division(Rein), FMF
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

1. In accordance with ref (a) and (b) the following report is submitted.

2. Reporting Period: 1-31 October 1968

3. Organizational Data:

a. Designation of Unit. Reporting Unit 21503 1st Searchlight Battery, 3d Marine Division(Rein), FMF, San Francisco 96602,

b. Commanding Officers: Captain William K. LAW, 31 July 1968 - Present.

c. Battery Officers:
(1) 1stLt James W. HILL - Executive Officer
(2) 1stLt James D. SELIM - Platoon Commander, 3d Platoon

d. Location of Unit: Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam, 29 June 1967 - Present

e. Battery Strength:

USMC		USN	
<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
3	100	0	3

4. Narrative Summary:

1 October 1968. LCPL boat #21 was fired on by small arms from coordinates YD264623. Returned fire with M-79, 50 cal, 60 cal and 30 cal machine guns and M-16 rifles with negative results.

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4 October 1968. LCPJ received 2 RPG rounds from coordinates YD 271650. No injuries or damage were sustained.

21 October 1968. Pulled a light out of Mau Sai Ta - East.

26 October 1968. One light from 2nd Platoon moved from Thon San Lam to Khe Gio Bridge (YD027561) in order to guard against enemy units attempting to destroy the bridge.

26 October 1968. 3d Platoon moved one light from Vandegrift Combat Base to Thon San Lam.

5. Sequential Listing of Significant Events.

a. Combat Missions assigned.

- (1) First and 2nd Platoons - Direct Support of 3d MarDiv
- (2) 3d Platoon - Direct Support of 4th Marine Regiment.

b. Operations Conducted.

- (1) Scotland II
- (2) Lancaster II
- (3) Kentucky
- (4) Napoleon/Saline
- (5) High Rise

c. Casualties inflicted on enemy: None

d. New techniques of employment: None

e. Casualties sustained: None

f. Equipment:

- (1) 61% of the organic searchlights are deadlined for 3d and 4th echelon repair.
- (2) The battery continues to operate Dual blade searchlights thereby supplementing the organic searchlights and allowing the overall readiness of the battery to be in the C-2 Category.
- (3) 9.2% of the motor vehicles are deadlined.

g. Logistics. The overall logistics situation remains satisfactory. Motor transport statistics are as follows:

- (1) Road miles: 9,174
- (2) Personnel transported: 2086
- (3) Supplies transported: 93,322 pounds

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

	Officers	Enlisted
Transferred	1	6
Joined	0	4

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CO, 12th Marines

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