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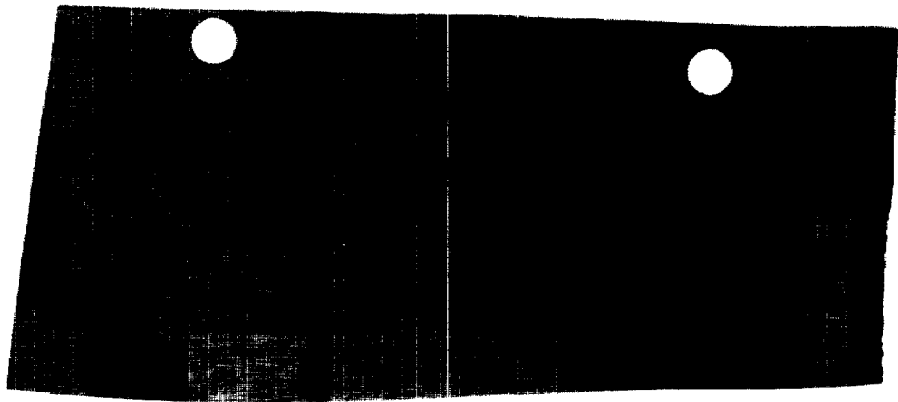
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 January 1967

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) 1st Field Artillery Group Command Chronology

1. The Command Chronology for the 1st Field Artillery Group at Chu Lai is submitted in compliance with reference (a), for the period 1-31 January 1967.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
First Field Artillery Group	LTCOL J.B. STRIBLING	1-31 Jan 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

2nd Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL I.L. CARVER	1-31 Jan 1967
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL A.S. RUGGIERO	1-31 Jan 1967
4th Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL G.R. LAMB	1-31 Jan 1967
3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF MAJ T.W. HANCOCK, JR.		1-31 Jan 1967
3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF CAPT J.D. McNAMARA		1-31 Jan 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location. 1-31 January 1967, Chu Lai TAOR RVN3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LTCOL J.M. LANEY, JR.	1-31 Jan 1967
S-1	CAPT V.M. SZALANKIEWICZ, JR. 2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-31 Jan 1967 28-31 Jan 1967
S-2	CAPT C.C. FRANTZ	1-31 Jan 1967
S-3	MAJ C.J. STANARO	1-31 Jan 1967
S-4	MAJ T.F. GRAY CAPT D.L. BASTIAN	1-25 Jan 1967 26-31 Jan 1967
Adjutant	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-31 Jan 1967

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Survey Officer	CAPT D.L. BASTIAN 2dLT W.B. BOVIE	1-25 Jan 1967 26-31 Jan 1967
Ordnance Officer	2dLT J.T. BOBB	1-31 Jan 1967
Supply Officer	2dLT J.O. HARRELL	1-31 Jan 1967
Motor Transport Officer	2dLT P.V. SULLIVAN	1-31 Jan 1967
Communication Officer	CAPT P.C. WINN	1-31 Jan 1967
Liaison Officer	CAPT G.T. LENGAUER, JR.	1-31 Jan 1967
Assistant S-3	CAPT J.D. RUANE	1-31 Jan 1967
Chief Aerial Observer	CAPT J.E. HARRIS	1-31 Jan 1967
Netro Officer	2dLT W.B. BOVIE	1-31 Jan 1967
Commanding Officer Hq Btry	CAPT M.L. HEFTI	1-31 Jan 1967

• Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USF</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
20	130	1	2	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month the major artillery effort continued to be directed at providing supporting fires for the defense of the CHU LAI TAOR and support of infantry operations in and around the TAOR. In addition, supporting fires were prescribed for the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion elements inserted in Viet Cong controlled territory, CIDG/Special Forces Camps, Government of Viet Nam Armed Forces Units (GVNAF), and units of the Republic of South Korea (ROKMC). One search and destroy operation begun in December was completed by the 7th Marines during the month and two search and destroy operations were begun by Task Force XRay. All these operations were supported by units of the 1st Field Artillery Group

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OPERATION SIERA was a search and destroy operation conducted in Quang Ngai Province, Mo Duc/Duc Pho area, by the 7th Marines during the period 12 December 1966 through 21 January 1967. Phase III of the operation began 1 January 1967. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines provided a 4 gun 105mm Howitzer battery and a platoon of 107mm Howitzers in direct support of this final phase of the operation.

