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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein)
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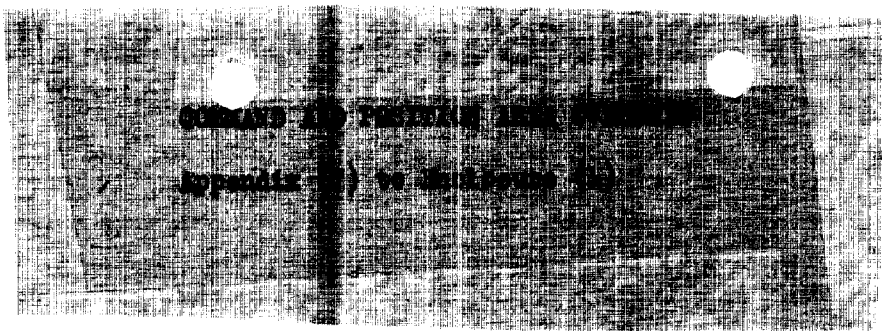
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-31 March 1967

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) First Field Artillery Group Command Chronology

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

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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	1-13 Mar 1967
	LTCOL W. PLASKETT, JR.	14-31 Mar 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

2nd Battalion, 11th Marines	MAJ J.J. MARRON	1-31 Mar 1967
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL A.S. RUGGIERO	1-31 Mar 1967
4th Battalion, 11th Marines	LTCOL J.M. LANEY, JR.	1-31 Mar 1967
3rd 8" Howitzer Btry (SP) FMF	MAJ T.W. HANCOCK, JR.	1-31 Mar 1967
3rd 155mm Gun Btry (SP) FMF	CAPT S.C. ADKINS	1-31 Mar 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

None

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

Executive Officer	LTCOL G.M.B. LIVINGSTON	2-31 Mar 1967
S-1	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-31 Mar 1967
S-2	CAPT C.C. FRANTZ CAPT C.E. HANSON	1-23 Mar 1967 23-31 Mar 1967
S-3	MAJ C.J. STANARO	1-31 Mar 1967
S-4	CAPT D.L. BASTIAN	1-31 Mar 1967
Adjutant	2dLT M.E. RAFFERTY	1-31 Mar 1967
Survey/Metro Officer	2dLT W.B. BOVEE	1-31 Mar 1967
Ordnance Officer	2dLT J.T. BOBB	1-31 Mar 1967
Motor Transport Officer	2dLT P.V. SULLIVAN	1-31 Mar 1967

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Communication Officer	CAPT E.C. WEN	1-31 Mar 1967
Liaison Officer	CAPT G.T. LENGAUER, JR.	1-31 Mar 1967
Assistant S-3	CAPT J.D. RUANE CAPT M.L. HEFTI	1-12 Mar 1967 14-31 Mar 1967
Chief Aerial Observer	CAPT J.E. HARRIS CAPT C.E. HANSON	1-11 Mar 1967 12-31 Mar 1967
Commanding Officer, Hq Btry	CAPT J.S. HICKS	1-31 Mar 1967

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN		OTHER	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
18	125	0	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 TAQR, support of Infantry operations in and around the TAQR and support of Operation DeSoto in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province. Additionally, 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). One Task Force XRay search and destroy operation (DeSoto) begun in January 1967 has continued through March. Two search and destroy operations were conducted by 5th and 7th Marine units. All operations were supported by units of the First Field Artillery Group.

Operation DeSoto. Operation DeSoto is a Task Force XRay search and destroy operation which began 27 January and has continued through the end of the reporting period. This operation provided for the relief of the 2nd ARVN Division forces in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province. Additional artillery support was heli lifted into the area with significant accomplishments on 25 March 1967. See Part III for additional detail.

Operation Tippecanoe. A search and destroy operation conducted by the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines within their TAQR/RAQR was supported by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines from its primary position within the TAQR. The operation began on 13 March and was terminated 18 March 1967.

Operation Perry. A search and destroy operation was conducted by the

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2nd Battalion, 7th Marines in coordination with the 2nd ROIMC Brigade during the period 25-27 March 1967. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation from primary positions within the TAOR. In addition, the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines deployed four (4) howitzers to grid BS57409215 in direct support of the operation and the 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, (SP) FMEF displaced to the vicinity of grid BS572964 to provide General Support artillery fires.

Roving Guns. On 24 March 1967, the First Field Artillery Group announced an accelerated roving gun program within the TAOR and in support of the six (6) CIDG/Special Forces Camps which Task Force XRay is charged with supporting. Initial roving gun movements within the TAOR commenced on 241015H March 1967 with the movement of a platoon of 105mm Howitzers from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines to a position within the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CP (BT458075). The platoon fired in support of 5th Marines long range patrols for a six (6) hour period, returning to its parent unit prior to darkness. On 24 March 1967, the 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMEF displaced to a position area within the First Field Artillery Group CP (BT51150400). The platoon fired from that position until 250630H March when it displaced to the vicinity of grid BS572964 in support of Operation Perry.

