RELEASE DATE: 22 MAY 2023 1730(Z)
CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified
FROM: 1ST MARINE DIVISION (1ST MARDIV I MEF)

SUBJECT

Final: On-Duty, Class E, 1ST LAR BN 1ST MARDI, Improper weapons clearance; No damage or harm was reported; 9mm round impacted the clearing barrel with out harm to personnel or equipment, 30 APR 2023, Weapons, Small Arms, Handgun/Rifle/M-18, Event # 585549

1. GENERAL INFORMATION
   Unit Control Number: P-20230301
   Convening Authority: 1ST MARINE DIVISION
   Accounting Organization: 1ST LIGHT ARMOURED RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION
   Event Duty Status: On-Duty
   Event Type
     Tier 1: Explosion/Functioning/Firing (Small Arms)
     Tier 2: Inadvertent Actuation/Firing
   Event ASAP ID: 21309

2. EVENT DATE/TIME
   Event Date, Local: 30 APR 2023
   Event Time, Local: 0327

3. EVENT LOCATION
   General Location
     Tier 1: Weapons/Munitions Storage Area
     Tier 2: Parking Area
   Location Description: this location is on the ramp outside of the armory security fence at the weapons clearing device, adjacent to Motor Transportation Motor pool.
   Country: United States (USA)
   US State: California
   Nearest Base: MCB Camp Pendleton
   Latitude: 33 17.358 N
   Longitude: 117 26.011 W
4. NARRATIVE
SEQUENCE OF EVENT
Approximately at 0327 on May 1st, 2023, command OOD was escorting armory custodians, with the armory keys, to open up the armory for a rifle range. Prior to entering the armory compound the OOD stopped at the clearing barrel in order to clear their M18. OOD pulled the pistol out of the holster, with their right hand, and placed the barrel in the clearing barrel. OOD ensured the weapon was on safe and removed the magazine with their left hand. Once the magazine was removed OOD placed their left hand on the slide and prior to pulling the slide to the rear a round discharged from the M-18 into the clearing barrel. OOD is sure that they never touched the trigger of the M18; no personnel were harmed, or equipment damaged.

INVESTIGATION CONCLUSIONS
Relayed ASAP report to higher command. Will verify training is complete to avoid similar event in the future.

5. PRIMARY FINDINGS
FINDING #1 (CAUSAL)
based on the events of this investigation it was determined responsible personnel mishandled the M-18 service pistol leading to a negligent discharge into the clearing barrel.

Weapon was submitted for function test and passed all requirements. All personnel in unit receives annual training on weapons handling and weapon clearing instructions are clearly posted at the location where the incident transpired.

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
6.1. PERSON BACKGROUND INFORMATION
PERSON: "OFFICER OF THE DAY" (OOD)
Narrative: OOD is an infantry Officer with ample weapons handling training. Incident transpired while executing 24-hour Officer of the day duty.

72-Hour / 7-Day History: (b) (6)

6.2. GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION
There were no General Background Information entered.

7. FACTORS
There were no Factors entered.

8. PRIMARY RECOMMENDATIONS
There were no Primary Recommendations entered.

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9. OTHER FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE
There were no Other Findings of Significance entered.

10. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE
There were no Other Recommendations of Significance entered.

11. REFERENCED REPORTS
There were no Referenced Reports entered.

12. PERSONNEL INFORMATION
   PERSON #1
   Gender: Male
   Age: [b] (6)
   Grade: O1
   Employment Status: US Marines; Regular
   Duty Status: On; No Further Status
   Assigned Organization: 1ST LIGHT ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION
   Role in Event: Other, Describe; Officer of the day
   Activity: Ammunition/Explosives/Weapons Handling/Firing
   Person Associated with Object(s)
       Object #1: Handgun/Rifle; M-18
       Assignment Type: Operator / Handler / Maintainer

13. OBJECTS INFORMATION
   OBJECT #1: HANDGUN/RIFLE; M-18
   Damage Description: No Damage
   Owning Service: Marine Corps
   Owning Organization: 1ST LIGHT ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION

14. EVENT COST
   Environmental Cost: $1.00
   Non-DoD Damaged/Destroyed Property: $0.00
   Total Event Cost (Excluding Injury Cost): $1.00
   Total Event Cost with Injuries: $1.00

15. SAFETY INVESTIGATION BOARD (SIB) PERSONNEL
   POSITION: BOARD PRESIDENT/SENIOR MEMBER
   Name: [b] (6)
Grade: GS/GG - 12
Organization: (b) (6)
Phone
   DSN: (b) (6)
   Commercial USA: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6)

POSITION: INVESTIGATING OFFICER
Name: (b) (6)
Grade: E6
Organization: (b) (6)
Phone
   Commercial USA: (b) (6)
Email: (b) (6)

16. GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS
OOD- Officer of the day