PHASE I, OPERATION DESOTO, a Task Force X-ray search and destroy operation in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province commenced on 27 January 1967 and has continued through the end of the reporting period. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines is providing one 4 gun 105mm Howitzer battery in direct support of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein). The operation is scheduled to continue for a period of approximately 20 days.

OPERATION TRINITY is a coordinated search and destroy mission which commenced on 30 January 1967 and is being conducted by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade within the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade TACR. Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines has been firing supporting fires from their primary position within the Chu Lai TAOR.

The requirements to maintain Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc (BT106142) and observation posts at An Hoa (BS474863) and Nui Tron (BS515780) continued throughout the period.

One platoon of the 107mm Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Field Artillery Group was chopped to OPCON of the 11th Marines on 5 January 1967 and flown by C123 aircraft from the Chu Lai combat base to An Hoa. The platoon was further lifted by helicopter to a position area (ATE14381) near An Hoa. ADCON remains with the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines remains OPCON 11th Marines, ADCON 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

The Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (TD), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, formerly in general support of the 2nd ARVN Division, was returned to the vicinity of Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines from its position at Quang Ngai Airfield. The displacement commenced on 6 January 1967 and was completed 11 January 1967. The battery was deactivated and placed in cadre as part of Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, with six 155mm Howitzers (TD).

On 9 January 1967 one platoon of 107mm Howitzers from Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines was heli lifted to Minh Long (BS52505116) to support the Special Forces/CIDG Camp located there. The platoon was still positioned at that location at the end of the reporting period.

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At 130220H, the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines received a VC initiated probe of its perimeter. No enemy forces penetrated the inner wire of the position. See Part IV, Appendix G for details and After Action Report.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

Ammunition Expended During the Month of January 1967 (Chu Lai)							
	107mm Mort	105mm How	155mm How	155mm Gun	8" How	175mm Gun	TOTAL
5th Marines	1059	2593	1322		20		4994
7th Marines	82	4245	186				451
CLDC			6				6
Recon		64	161	323	29	607	1184
TF Xray	26	229	1353	376	321	474	2769
ROK		21	289	4	9	32	405
ARVN	953	1249	2325	161	58	423	5169
DeSoto		1297					1297
Sierra		1541					1541
TOTAL	2120	11239	5642	864	427	1586	21678

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnela. Losses.

- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non Battle: None
- (3) Administrative: Seven

b. Gains

- (1) Replacements: Three

c. POWS Captured: None

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d. Morale and Personnel Services. Morale is good. Mail service has been good.

e. Promotions. 4 to LCpl
5 to Cpl

f. Awards and Decorations. Capt HARRIS awarded Air Medal.

2. Administration

a. Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month. No difficulties were encountered.

b. The following Courts-martial and article 15 UCMJ were processed by the Command during the reporting period:

<u>SPCM</u>	<u>SCM</u>	<u>Article 15</u>
5	0	0

3. Organization and Operations

a. Organization. See Part IV, Appendix (5).

b. Operations. Units of the First Field Artillery Group participated in three operations during the month. These were:

(1) Operation Sierrita, a coordinated search and destroy operation conducted by the 7th Marines in the Quang Ngai Province Mo Duc/Duc Pho areas in conjunction with 2nd ARVN Division Forces, continued through the month of January and was terminated on 21 January 1967. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines continued to support the operation during the period. For details and After Action Report see Part IV, Appendix 9.

(2) Operation DeSoto began on 27 January 1967 and has continued through the end of the reporting period. This is a search and destroy operation which provides for the relief of designated 2nd ARVN Division Forces on Nui Dang (BS81773825) and Nui Dau (BS874325). The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines has Battery "I"(-) (4-105mm Howitzers) in direct support of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in the operational area. On 27 January 1967, 3/7 under OPCON of Task Force X-ray began helilifting units into the Nui Dang/Duc Pho operational area. On 26 January Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines motor marched from its position within the TAOR (BS568957) to Quang Ngai Airfield (BS608721) where it staged for subsequent helilift to Nui Dang scheduled 27 January 1967. By 271400H one platoon (2-105mm Howitzers) Battery "I"(-) was in position and ready

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to fire at Nui Dang (BS61773825). The battery completed the helilift to Nui Dang by 271925H. On 291800H, the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines relieved the ARVN units at Nui Dang and Nui Dau, and assumed responsibility for Nui Dang/Nui Dau and the Duc Pho area.