The 4th Battalion, 11th Marines at 280845H helilifted two (2) 155mm Howitzers (TD) from Quang Ngai airfield (BS604722) to Minh Long CIDG/Special Forces Camp (BS535512), from where it provided long range artillery support to the local Minh Long CIDG operations and also supported a 1st Reconnaissance Battalion Insert team. The lift, which included an additional 45,600 pounds of ammunition and cargo, was accomplished by two (2) CH-53 helicopters from FMH453. This marked the second successful single helicopter lift of a 155mm Howitzer (TD) by a Marine unit; the first lift being in support of Operation DeSoto (see Part III). The platoon completed a successful return lift on 30 March 1967.

3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMEF, First Field Artillery Group on 29 March 1967 displaced from its primary position area (BT437096) and occupied a position within the First Field Artillery Group CP (BT511040). The platoon reinforced fires of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and attacked numerous deep targets in the vicinity of the First Field Artillery Group CP at An Hoa (BS474863). On 31 March 1967, the platoon returned to its primary position (BT437096).

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

Battery "F", 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 remains with the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDEDAmmunition Expended During the Month of March 1967 (Chu Lai)

UNIT	107mm Mort	105mm How	155mm How	155mm Gun	8" How	175mm Gun	TOTAL
5th Marines	757	3182	2470		106		6515
7th Marines	709	6155	346	10	44		7064
SEK	137	955	1466	496	493	1372	4919
Seco		16	121	64	26	605	832
Desoto	471	11183	1144				12798
ADTV		1749	2278	39	37	120	4223
ROK			14	9	37	67	127
TOTAL	2074	23240	7839	618	743	2164	36678

PART III

SEMI-ANNUAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Personnel

a. Losses

- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non Battle: None
- (3) Administrative: Twenty four (24)

b. Replacements

- (1) Replacements: Eleven (11)

c. POWs captured. None

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

C O N C L U S I O N

- a. Promotions. 5 to LCpl
3 to Cpl
1 to Capt
1 to Sgt

b. Awards and Decorations. Capt C.M. HANSON awarded Air Medal, 1st Lt J.R. CURRIE awarded Gold Star in lieu of second Air Medal.

c. Administration

a. Manual administrative functions were accomplished during the month.

b. All special courts-martial were processed during the month. Two cases of non-fatal punishment were administered.

d. Coordination and Operations

a. Coordination. See Part IV Appendix (5).

b. Operations. Units of the First Field Artillery Group participated in three operations during the month of March 1967.

(1) Operation ReFoto. Phase III commenced 4 March 1967. Phase II of the operation (20 February-3 March 1967) was a Task Force X-Ray coordinated search and destroy operation which included elements of the 7th Marines, Special Landing Force, and the 2nd ARVN Division. 3rd Battalion (-), 11th Marines supported the operation from positions within the objective area. Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, now in support of Operation ReFoto III is located at Duc Pho, grid BS815386. The battery was reinforced with a platoon (2) of howtars from Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion (Rein), 11th Marines and a platoon of 155mm howitzers (TD) from Battery "I", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines as indicated below.

(a) At 250925H, the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines helilifted two (2) 155mm howitzers (TD) from Quang Ngai airfield (BS604722) to Duc Pho (BS815386). Using OH-63 helicopters from FMF463, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines successfully completed the lift at 251025H. This is believed to be the first time 155mm howitzers (TD) have been transported in a combat environment by helicopter in a single lift. Upon arrival at Duc Pho the platoon of 155mm howitzers (TD) were placed under QPCON of Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

(b) On 25 March 1967, a platoon (2) of howtars from Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines was heli lifted from within the MACR. A platoon of howtars, Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines replaced the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines Howtar Platoon on 27 March 1967 and is now in position at Nui Dang (BS819382) under QPCON of Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. The platoon of howtars from Mortar Battery, 2nd

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Battalion, 11th Marines returned to its parent unit (BS439084).

(2) Operation Tippecanoe. A search and destroy operation conducted by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines within their TAOR/RAOR was supported by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines from its primary position within the TAOR. The operation began on 13 March and was terminated 18 March 1967.

(3) Operation Perry. A search and destroy operation was conducted by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines in coordination with the 2nd ROKMC Bde during the period 25-27 March 1967. The operation took place in the southern area of the 7th Marines TAOR along the Song Tra Bong. The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation from primary position areas and additionally displaced four (4) howtars to grid BS57409215 in direct support. The 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced to vicinity BS57229642 reinforcing fires for the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines for this operation.

