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Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-28 February 1967

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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 1-28 February 1967.

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FIRCAP Chu Lai TAOR

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>WEAPONS LN PSN.</u>	<u>AZIMUTH</u>
2/11, Battery "D"(x)	BS760470	4	4000
* "E"	AT87604719	6	1400 An Hoa
"F"	BT44240830	4	4000
* "W"	BT439084	6	4500
"F"(x)	BT106142	4	1900 Tien Phuoc
* "W"(x)	AT814381	0	-- An Hoa
3/11, Battery "G"	BS633992	4	2400
"H"	BS568957	6	4000
"I"(-)	BS81773825	4	4900
"G"(-)	BS81153825	4	5600
"W"	BT550010	6	3600
4/11, Battery "K"	BT442096	6	4500
"L"	BT395145	6	4600
"M"	BS53959481	6	4200
3rd 8" Howitzer (SP) FMF			
"A"	BT439096	2	4000
"B"	BT540944	2	4000
"C"	BT438097	2	4800
3rd 155mm Gun (SP) FMF			
"A"	BT395145	2	4600/4900
"B"	BS540944	2	3750
"C"	BT43780965	2	4200
175mm Gun (SP) USA			
"A"	BS63018524	4	3200/4100/4600

* 2/11 "E" and "W"(x) (personnel only) not OPCON this unit.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Date</u>
First Field Artillery Group	LTCOL J.B. STRIBLING	1-28 Feb 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

2nd Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL I.L. CARVER	1-20 Feb 1967
	MAJ J.J. MARRON	21-28 Feb 1967
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL A.S. RUGGIERO	1-28 Feb 1967
4th Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL J.M. LANEY, JR.	1-28 Feb 1967
3rd 8" Howitzer Btry (SP) FMF	MAJ T.W. HANCOCK, JR.	1-26 Feb 1967
3rd 155mm Gun Btry (SP) FMF	CAPT J.D. McNAMARA	1-8 Feb 1967
	CAPT S.C. ADKINS	9-28 Feb 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location. 1-28 February 1967, Chu Lai TAOR RVN3. Staff Officers

S-1	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-28 Feb 1967
S-2	CAPT G.C. FRANTZ	1-20 Feb 1967
S-3	MAJ C.J. STANARO	1-28 Feb 1967
S-4	CAPT D.L. BASTIAN	1-28 Feb 1967
Adjutant	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-28 Feb 1967
Survey/Metro Officer	2dLT W.B. BOVEE	1-28 Feb 1967
Ordnance Officer	2dLT J.T. BOBB	1-28 Feb 1967
Supply Officer	2dLT J.O. HARRELL	1-19 Feb 1967

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Motor Transport Officer	2dLT P.V. SULLIVAN	1-28 Feb 1967
Communication Officer	CAPT P.C. WINN	1-28 Feb 1967
Liaison Officer	CAPT G.F. LENGAUER, JR.	1-28 Feb 1967
Assistant S-3	CAPT J.D. RUANE	1-28 Feb 1967
Chief Aerial Observer	CAPT J.E. HARRIS	1-28 Feb 1967
Commanding Officer, Hq Btry	CAPT M.L. HEFTI CAPT J.S. HICKS	1-25 Feb 1967 26-28 Feb 1967
Aerial Observer	CAPT C.E. HANSON	1-28 Feb 1967
Aerial Observer	1stLT J.R. CUNEO	1-28 Feb 1967

Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
18	129	0	2	0	0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During February 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 Vietnam Armed Forces Units (GVNAF), and units of the Republic of South Korea (ROKMC). Two search and destroy operations begun in January by 5th and 7th Marines units were completed and one continued through February. Additionally the 7th Marines conducted a coordinated search and destroy operation in conjunction with the 2nd ARVN Division and 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade. All of these operations were supported by units of the First Field Artillery Group.

