

**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 ARMORED 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

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## 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)

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**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

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