(3) Operation Trinity began on 30 January 1967 and has continued through the end of the reporting period. This is a coordinated search and destroy operation being conducted by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade and is under the control of 7th Marines. Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, grid BS633992 has been supporting the operation from its primary position within the Chu Lai TAOR. The area of operation is in Quang Ngai Province within the 2nd ROK Marine Brigade TAOR.

4. Enemy, Weather, Terrain

The two general support observation posts, M-24 (BS473063) and N-24 (BS519779), forwarded numerous reports of enemy activity in their areas, and in several instances reported on information received concerning possible effects of artillery fire on enemy locations. These reports received from civilians in the areas of the OP's and from Binh Son District Headquarters indicated that a total of 113 VC KIA's resulted from U.S. Marine artillery fires. (See Part IV, Appendix 2)

M-24 and N-24 reports of Battalion size enemy units located in their areas corroborated with other intelligence collected by Task Force Xray indicating that the 21st NV Regiment has moved into the region of the Song Tra Khuc - Song Tra Bong valleys. The 1st Field Artillery Group firing "A" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery and the 2nd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FAF, at 161520H fired upon the 1st and 21st VC Regiments located at grids BS488792, 498784, 490784, 482820, 476783 and 472784. A surveillance of 56 confirmed KIA's and 70 buildings destroyed was reported to N-24 by the Counter Intelligence Corps, Binh Son District Headquarters.

Unusually heavy monsoon rains characterized the weather for the first 3 weeks of the month. As of 23 January accumulated rainfall totaled 22.08 inches. (Ref: Task Force Xray Intsum No. 23-67). This exceeds the mean for the month by over 16 inches, and exceeds the monthly maximum by nearly 7 inches. As a result of the weather, visibility from M-24 and N-24 was poor most of the time, and on several occasions was reduced to zero.

On 13 January, the S-2 made a liaison visit to the 11th Marines CP, DaNang, to discuss preparation of terrain and intelligence studies of CIDG Camps with the 11th Marines S-2. Work is continuing on the studies of these camps, the purpose being to prepare material which would be used in the event one of the camps required support from Marine Artillery, as outlined in 1st MarDiv Operation Plan 303-66,

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5. Training. Technical training, both formal and on-the-job, has been conducted during the month on an individual and a group basis. General military type training was conducted on Field Fortifications, Crew-served Weapons Firing and Infantry Tactics. Emphasis was placed on Command Post Defense and Patrol Actions.

6. Civic Action

a. During January the Civic Action Officer (CAO) contacted the CAO of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, and coordinated with 3/5 in civic action programs in the vicinity of Long Phu (1) and (2). Support was provided in the form of transportation for lumber and cement for construction of a dispensary for both hamlets, a project which had been started by 3/5. It is estimated this project will be completed during February

b. Two highlights of civic action activities for the month were a meeting conducted by the Hamlet Chief concerning details of the dispensary project which the 1st Field Artillery Group CAO, S-1, and Adjutant attended as guests, and a helicopter MEDEVAC provided for a sick baby in Long Phu (1). The baby was discovered by a Headquarters Battery security patrol which was signaled by the baby's family as the patrol passed their house.

7. Logistics

a. Normal logistics support continued for the Provisional 155mm Howitzer Battery (TD), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines at Quang Ngai (BS608-721) until 11 January 1967 when the battery returned to Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines position (BS442096) and was placed in cadre. Operation Sierra secured 21 January 1967. Normal logistics support continued for Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc (BT106142) and Battery "W", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines at Minh Long (BS5351). An ISA was established 25 January 1967 at Quang Ngai to support Operation DeSoto. Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines picked up 480 rounds HE, 50 rounds illumination, and 300 rounds WP 105mm ammunition left in position by ARVN at Nui Dang (BS817382).

b. Additional logistic support consisted of coordination and assistance in providing necessary services to support the logistic effort of the 1st Field Artillery Group units.

8. Aerial Observation. During the month of January 1967, the Aerial Observer Section, 1st Field Artillery Group flew 31 missions for a total of 70.6 hours in support of Task Force XRay (Chu Lai) TAOR/RAOR. Operations Sierra and DeSoto, and reconnaissance team inserts. Aircraft support was provided by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron Six based at Chu Lai, and the 220th Aviation Company (USA) based at Quang Ngai. The following is a recapitulation of missions flown:

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<u>Total</u> <u>Missions</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Hours</u>	<u>Strikes*</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Visual</u> <u>Recon</u>	<u>Opm.</u> <u>Sierra</u>	<u>Opm</u> <u>DeSoto</u>
31	70.6	20	3	70.6	6.2	13.2

* The above figure includes artillery missions, Naval Gun Fire missions and air strikes.

