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Commanding Officer

Tot Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AD3D)

Viet Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Cronology for period 1 December to 31 December 1968

Ref:

(a) MCO 5750.2 (b) FMFPAGO 5750.8A

Encl: V(1) 1st Searchlight Battery Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.



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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 DECEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 1968

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PART I

# ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

Reporting Unit 21503 1st Searchlight 1stLt James W. HILL, 20 November Battery, 3d Marine Division(Rein), 1968 - Present FNF San Francisco 96602

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Not Applicable

ATTACHED UNITS

Not Applicable

2. LOCATION

Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vistnam, 29 June 1967 - Present

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u> Off Enl 4 96

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PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1 December 1968 One light moved from CAC 2 to Sea Bee 1 (YD 170585)

1 December 1968 The six lights with 1/3 returned to Vandegrift

7 December 1968 Two lights from C-2 tent on an operation with 2/3 (YD 102535)

8 December 1968 Four lights from Vandegrift went on a operation with the 5th of the 4th (Army)





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- 10 December 1968 CAC 4 unit spotted 60 VC with their light. a fire fight ensued with 6 enemy KIA, 4 enemy WIA, and 1 M-79, 10 M-79 rounds, and 3 Chi-com grenales captured.
  - 10 December 1968 The two lights with 2/3 returned to C-2.
- 12 December The 4 lights on the operation with 5th of the 4th (Army) returned to Vandegrift.
- 14 December 1968 the light from Sea Bee 1 and three others went to An Hoa with 1/12 for operation in that area. There is one light at Fire Support Base Lance, one light at Fire Support Base Spear, and one light at Fire Support Base Spear, and one light at Fire Support Base Pike.
- 16 December 1968 Two lights from Vandegrift went on an operation with 2/3 at the Cam Lo Resettlement Ville.
  - 21 December 1968 The two lights with 2/3 returned to Vandegrift.
- 26 December 1968 Two lights from C-2 and one from Vandegrift went on an operation with 2/4 in the Cua Viet area.
- 29 December 1968 The three lights from the Cua Viet Area with 2/4 returned to their base locations.
- 29 December 1968 Four lights from Vandegrift went on an operation with 5th of the 4th (Army) at LZ Sharon.

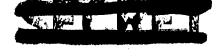
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## SEQUENTIAL LISTION OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS



## 1. FMF organizations committed to combat and the SLF

- a. Combat missions assigned. General support of Third Marine Division.
  - b. Significant operations conducted.
- (1) Scotland II (2) Lancaster II
- (3) Kentucky
- (4) Marshall Mountain
- c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy. Six KIA
- d. Casualties sustained. None
- e. New techniques employed. None



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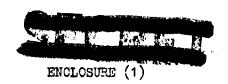
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- f. Command relations. Nothing to report.
- g. Equipment.
  (1)38% of the organic searchlights are deadlined for 3d and 4th echelon repair.
- (2) The battery continues to operate Dual Blade search-lights thereby supplementing the organic searchlights.
- (3) 28% of the motor vehicles are deadlined for 2nd and 4th echelon repair.

h. Logistics. The overall locistics situation remains satisfactory. Motor transport statistics are as follows:

- (1) Road miles: 4,011 miles
- (2) Personnel transported: 1,593
- (3) Supplies transported: 81,060 pounds
- i. Civic action. Nothing to report.
- J. Administration. No problem areas.
- k. Personnel. No problem areas.
- 1. Intelligence. Nothing to report.
- m. Communications. Nothing to report.
- n. Weather. Weather conditions have been favorable to searchlight operations.
  - o. Fire support. Nothing to report.
  - p. Air support. Nothing to report
  - q. Activations/deactivations/redesignations. Not applicable.
- 2. FMF organizations not committed to combat

Not Applicable



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3. Marine Corps Security Forces organizations, Marine Corps Air Stations and Air Facilities, and Camp Smedley D. Butler and Camp H.M. Smith

Not Applicable

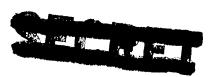
4. Not Applicable

PART IV

## CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Not Applicable





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