Operation Trinity. A coordinated search and destroy operation was conducted by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and elements of the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade within the 2nd ROKMC Bde TAOR. It was successfully.

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completed 1 February 1967. Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines provided fires in support of the operation.

Operation Clay. A search and destroy operation conducted by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines within their TAOR/RAOR was supported by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines from within the TAOR. The operation began 31 January and was terminated on 3 February 1967.

Operation Rio Grande. This operation was conducted during the period 16-21 February 1967. This was a search and destroy operation conducted in conjunction with the 2nd ARVN Division and the 2nd ROK Bde. The operational area was located west of Quang Ngai in the Song Tra Bong and Song Tra Khoc valleys, Quang Ngai Province, RVN. 1st Field Artillery Group units in support of this operation were task organized as follows:

Command Group	3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Battery "H" (-) (4-105mm How)	3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Platoon, 107mm Mortar Battery (2-Howtars)	3rd Battalion, 11th Marines
Battery "K" (6-105mm How TD)	4th Battalion, 11th Marines

Additionally the following 1st Field Artillery Group units provided GS/Reinforcing fires from positions within the Chu Lai base area.

Battery "M" (4-155mm How SP)	4th Battalion, 11th Marines
2nd Platoon (2-8" How SP)	3rd 8" Howitzer Battery SP FMF 1st Field Artillery Group
2nd Platoon (2-155mm Gun SP)	3rd 155mm Gun Battery SP FMF 1st Field Artillery Group
Battery "A" (4-175mm Gun SP)	2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery USA

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The First Field Artillery Group, 11th Marines was assigned the mission of providing a Senior Fire Support Coordinator to effect overall coordination of supporting arms between USMC, ROKMC and ARVN forces involved in Operation Rio Grande-Giant Dragon-Lien Kiet Sl. For details and After Action Report see Appendix (8).

Operation DeSoto/Deckhouse VI is a Task Force XRay search and destroy operation which began in January 1967 and has continued through the end of this reporting period. The operation is located in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province. Phase II is a Task Force XRay coordinated continuation of search and destroy operations which include elements of the 7th Marines, Special Landing Force and 2nd ARVN Division. The 3rd Battalion (-) Rein, 11th Marines is supporting the operation from positions within the objective area.

The requirements to maintain Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc (BT106142) and observation posts at An Hoa (BS474863) and Nui Tron (BS515740) continued throughout the period.

Battery "E", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines remains OPCON 11th Marines as does one platoon (personnel only) of the 107mm Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. ADCON for both elements remain with the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

On 6 February 1967, the platoon of Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which has been located at Monh Long (BS52505118) supporting the Special Forces/CIDG Camp located there was returned to its unit with in the TACR (BT550010).

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AMMUNITION EXPENDED

Ammunition Expended During the Month of February 1967 (Chu Lai)

UNIT	107mm Mort	105mm How	155mm How	155mm Gun	8" How	175mm Gun	TOTAL
5th Marines	869	2414	1376	2	29		4390
7th Marines	289	3964	208	0	0		4457
TFX		669	2635	290	556	526	4676
Recon	0	174	379	93	0	279	925
DaSoto		8972	881				9853
ARVN	156	745	2264	37	36	89	3327
ROK			19	4	20	53	96
Rio Grande	410	1861	1546				3817
	1424	18795	9308	426	641	947	31541

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnela. Losses

- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non Battle: None
- (3) Administrative: Ten (10)

b. Gains

- (1) Replacements: Six (6)

c. POW's captured. None

d. Morale and Personnel Services. Moral is high. Mail service good.
PX truck visits C.P. once a week.

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- e. Promotions. 5 to Cpl
2 to LCpl
1 to Sgt (Meritorious)

f. Awards and Decorations. 1stLt J. R. GUNEO awarded Air Medal and gold star for second award.

2. Administration

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

b. One special court-martial was processed during the month. No non-judicial punishment was administered.