9. Communications. On 28 January 1967, the 1st Field Artillery Group successfully initiated a speech security radio net with the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. This was the first employment within the 1st Field Artillery Group of the new voice security equipment, KY-8, used in conjunction with the AN/MRC-109 and AN/MRC-110 (VRC-12) family of FM radio equipment.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

<i>Filed w/ Chron</i>	✓ Appendix 1	S-1 Journal
	✓ Appendix 2	S-2 Journal
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	✓ Appendix 4	S-4 Journal
	✓ Appendix 5	Organization for Combat
	✓ Appendix 6	1st Field Artillery Group Firecaps
<i>Filed</i>	Appendix 7	Command Post and Position Area Overlay
	Appendix 8	2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
	✓ Appendix 9	3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
<i>Dep</i>	✓ Appendix 10	4th Battalion, 11th Marines Command Chronology
	✓ Appendix 11	3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FME Command Chronology
	✓ Appendix 12	3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FME Command Chronology

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S-1, 1st Field Artillery Group
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010001H Journal opened.

010845H Cpl S.L. SCHULAR - SpCM.

041000H Pfc's J.W. DORSCH, R.D. LONG, J.F. McGUIER, C.A. SECKMAN promoted to LCpl. LCpl's L.R. GONZALES, R.J. KUKULSKI, C.D. MERLO, W.J. SNYDER, L.E. WILSON promoted to Cpl.

041330H Cpl T.L. LORENTZ - SpCM.

060835H Cpl E.R. CROUSE - SpCM.

101530H Capt J.E. HARRIS awarded Air Medal by LtCol J.B. STRIBLING.

111010H Pfc J.P. SCHILLER to CONUS on emergency leave.

110830H Pvt R.J. REYNOLDS - SpCM.

260800H LCpl R.T. GORMAN, LCpl J.M. NOONAN and LCpl G.E. WOOD to CONUS on Special 30 day leave for extension of tour.

312400H Journal closed.

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- 010001H Journal opened. n
- 021900H N-24 reported information concerning VC Bn located at BS479782, 482791, 484782 and 497793. This info received from ARVN CIC agent. "N" Btry, 4/11 to drop one round on each location; to be considered H&I.
- 031700H M-24 received report from ARVN interpreter at M-24 that one VC Bn is located vic BS4387, 4487, 4386. Reliability of info not known. Villagers living in this vicinity have moved to An Hoa. 1st FAG Cmt: F-3.
- 042045H M-24 received message from ARVN Lt HL that villagers from An Hoa reported 32 confirmed KIA and approximately one platoon WIA. Casualties inflicted by conc. Z4-63 (fired at 032105H). Lt HL also reports VC have moved from BS428-866 to BS435863 and 442863.
- 051400H N-24 reported information obtained from CIC Quang Ngai that VC Bn is located at Vin Loc (4) BS550810, Vin Loc (5) BS540-808, and Vin Loc (6) BS543798. This is the same Bn that had been fired upon on 2 January. (Designation Unk.).
- 051910H M-24 received report from ARVN Lt at his position that approximately 2 VC Bn wearing camouflage utilities and workers (unk. number) are located at BS500880, 496873 and 510867.
- 061345H One wounded civilian MEDEVAC and one VC returnee moved from N-24 to Quang Ngai. VC returnee's name is LE MINH CHALL, from 1st VC regt. He had one canteen, no pack or weapon. He surrendered by entering village of Vin Loc (3) at base of Nui Tron and turning himself into the Montagnards.
- 061600H N-24 received information from ARVN CIC agent that fire missions fired at BS540808, 545798 and 587752 at about 051700H resulted in 7 KIA and 4 WIA. Source of this information is not known.
- 080907H At 080900 1st FAG FDC received fire mission from Tra Bong Special Forces. At 0907 an unknown station commenced extensive jamming with voice and music transmission on net M529. Task Force Xray CEO and 1st Radio Bn CO notified. The fire mission was completed.

