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

3D MARDIV S&C FILE
BT# 156769

JDS:lp
5750
Ser: 006A9125
5 May 1969

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 April 1969 to 30 April 1969
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 1st Searchlight Battery Command Chronology
(2) My msg 050230Z APR69
(3) My msg 180910Z APR69

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April to 30 April 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

Reporting Unit 21503 1st Searchlight Btry 1st Lt James W. HILL, 20 November
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF 1968 - 4 May 1969
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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

USMC	
Off	Enl
5	94

USN	
Off	Enl
0	2

OTHER	
Off	Enl
0	0

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5 April 1969 - 2 lights from Quang Tri moved to LZ Sharon and participated in operation with 1/61st Army.

8 April 1969 - 2 lights on operation at LZ Sharon returned to Quang Tri.

14 April 1969 - Light on LCpl 26 spotted 2 personnel standing in field (YD 267644) using night observation devise taken under fire with M-16, M-79. Scanned area with white light. Negative results.

21 April 1969 - Received 18 new M151A1 Dyemarkers to mounted searchlights.

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21 April 1969 - Light on LCpl 26 sported 20 personnel moving toward the river (YD 262638). Taken under fire with M-79. Rounds fell short, out of range. Negative results.

21 April 1969 - LCpl 26 received 20 rounds sniper fire from tree line (YD 256618). Taken under fire with M-79 and was advised to check fire. Negative results.

26 April 1969 - Light from FSB Alpine moved to Vandegrift Combat Base.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. FMF organizations committed to combat and SJF

a. Combat missions assigned. General support of Third Marine Division.

b. Significant operations conducted: (1) Purple Martin, (2) Main Craig, (3) Virginia Ridge.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.

d. Casualties sustained: None.

e. New techniques employed: None

f. Command relations: Nothing to report.

g. Equipment:

(1) 0% 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:

(1) Road miles: 1,904.

(2) Personnel transported: 270

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- (3) Supplies transported: 9,760.
- 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/re-designations: Not Applicable.
2. FMF organizations not committed to combat
Not Applicable.

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COMPAT LOSSES 1ST SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY
A. DIVO 4400.16

1. LAW REFERENCES (A) A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THIS UNIT
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CCN: 052

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CG MCSA PHILA
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY
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SUBJ: LAMP AND CONTAINER ASSEMBLY
FOR P825/EJC

1. CG MCSA PHILA MSG 022108Z APR 69
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A) REFERS. REQUISITION IS NOT VALID.
2. A01 SUBMITTED.
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