3. Organization and Operations

Organization. See Part IV, Appendix (5).

b. Operations. Units of the 1st Field Artillery Group participated in four operations during the month of February. These were:

(1) Operation Trinity was a coordinated search and destroy operation conducted by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade. This two day operation terminated on 1 February 1967. Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation from their primary position within the TAOR (BS633992).

(2) Operation Clay began on 31 January and continued until 3 February 1967. This was a search and destroy operation which was conducted by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines within their TAOR and adjacent RAOR in Ly Tin and Tam Ky District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN. Artillery support was provided by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines which answered calls for fire directly from the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during the operation.

(3) Operation Rio Grande was a 7th Marine search and destroy operation conducted in coordination with elements of the 2nd ARVN Division and the 2nd ROK Marine Bde during the period 16-21 February 1967. (For details and After Action Report see Appendix (9), Part IV).

(4) Phase II, Operation DeSoto/Deckhouse VI a Task Force XRay search and destroy operation in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province which commenced on 27 January 1967 continued through the end of the reporting period. Phase II of the operation commenced 26 February 1967, and is being conducted in coordination with the 2nd ARVN Division and includes forces of the 7th Marines and Special Landing Force (CTF 79.5) under OPCON of Task Force XRay. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines provided a Command Group, and two 4 gun 105mm Howitzer Batteries in direct support

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of the 7th Marine forces; 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided a 4 gun 105mm Howitzer Battery and 4th Battalion, 11th Marines an FDC and two 155mm Howitzer sections in general support of Task Force XRay. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines has tactical control of all U.S. Artillery including Special Landing Force artillery units. Phase II of the operation is scheduled to continue for a period of approximately 6-7 days.

4. Enemy, Weather, Terrain

The general support Observation Posts at N-24 (Nui Tron, BS516778) and M-24 (BS474863) reported several sightings of VC in groups numbering from 10 to as many as 25 or 30. Also, reports of company size VC activity were passed to the KMC and ARVN personnel at the OP's by villagers in the area. These sightings and reports were indicative of the high level of VC activity and movement in the Song Tra Bong and Song Tra Khuc valleys during the month of February.

One item of particular interest is a M-24 report of 160730H, when the observer there sighted a boat crossing the Tra Khuc river from north to south and saw 2 bodies carried from the boat into the tree line. These were no doubt casualties from the 11th Company, Korean Marine Corps, engagement during the previous night which resulted in 248 VC KIA.

On 10 February, the S-2 and Assistant S-2 attended an intelligence conference at Task Force XRay. The conference consisted of a series of briefings by various sections and agencies of the intelligence organization in Task Force XRay, and was a very informative presentation on the functions performed by the agencies represented.

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

On 1 February the 1st Field Artillery Group Civic Action Officer was a guest at a Congress of Ky Lein village, which was held in An Tan hamlet. The Congress was convened to review the progress made in the area during the past year, and was held at this time in conjunction with the Tet celebration. Also attending the Congress as guests were the Commanding Officer and Civic Action Officer of 9th Engineer Battalion and the Civic Action Officer of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Hamlet chiefs and other local officials delivered speeches reviewing progress in their respective areas, and the Assistant to the District Chief, Ly Tin District, delivered a speech complimenting the people on their achievements. The Congress was followed by a brief banquet.

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On 3 February the Civil Affairs Officer attended the Task Force XRay Civic Action conference. Guide lines for timely submission of serious incident reports, and a change in the distribution system for MEDCAP supplies were the principle topics discussed.

1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters rendered assistance in Long Phu (1) and (2) areas by providing transportation for materials to complete the dispensary project. Construction of this dispensary was essentially completed prior to the Tet. On the 2nd of February, 1st Field Artillery Group contributed approximately 300 bars of soap to a children's Tet party held at the Long Phu (1) school house. On the 5th of February 1st Field Artillery Group Headquarters provided transportation to the 5th Marines CP for a mother and her baby. The baby had measles, and both mother and baby were returned to Long Phu (1) after treatment of the baby at 5th Marines.