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- 091130H M-24 requested MEDEVAC for VN civilian. ROK patrol from M-24 entered village of An Hoa, BS472867, and was informed of a 48 yr old man named DAO Hoc who had been wounded in the left side by a possible M-79 round. The man was wounded while working in a rice paddy. MEDEVAC completed approximately 1400H.
- 091353H N-24 received report from ARVN CIC of a VC Company located at An Tho BS541768. VC are on hill and in village. They are reported to have entered this area at 081000H. 1st FAG Cmt: F-3. G-2 Cmt: F-3, agent reports of elements of 409th Bn and U/I Bn in this vicinity. Possible element of 409th or 1st Regt.
- 092007H N-24 reported 50 VC have entered village Minh Thanh, BS517-764, and are presently occupying that village. N-24 received this report from ARVN CIC at 091900H.
- 101900I M-24 received call from ROK alerting M-24 for possible attack on OP during the night. H&I's previously prepared sufficient to negate attack, with one additional HE H&I called on hill to N.E. of OP which was used by VC as mortar position on two previous occasions.
- 120900H M-24 received incoming SA fire from BS474856 as OH-46 helo tried to land on OP. Helo lifted immediately without discharging passengers.
- 121240H M-24 reported friendly air attack conducted close to his position. Air strike has been requested by ROK Captain. TFX FSCC notified and air strike cancelled. Air strike was cause of one VN civilian casualty, an 18 yr old girl named Bui Thi Phan. She suffered shrapnel wound across right breast, wound bleeding badly. Received wound while standing in door of hut in village at base of OP, BS476867. MEDEVAC conducted, with 14 yr old sister accompanying casualty.
- 130220H VC attack on 2nd Bn, 11th Marines position. See Appendix (8) for details.
- 151230H M-24 heard SA fire but could not observe because of rain. Believed fire to be coming from grid square BS4087.
- 151750H M-24 reported that Sgt BUU, ARVN interpreter, upon returning from An Hoa reported that 7 families, consisting of 31 refugees, (10 men, 7 women, and 14 below age 16), had entered An Hoa Hamlet from BS430873. These people had walked in bringing all effects at approximately 151000H.

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- 161000H At M-24 5 VC surrendered to an ARVN patrol and were taken by USMC helicopter to ROK CP.
- 161420H N-24 reported two VC Regiments located at the following grid: BS472784, 478783, 482782, 490784, and 498782. This information received from CIC, Binh Son, and from villagers around base of OP. Probably elements of the 1st VC Regiment and 21st NVA Regiment.
- 161930H ARVN officer at M-24 reported receiving information from village of An Hoa concerning a road block set up by a company of VC at BS499883 and 500880. Traffic toward Binh Son to the east is being stopped. There are no friendly VN near these coordinates. The report was received by the ARVN officer at 1200H and passed to M-24 at 1900H.
- 170855H M-24 sighted road block (reported above) at BS50168835. Unable to determine exact road block material; looks like sand bags. Approximately 8-10 people at road block. Villagers heading east hesitate at road block and then move on.
- 171610H Binh Son CIC reported to N-24 that two Regiments fired upon yesterday (see 161420H entry above) suffered 30 KIA and 70 buildings were destroyed. Regiments will be at the following coordinates at approximately 172200h; BS4792723, 4805-7272, 49027545, 50007532, 50657500.
- 181437H M-24 sighted what they believe to be a VC platoon moving down the side of mountain at BS548877.
- 191635H N-24 CIC reported a VC machine gun emplacement along the road at BS53557660. N-24 cannot observe the actual position, but there has been other VC activity around this location.
- 201300H M-24 reported that a CH-46 helo approaching the OP received at least 5 rounds automatic weapons fire, including .50 caliber or the equivalent, from vic coordinates BS475813, 480824, 469815. Helo aborted landing attempt and diverted damaged helo to ROK position.
- 211430H ARVN Sgt BUU at M-24 received a report from a villager of An Hoa Hamlet, who formerly lived in area southwest of Hill 167, grid BS4685. Villager reported a cave at BS45968535, with an opening of 1m x 1m and a big rock in front of the opening. Villager estimates cave is big enough to contain a company of men. Time of sighting unknown. Unable to observe cave opening from M-24 position as cave is on opposite slope of mountain. 1st FAG Cmt: F-3.

