

HEADQUARTERS
1st Searchlight Battery
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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5750
Ser:00015-67
1 Dec 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
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 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8

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

2. Reporting Period. 1-30 November 1967.

3. Organizational Data:

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

b. Commanding Officer. Captain Victor B. SNIDER - 31 January 1967 - present.

c. Location of Unit. Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of Vietnam - 29 June 1967 - present.

d. Battery Officers:

(1) Captain Joseph HANCHARICK, Jr. - Executive Officer.

(2) 1stLt Robert E. NEITHAMMER - Liaison Officer.

(3) 1stLt Michael T. PIERSON - Platoon Commander, 1st Platoon.

(4) 2ndLt John M. CONYERS - Platoon Commander, 2nd Platoon.

(5) 1stLt James C. UECKER - Platoon Commander, 3rd Platoon.

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e. Battery Strength:

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OFF	ENL
6	105

USN	
OFF	ENL
0	2

4. Narrative Summary. During the reporting period the Battery continued in its role of perimeter defense with no significant events or enemy contact.

5. Sequential Listing of Significant Events:

a. Combat Missions Assigned:

(1) 1st Platoon

(a) 1st Section - perimeter defense at Khe Sanh (Quang Tri Province) in support of "A"Btry, 1stBn, 13th Marines.

(b) 2nd Section - perimeter defense at Dong Ha Combat Base (Quang Tri Province) in support of 12th Marines.

(c) 3rd Section - perimeter defense at CHARLIE-2 (Quang Tri Province) in support of "F"Btry, 2ndBn, 12th Marines.

(2) 2nd Platoon

(a) 1st Section - perimeter defense at Gio Linh (Quang Tri Province) in support of Composite Artillery Battalion.

(b) 2nd Section - perimeter defense at Camp J. J. Carroll (Quang Tri Province) in support of 1stBn, 12th Marines.

(c) 3rd Section - perimeter defense at CHARLIE-2 (Quang Tri Province) in support of "K"Co, 3rdBn, 4th Marines.

(3) 3rd Platoon

(a) 1st Section

1. Light 1 - perimeter defense at Con Thien (Quang Tri Province) in support of 2ndBn, 12th Marines.

2. Light 2 - perimeter defense at Cua Viet (Quang Tri Province) in support of 1st LVTA.

(b) 2nd Section

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1. Light 1 - perimeter defense at CHARLIE-2 (Quang Tri Province) in support of "K"Co, 3rdBn, 4th Marines.

2. Light 2 - perimeter defense at Camp Evans (Thua Thien Province) in support of 3rdBn, 12th Marines.

(c) 3rd Section - perimeter defense at Phu Bai (Thua Thien Province) in support of 4thBn, 12th Marines.

b. Significant Operations Conducted. The Searchlight Platoons/Sections of the Battery were used to support the following operations:

(1) Operation SCOTLAND (Thua Thien Province).

(2) Operation KENTUCKY (Quang Tri Province).

(3) Operation NEOSHO (Quang Tri Province).

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy: None.

d. Casualties sustained: None.

e. New techniques employed: None.

f. Command relations: Command relations continue to be very good.

g. Equipment: At the present time the equipment of the Battery, with the exception of the searchlights themselves, is less than 10 percent deadlined. The searchlights are 45 percent deadlined. M-18 binoculars, a component of the searchlight, are at approximately 64 percent deadlined.

h. Logistics: The overall logistics situation within the Battery is considered satisfactory.

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: During the reporting period the weather conditions have been favorable for searchlight operations.

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- o. Fire Support: Nothing to report.
- p. Air Support: Nothing to report.
- q. Activations/deactivations/redesignations: Not applicable.

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