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Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 January to 31 January 1969

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: ✓ (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

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Reporting Unit 21503 1st Searchlight Btry 1stLt James W. HILL, 20 November
 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF 1968 - Present
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Not Applicable

ATTACHED UNITS

Not Applicable

2. LOCATION

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

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Not Applicable

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

8 January 1969 LCPL 25 spotted approximately 25 enemy on beach with light (YD 270 644). Fired on enemy with M-16s, M-79s and 50 calibers. Results were 6 enemy KIAs and 1 POW.

11 January four lights on operation at LZ Sharon returned to Vandegrift Combat Base.

13 January Two lights from C-2 went to Quang Tri to Base Defense there

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16 January LCPL 24 went to support contact by an insert team and the light was used to illuminate the area. (YD270644). Fire was returned with M-79s, M-16s, and 50 calibers. Result was 5 enemy KIAs.

18 January Two lights from C-2 and one from Khe Gio Bridge went to support the cordon of Leatherneck Square.

19 January Two lights from Vandegrift went to Quang Tri Base Defense and the lights there went back to C-2.

25 January The two lights from C-2 and the one from Khe Gio Bridge returned from the Leatherneck Square operation.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FME 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. 12 KIAs

d. Casualties sustained. None

e. New techniques employed. None

f. Command relations. Nothing to report

g. Equipment

(1) 100% of searchlights deadlined for 3d & 4th echelon repair.

(2) The battery continues to operate Dual Blade searchlights thereby supplementing the organic searchlights.

(3) 28% of the motor vehicles are deadlined for 2nd and 4th echelon repair.

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

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- (1) Road miles: 4,752.
- (2) Personnel transported: 1,638.
- (3) Supplies transported: 40,825.
- i. Civic action. Nothing to report.
- j. Administration. No problem areas.
- k. Personnel. No problem areas.
- l. 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
- 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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