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- 212055H ARVN CIC agent at N-24 reported 2 companies of VC digging in at grid BS53047700 and 539766. Further reported that VC will be in this area for some time. N-24 thinks information is reliable because there has been much activity in this area the last few days.
- 220900H Helo departing M-24 OP apparently received small arms fire from a location in general vicinity of grid BS4889, 4989, 5089. Follow up report, a confirmation from the helo, reported that helo had not been fired upon. The fire was ground to ground.
- 221925H Quang Ngai CIC reported to N-24 that a VC Regiment is reported at BS555766, 543766, 563766. Regiment is reported to be in villages and vicinity of these coordinates.
- 230830H Korean Captain at M-24 reported helo sniped at in vicinity BS434841.
- 232205H ARVN CIC agent reported that at 231900H he received a report from a Vietnamese civilian that VC were sleeping at the following locations; 50 VC at Minh Tanh (1), BS506750 and Minh Tanh (2) BS511755; 85 VC at An Tho BS545767; 60 VC at Phuoc Loc (1), BS565766. Units unknown.
- 241125H M-24 observed 10 men sitting around open fire at BS491856. ARVN interpreter at M-24 believes they are VC supervisors, or VC night operators.
- 242115H At 1930H M-24 received a report by telephone from ARVN Warrant Officer at An Hoa, BS241930 that a 45 year old woman suspected of being a VC cadre was captured at about 241000H at BS470875 as she was on her way to Tra Bong district. Capture by ARVN PF. On her person was found 10,000 piasters and a book containing a list of supplies to give to certain VC listed by name. Woman was held at school house at An Hoa Hamlet by Warrant Officer Nghiem, a sergeant and 5 men. Woman's name is LE THI HO, and she lives in Nhau Hoa in grid square BS3987. Captive to be taken to Binh Son for further interrogation on 25 Jan.
- 251345H A VN agent for ROK CIC reported to ROK CIC on Nui Tron (N-24) that at 242000H the 60th Battalion, 450 in strength, had moved from their village Minh Tuy, BS466830 to vicinity of Minh Loc (4) BS542815. This Battalion is completely armed and is reported to have two 60mm mortars.

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- 271030H ARVN CIC agent at N-24 reported that the 31st Battalion of the 21st Regiment, approximately 600 in strength, with 600 civilian workers, is presently located at BS435798, 443798 and 452797. 31st Battalion is reported to have the following equipment. 4 .30 caliber light machine guns, 6 .57mm recoilless rifles, 2 82mm mortars, 2 anti-aircraft guns, one GAC-9, 6 telephones, 500 km of LL wire.
- 281300H M-24 saw 13 VC move into house at BS400839. Requested precision destruction. Observed 2 VC being helped into woods and 4 VC being dragged into woods. Destroyed 4 buildings. Activity seems to be much less at this time. Since first light there have been 47 VC sighted in this area. There are no cattle and no one working in the fields. Men usually seem to travel in pairs or more, women travel alone. Travel is restricted to tree lines.
- 291240H M-24 observed 20 to 25 VC moving to area of BS481846. Fire mission conducted, but target was bracketed and no surveillance could be made. Total VC count for 8 hour period is 53. KMC Captain and civilian interpreter at N-24 report that VC have road to Binh Son closed to Male traffic. Only female can get through safely. Road block at tax collection point supposedly set up around An Dien (2) or Ngoc Tri (2).
- 300930H At N-24, KMC S/Sgt KIM received report from KMC G-2 that there were 300 VC in vicinity of Hamlets Minh Thanh (2) and (3). N-24 observed area for approximately 1/2 hour. There was heavy field activity and several groups of 6-8 men in the area.
- 301400H 1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters Battery security patrol found two bamboo markers about 100 feet apart at BT511038, apparently pointing to Bunker #3 of the 1st Field Artillery Group perimeter. Also found document in vicinity of markers. (Subsequent translation of document proved it not to be of any significance). A third marker was found at BT513037, apparently pointing towards the Tank Company position just east of 1st Field Artillery Group CP.
- 301830H N-24 received report from KMC G-2/G-3 indicating one VC Battalion located in vicinity of Hamlet Lam Loc (2), BS578775. Have observed this area. It is heavily wooded. Am unable to observe any heavy activity.
- 311030H A Montagnard patrol from N-24 position returned with the following report of VC casualties from four fire missions fired on 30 January. At BS518767, 5 VC KIA. At BS512756, 8 VC KIA. At BS531770, 3 VC KIA. At BS534765, 2 VC KIA. The

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patrol did not enter areas where missions were fired but questioned VN civilians in the surrounding areas. Further information from civilians indicates that 2 VC companies left the areas fired on at approximately 302100H. The companies crossed the Song Tra Khuc to the south carrying many wounded with them.

190130H LATE ENTRY. ROK Marines at Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery (175mm Guns) position received 4 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from approximately 1800 meters west of position. ROK artillery returned 600 rounds artillery fire.