During the Tet celebration no contact was made with the local people, *due to* respect for the family nature of their celebrations at that time.

7. Logistics

Normal logistic support continued for Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (BS817382) and 155mm Howitzer Platoon RVN (BS868318) Operation DeSoto. Normal logistic support was provided for Battery "H"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines Operation Rio Grande. Support for the above two operations received primarily from LSA Quang Ngai (BS602721). Additional support provided for Battery "H"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "I"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "D"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Operation DeSoto/Deckhouse VI. Normal logistic support continued for Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Tien Phuoc (BT106142).

Additional logistic support consisted of coordination and assistance in providing necessary services to support the logistic effort of the artillery units.

8. Aerial Observation. During the month of February 1967, the Aerial Observation Section, 1st Field Artillery Group flew 83 missions for a total of 193.0 hours in support of Task Force XRay (Chu Lai) TACOR/RAOR, Operations DeSoto/Deckhouse VI, Rio Grande, DeSoto/Deckhouse VI Phase II, and Reconnaissance Team Inserts. Aircraft support was provided by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron Six based at DaNang, the 220th Aviation Company (USA) based at Quang Ngai, and the 20th TASS (USAF) based at Quang Ngai.

a. The following is a recapitulation of missions flown:

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<u>Total Missions</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Visual Recon Missions</u>	<u>Photo Recon Missions</u>	<u>Rescue Missions</u>	<u>* Strikes</u>	<u>Registrations</u>
83	193.0	78	4	1	55	4

* Strike figures include artillery missions, Naval gunfire missions and air strikes.

b. Missions in Support of Operations

<u>DeSoto</u>	<u>Deckhouse VI</u>	<u>Rio Grande</u>	<u>DeSoto/Deckhouse VI, Phase II</u>
33	6	7	1

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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 010001HFeb67 to 282400HFeb67

010001H Journal opened.

010800H LtCol LANEY, J.M. Jr. Tr to 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

050550H 2nd Lt HARRELL, J.O. TAD to MUMMS School, Okinawa.

081630H Cpls R.V. CHRISTENSON, R.O. FLORES, R.T. GORMON, R. MISTURA,
 L.J. VOSS promoted to present rank. LCpl's W.A. KOSKI and
 R.L. SCHATZ promoted to present rank.

1217 OH 2ndLt HARRELL, J.O. from TAD.

161300H Special court martial conducted, case of 1stSgt CATRON, J.W.

~~170800H~~ 1stLt CUNEO, J.R. awarded Air Medal.

181300H 1stLt STADTLER, J.W. assigned duty as FSCC, Task Force XRay.

191030H 2ndLt HARRELL, J.O. Tr to 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

191530H Capt RESSNYER, J.A. joined from 3rd 155mm Gun Battery and
 assigned duties at FSCC, Task Force XRay.

250800H Capt HICKS, J.S. assigned Commanding Officer, Headquarters
 Battery, 1st Field Artillery Group.

282400H Journal closed.

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 010001H Feb 67 to 282400H Feb 67

010001H Journal opened.

011300H N-24 reports a Vietnamese civilian reported to KMC G-2 that there were 1000 VC in the area of grid squares BS5080, 5181 and 5280. N-24 observed this area at approximately 1800 and did not see any unusual activity.

020745H N-24 called fire mission on a VC platoon on bikes with packs at BS569801. Estimated 10 probable KIA, remainder dispersed.

030915H N-24 observed 25 VC on bikes and walking at BS533810.

040855H N-24 reported 30 VC on trail at BS452812. Called a fire mission, however not able to give surveillance because of tree line obstruction.

040955H N-24 sighted 25 VC on trail at BS540811. Fired a mission, however not able to give surveillance because of tree line obstruction.