312400H Journal closed.

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010001H Journal opened.

011115H CO, 1st FAG alerted CO 2/11 to be prepared to lift 2-107's with FDC to An Hoa TACU.

011900H 2-107mm Howtars that were at Duc Pho, grid (BS814387) have returned to primary position (BT550010).

020700H Secured from "Stand Down" (New Years Cease Fire).

032050H 2/11 reported 2 USMC wounded by premature burst in Battery "D", HE lot # are 105mm # KN-33-52-X, Fz PD M51A5, Lot # KN 3-171 and KN 3-170.

051805 2/11 reported 2-107mm Howtars helilifted from BT439084 to - An Hoa BT975451 completed. Chopped/GUCU 1st Marine Division (CG, T-Party msg 031805ZJan1967)

061200H 2-155mm Howitzers from Provisional 155mm Battery at Quang Ngai were displaced to Battery "K", 4/11.

061515H Battery "H"(Xray), 3/11 was relieved in place by Battery "I" (XRay) (personnel only) at Mc Duc coordinates 723538, Operation Sierra.

081445H Frag order issued to 3/11 to be prepared to heli lift 2-107mm Howtars with FDC and crews on 9 January to Minh Long, coordinates BS53505118.

091110H 2-107mm Howtars, 3/11 displaced from BT550010 to Minh Long coordinates BS53505118.

111712H Provisional Battery, 11th Marines has completed displacement from Quang Ngai to coordinates BS442096 and placed in cadre status.

130220H The 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines received a VC initiated probe of its perimeter. The probe was supported by the firing of 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Enemy forces casualties were VC KIA 17 (confirmed), VC KIA probable 4, (from fresh graves), 7 VCC (4 are WIA, confirmed). See Appendix (2) (After Action Report).

211715H Battery "I"(XRay) returned to primary position within TAOR. Coordinates BS568957.

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- 240700H 3/11 sent one FO Team to Mo Duc with motor convoy from 1st Engineers Battalion.
- 261305H Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displacing 4 howitzers by road from primary position to vicinity of BS818383 for Operation DeSoto.
- 271135H Battery "I"(-), reports 2 howitzers being heli lifted into position at Nui Dang BS81773825 for Operation DeSoto.
- 271407H Battery "I"(-), reported 2 howitzers in position at Nui Dang BS81773825 for Operation DeSoto.
- 271925H Battery "I"(-) reported all 4 howitzers in position at Nui Dang BS81773825 for Operation DeSoto.
- 280800H 2/11 sent one FO Team to Quang Ngai with motor convoy from 1st Motor Transport.
- 300730H 1st FAG sent 2 LNO's to support a rough rider convoy from DaNang to Chu Lai. LNO's were positioned at Hill 29 (BT227320) and at Thang Binh (BT204015).
- 300815H Operation Trinity commenced within the 2nd BSB Marine Brigade TAOR north of Grid BS92. Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (BS633992) is able to support operation from their primary position within the TAOR.
- 301300H 3/7 relieved ARVN units on outposts Nui Dang/Nui Dau, Duc Pho area. 3/7 assumed responsibilities Nui Dang/Nui Dau and Duc Pho at 291800H. (CG, TFXRay msg 301326ZJan1967).
- 312400H Journal closed.

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S-4, 1st Field Artillery Group
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010001HJan1967 to 312400HJan1967

010001H Journal opened.

021032H 3rd 155mm Gun Battery received Gun #213204 from R&E program to replace Gun #213233.

021035H 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery received Gun #213239 from R&E program to replace Gun #234152.

040600H Ammo resupply to Quang Ngai (BS608721).

111712H Provisional 155mm Howitzer (TL) Battery returned to Battery "K" position.

211715H Battery "I"(-), 3/11 returned to primary position (BS568957)

312400H Journal closed.

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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

2ND BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *D/S 5TH MARINES, 1ST & 3RD BNS.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

BATTERY "D"	{6-105mm How}
BATTERY "F"	{6-105mm How}
MORTAR BATTERY	{4-107mm Howtars}

3RD BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *D/S 7TH MARINES

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

BATTERY "G"	{6-105mm How}
BATTERY "H"	{6-105mm How}
BATTERY "I"	{6-105mm How}
MORTAR BATTERY	{6-107mm Howtars}

4TH BATTALION, 11TH MARINES *G/S

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

BATTERY "K"	{6-155mm How SP}	{MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 2/11}
BATTERY "L"	{6-155mm How SP}	{MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 2/11}
BATTERY "M"	{6-155mm How SP}	{MODIFIED MISSION GS/REIN 3/11}
3RD 8" HOW BTRY	{6-8" How SP}	{G/S*}
3RD 155mm GUN BTRY	{6-155mm Gun SP}	{G/S*}

BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY, USA *G/S

BATTERY "A"	{4-175mm Gun SP}	{G/S TASK FORCE XRAY AND 2ND BDE ROK MC*}
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* SPECIAL NOTES ON ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT.

1. BATTERY "F"(-), 2/11 PRESENTLY LOCATED AT TIEN PHUOC WITH FOUR HOWITZERS. G/S TASK FORCE XRAY. PRIORITY OF FIRES TO 1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION.

2. 3RD 155mm GUN BATTERY SP FMF AND 3RD 8" HOWITZER BATTERY SP FMF ARE OPCON 4/11 FOR PURPOSES OF:

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- (a) COORDINATION OF LOCAL SECURITY AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS.
 - (b) COORDINATION OF CAMP CONSTRUCTION, MESSING, AND BILLETING AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS.
 - (c) COORDINATION OF MAINTENANCE AREAS AT COLLOCATED POSITIONS TO ASSURE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL USE OF SHOP SPACE, COMMON USAGE ITEMS, AND WORK EFFORT. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE MIXED BUT WILL BE MAINTAINED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE BATTERIES CAN BE IMMEDIATELY RE-LEASED FROM OPCON IF NECESSARY.
 - (d) SUBMISSION OF SITREPS, FIREPREPS, SPOTPREPS, FIRECAPS, MUSTANG.
 - (e) COORDINATION OF COMBINED FDC'S WHERE APPLICABLE.
3. CO 6" AND 155mm GUN BATTERY SP FMF RESPONSIBLE FOR OPSTATS, CASREPS, CMD CHRONOLOGY, GUN DOWN REPORTS, AND ALL LOGISTICS REPORTS SENT TO CO ELEVENTH MARINES WITH COPY TO CO 4/11. BACKLASH REPORTS HANDLED BY SEPARATE BATTERIES WITH ASSISTANCE FROM ELEVENTH MARINES.
4. PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS TO 3RD 8" AND 3RD 155mm GUN BATTERIES SP FMF BY ELEVENTH MARINES.
5. REQUEST FOR FIRE FROM BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY BY 2ND BDG ROKMC WILL BE PASSED TO FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP.
6. COORDINATION OF FIRES 2ND AND 3RD BATTALION ELEVENTH MARINES CONTAINED IN FSCG, SEVENTH MARINES BATTALION 9 OCTOBER 1968.
7. TACTICAL FIRE DIRECTION 3RD 8" HOWITZER BATTERY SP FMF, 3RD 155mm GUN BATTERY SP FMF AND BATTERY "A", 2ND BATTALION, 94TH FIELD ARTILLERY, USA, BY FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP.
8. BATTERY "E", 2ND BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES AND ONE PLATOON (2) HOWITZERS FROM 2ND BATTALION OPCON OF ELEVENTH MARINES.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>WEAPONS IN PSN.</u>	<u>AZIMUTH</u>
2/11 Battery "D"	BT440085	4	5600
* "E"	AT87604719	6	1400 An Hoa
"F"	BT44240800	4	4000
* "W"	BT439004	4	4500
"F" (x)	BT106142	4	1900 Tien Phuoc
* "W" (x)	AT814381	2	-- An Hoa
3/11 Battery "G"	BS633992	6	2400
"H"	DT550083	6	3800
"I"	BS560957	2	4000
"I" (x)	BS01773825	4	4900
"W"	BT550010	4	3600
"W" (x)	BS535512	2	0000 Minh Long
4/11 Battery "K"	BT442096	6	4500
"L"	BT395145	6	4600
"M"	BS53959401	6	4200
3rd 8" Howitzer (SP) FMF			
"A"	BT439096	2	4000
"B"	BT546944	2	4300
"C"	BT430997	2	4200
3rd 155mm Gun (SP) FMF			
"A"	BT395145	2	4600/4900
"B"	BS540944	2	4100
"C"	BT43780965	2	4200
175mm Gun (SP)			
"A"	BS63018524	4	4100/4600

* 2/11 "E" and "W"(-) not OPCON this unit.