061700H N-24 observed 50 VC at river crossing. A fire mission was called with good effect and the VC dispersed into tree line.

072215H M-24 reported that firing in the hamlet at the base of the OP resulted in one PF KIA and one PF WIA, according to the interpreter at M-24 position. Firing was done by 6 VC who took a transistor radio and fled east. At 2240 the village sounded the alert that there were many VC in the area. All personnel at M-24 were on alert. Noises were heard on the SW and NE sides of M-24 Position. H&I's were increased, and alert was in effect all night. Movement and noises lasted until approximately 0500H; however, M-24 was not actually fired upon.

091000H N-24 sighted 10 VC with packs and some rifles on the river bank at BS534766. 3 or 4 had dark grey uniforms.

091700H N-24 sighted 3 VC with packs and rifles along river bank at BS525763.

111500H N-24 sighted a suspected VC Flag at BS577770. Flag was divided horizontally, top half red, bottom half blue. Approximately 100 natives sighted at grid BS536757. They appeared to be working in ditch or trench line. No military uniforms, only black PJ's observed. Hoes were the only equipment sighted.

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- 121440H 3 VC surrendered to KMC in hamlet of An Hoa at base of M-24 OP. VC had one Thompson MG with 2 magazines. VC reported that 30 VC were at that time in the area of Bach An Dong, vicinity grid BS409872. VC held by Koreans pending fwd to KMG CP on 13 Feb 67.
- 150900H Interpreter at M-24 reported villagers of An Hoa spotted VC platoon (30 to 35 men) at BS435870. VC reportedly came from vic of BS375855.
- 151835H N-24 observed 25 VC at BS555795; conducted fire mission with good effect on target.
- 151905H N-24 sighted 12 VC on shore line at BS5276; conducted fire mission resulting in 4 KIA probable
- 151920H N-24 observed VC company in assembly area; conducted fire mission with excellent effect on target in vic of BS541770 to 535765. No additional surveillance given.
- 160100H 4/2/94 175mm Gun Battery and KMC position under 60mm mortar and small arms fire. Fire believed to originate from BS612849. All personnel manned bunkers. At 0220H alert cancelled. 4/2/94 returned no small arms or artillery fire. KMC returned approximately 500 rounds HP and Ill artillery fire. No U.S. Casualties.
- 160730H N-24 observed one boat crossing river from north to south. Upon arrival at south bank, 2 bodies were carried from the boat into the tree line.
- 171730H Sgt BUU, interpreter at M-24 reported that villagers in An Hoa sighted one VC company along the road between BS5088 and BS5388 at approximately 1200H. The VC were wearing green uniforms and carrying small arms and carbines. Air observer was called and observed the area at approximately 1530H; reported no VC sightings.
- 191400H Sgt BUU, interpreter at M-24, reported that women in An Hoa saw an unknown number of VC, possibly a company, burying mines and bamboo stakes along the road in the vic of BS5086 and 5088.
- 191500H VC messenger surrendered to KMC forces in An Hoa. No weapon with the VC. Returnee to be forwarded to KMC CP.
- 241500H N-24 observed 20 VC on the trail at BS552794; conducted fire mission and the target dispersed.

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- 250845H N-24 observed VC in 3 boats with supplies at BS558750; conducted a fire mission with good effect on target.
- 250930H N-24 observed VC supply area at BS550750; conducted a fire mission with good effect on target.
- 251400H M-24 reported resupply helo was fired on while at this OP. After leaving OP, the helo landed in village of An Hoa because helo was on fire. Fire was extinguished and helo continued with it's mission. An air observer adjusted artillery fire called in. There were no VC snipers sighted.
- 260745H M-24 observed 4 VC in house at BS477847; conducted fire mission with 1 VC position destroyed.
- 260920H M-24 reported VC sniper at BS476856.
- 260945H N-24 reported assembly area at BS556796.
- 251015H N-24 observed VC platoon in supply area at BS551795 to BS557794; conducted fire mission with excellent effect on target.
- 261110H M-24 observed 10 VC on hill at BS475857; conducted fire mission with 5 probable KIA.
- 261230H Sgt BUU, interpreter at M-24 received report from ARVN via villager of An Hoa that 1 VC company was at My Loc (3) BS495891 Thack An Dong (1) BS510875 and Thack An Dong (3) BS500800 and would remain in these villages until 262400.
- 261230H N-24 observed VC with rifles in open at BS478755; conducted fire mission with 2 probable WIA, remainder dispersed.
- 261445H N-24 observed 10 VC in village at BS506742; conducted fire mission with 1 VC position destroyed
- 261755H ROK recon reported to M-24 via villagers and Sgt BUU, interpreter at M-24, that at 261430H, 56 VC had moved into An Phong (2) at BS484879. The VC were armed and it was reported that the villagers were shot at. It was also reported that the VC would be occupying village for several hours and all friendly villagers had left the area. M-24 requested fire mission. Mission cleared by Yong Dong PO, senior advisor in An Hoa, was not cleared by 1st Field Artillery Group.

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- 261915H Village Chief at An Hoa reported to M-24 that 200 hardcore VC were occupying An Phong at BS484879. It was also reported that the VC had taken the fort at An Phong and intend to attack the village of An Hoa and M-24 OP using captured villagers as shields. The VC were reported to have an unknown quantity of mortars. At 261930H, the VC were reported at BS486875 and at 262000H 3 VC were reported entering the village of An Hoa. M-24 requested immediate clearance of H&I and flare ship. Clearance was obtained and flare ship was put on 30 minute stand-by.
- 262217H M-24 reported VC movement at BS475857.
- 271250H M-24 observed 6 VC at BS481841.
- 271930H ROK Recon reported to M-24 via Sgt BUU, interpreter at M-24, that 1 battalion of VC are occupying position at BS448881.
- 280835H M-24 observed 10 VC on the trail at BS500896; conducted fire mission with 15 confirmed KIA.
- 281755H M-24 observed 14 VC in woods at BS477851; conducted fire mission with 14 probable KIA.
- 282045H N-24 reported VC on trail at BS500755.
- 282400H Journal closed.

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 010001HFeb67 to 282400HFeb67

010001H Journal opened.

012000H Operation Trinity terminated.

022030H 3/11 and 4/11 notified that the two (2) 155mm Howitzer Sections going to Nui Dau will be OPCON 3/11. 3/11 will provide logistic support for resupply of ammo 155 How for the ARVN howitzers. 3/11 authorized direct liaison between 3/11 and 4/11 on all matters.

030740H Commenced helilift of two (2) 155mm Howitzer Sections to Nui Dau.

031055H Battery H(x) 3/11, two (2) guns in position at grid BT54755011.

031330H Battery I(fwd) 3/11, one (1) gun in position BS868318.

031800H Operation Clay terminated.

041335H Task Force XRay reports 1 platoon of Mortar Battery 3/11 will be withdrawn from Monh Long on 6 Feb 1967.

050600H Battery I(fwd) 3/11 reports two (2) guns in position at grid BS868318.

061445H 1st Platoon of Mortar Battery, 3/11 completed displacement from Minh Long grid BS535513 to grid BT550010.

080700H Commenced actions in accordance with the provisions of the truce for the TET period.

090835H 1st Platoon, Battery I 3/11 displaced to 3/11 Battalion Headquarters grid BT549014.

120700H Resumed normal operation upon termination of TET truce period.

161300H Commenced Operation Rio Grande.

161630H Battery K(fwd) 4/11 displaced from grid BT442096, arrived 3/11 CP (intermediate position) BT549014 at 161720H.

162357H Battery I commenced displacement from grid BS568957 to BS549014.

170001H Battery H(fwd) 3/11 commenced displacement from grid BT549014 (2-guns) and BS568957 (2-guns).

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170001H Battery K(fwd) commenced displacement from grid BT549014 in company with 3/11 Headquarters.

170800H 1st Platoon, Mortar Battery, 3/11 commenced helicopter lift from grid BT550010 to grid BS473863 (An Hoa OP).

170915H Battery K(fwd) 4/11 occupied position grid BS578725.

171035H 1st Platoon, Mortar Battery(x), 3/11 completed helilift to grid BS47348630 (M-24).

171800H Battery H(x), 3/11 in position grid BS569728.

181240H Battery H(fwd), 3/11 commenced displacement from grid BS569728 to grid BS547732.

181300H Battery H(fwd), 3/11 occupied grid BS547732.

181500H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 commenced displacement from grid BS578720 to grid BS545733.

181615H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 completed occupation of grid BS545733.

191948H Mortar Battery(x), 3/11 displaced to new position. In position at grid BS547734.

211300H Operation Rio Grande terminated.

211300H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 displaced from position grid BS545733.

211445H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 in position grid 60457215 (4-guns).

211930H 1st Platoon, Mortar Battery, 3/11 returned to primary position at grid BT550010 (6-guns in position).

211930H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 arrived in primary position at grid BT 442096 (2-guns only).

212000H Battery H, 3/11 in primary position grid BS568957 (6-guns).

230900H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 displacing from grid BS60457215 to primary position grid BT442096 (4-guns).

231200H Battery K(fwd), 4/11 completed occupation of primary position grid 442096.

240800H Battery G, 3/11 2 guns commenced displacement from primary position grid BS633992 to grid BT549014 for Phase II, Operation De-Soto/Deckhouse VI.

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- 241320H Battery G(fwd), 3/11 consisting of 2 guns from Battery G, 3/11 and 2 guns from Battery I commenced displacement from grid BS 549014 to operation area, interim stop at grid BS604721, Quang Ngai Airfield.
- 251210H Battery G(fwd), 3/11 (4-guns) completed occupation of position at grid BS81153825.
- 251300H Battery D, 2/11 (4-guns) commenced displacement from grid BT 440085 to operational area, via Quang Ngai Airfield.
- 261445H Battery D, 2/11 completed displacement of 2 guns to grid BS 760470. 2 guns remained at Quang Ngai.
- 271605H Battery D, 2/11 has 4 guns in position at grid BS760970. Completed displacement from Quang Ngai Airfield.
- 282400H Journal closed.

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030001H Journal opened.

061445H Mortar Battery (-), 3/11 returned from Minh Long to primary position within the TAOR.

161630H Battery H(-), 3/11 and Battery K(fwd), 4/11 displaced for Operation Rio Grande.

212000H Battery H(-), 3/11 returned from Operation Rio Grande and returned to primary position within the TAOR.

230900H Battery K(fwd) returned from Operation Rio Grande and returned to primary position within the TAOR.

251300H Battery G(-), 3/11 displaced to support Operations DeSoto/Deckhouse VI.

251300H Battery D, 2/11 displaced to support Operations DeSoto/Deckhouse VI.

282400H Journal closed.

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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, SPOTLEPS, FIRCAPS, MUSTANG.
- (e) COORDINATION OF COMBINED FDC'S WHERE APPLICABLE.

3. CO 8" AND 155mm GUN BATTERY SP FMP RESPONSIBLE FOR OPSTATS, CASREPS, CMMD 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 FMP 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 FSCC, SEVENTH MARINES LETTER OF 9 OCTOBER 1966.

7. TACTICAL FIRE DIRECTION 3RD 8" HOWITZER BATTERY SP FMP, 3RD 155mm GUN BATTERY SP FMP 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) HOWTAR SECTIONS (PERSONNEL ONLY) FROM 2ND BATTALION OPCON OF ELEVENTH MARINES.

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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

(6-107mm 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*)

* 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 FILES 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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