4. Enemy, Weather, Terrain

The general support observation posts at N-24 (Nui Tron BS516778) and M-24 (BS474863) continued to report sightings of VC in groups numbering from 3 or 4 to numbers in the hundreds. VC activity between the Song Tra Bong and Song Tra Khuc rivers was continually high during the month of March.

The weather was generally fair and mild with negligible precipitation. Weather did not affect any operational commitments.

5. Training. Normal training on General Military Subjects and technical training was accomplished. The emphasis is being placed on field fortifications, crew served weapons training, mine and booby trap indoctrination, Command Post Defense and patrol action.

6. Civic Action

On 6 March 1967, a self-help dispensary was started in Long Phu 2.

Mr. So, the hamlet chief of Long Phu 2 presented a Vietnamese Flag to the First Field Artillery Group on 15 March to fly in the C.P. area.

A laundry co-op was established with the citizens of Long Phu 2 and First Field Artillery Group. Money earned will be used to pay the school teacher.

On 18 March 1967, the Civic Action Officer distributed over 200 pounds of clothing to the children at the school in Long Phu 2. He also gathered information on two Viet Cong that used to live in Long Phu 1 for counter-intelligence.

Evacuated one male with a broken hand from Long Phu 2 to 1st Medical Battalion on 23 March 1967.

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During March material consisting of cement and wood was delivered to Long Phu 2 for the dispensary.

A letter was prepared on 23 March 1967 by the Civic Action Officer for the chief of Long Phu 2 requesting a road be built to connect Long Phu 2 with Highway 1. The letter will go to the Province Chief for approval of the project.

During the evening of 24 March 1967, the Civic Action Officer and Corpsmen treated a Vietnamese woman for shock. Her daughter had been killed by a earth mover from 9th Engineers that day. 9th Engineers completed all reports.

7. Logistics

Normal logistics support continued for Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines positioned at Duc Pho (BS817382) in support of Operation DeSoto with the additional requirement for supporting the platoon of 155mm howitzers (TD) and Howtar Platoon which reinforced Battery "I" on 25 March 1967. Normal support continued for Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at Tien Phuoc CIDG/Special Forces Camp (BT106142).

During the reporting period the First Field Artillery Group Direct Support Battalions received Beehive ammunition. 203 rounds were received by Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines for support of Operation DeSoto. 61 rounds were distributed to the 105mm howitzers within the Chu Lai Combat Base.

1st Shore Party Battalion, 1st Marine Division constructed slings on a priority basis to allow for the lift of the 155mm howitzers (TD) on 25 March.

Calibration of First Field Artillery Group weapons commenced on 26 March 1967. Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines were calibrated by the end of the reporting period.

2nd Battalion, 11th Marines received 4 M-30 4.2" Mortars on 8 March 1967 and 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines received 5 M-30 4.2" Mortars on 25 March 1967.

8. Aerial Observation. During the month of March 1967, the Aerial Observation Section, First Field Artillery Group flew 30 missions for a total of 71.2 hours in support of Task Force XRay (Chu Lai) TAOR/RAOR, Operations DeSoto/Deckhouse VI and Reconnaissance Team Inserts. Aircraft support was provided by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron Sixteen based at Da Nang, the 220th Aviation Company (USA), based at Quang Ngai and Marine Observation Squadron Six based at Chu Lai.

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>* Strikes</u>	<u>Registrations</u>
30	71.2	30	21	5

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

Missions in Support of Operations

<u>DeSoto</u>	<u>DeSoto/Deckhouse VI. Phase III</u>
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AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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S-1, First Field Artillery Group
Chu Lai, Vietnam
010001HMar67 to 312400HMar67

010001H Journal opened.

010830H Cpl DICK, C.K. and Cpl MALMSTROM, J.H. reduced to LCpl.

020700H LtCol LIVINGSTON, G.M.B. joined from III MAF. Assigned duty as Group Executive Officer.

061630H Capt HANSON, C.E. awarded Air Medal.

071630H 1stLt CUNEO, J.R. awarded Gold Star in lieu of second Air Medal.

081630H 1stLt STADTLER, J.W. Jr. promoted to Captain.

131030H LtCol PLASKETT, W. Jr. relieved LtCol STRIBLING, J.B. as Group Commanding Officer.

140600H Captain HEFTI, M.L. assigned duty as Assistant S-3.

221630H ALANIZ, D.; BEAVER, T.C.; GRECH, D.J.; JORDAN, C.J. Jr.; MOORE, M.M., promoted to Lance Corporal.

BREWER, W.C.; HUFFER, J.L.; STEELE, T.L., promoted to Corporal.

240630H Captain HANSON, C.E. assigned duty as S-2.

250900H Special Courts-Martial convened in the cases of Pfc WILLIAMS, A.L. and Pfc TISCHNER, W.H. of 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF.

260900H Special Courts-Martial convened in the cases of Pfc WERNER, D.K. and Pfc ELLIS, B.B. of 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF.

270900H Special Courts-Martial convened in the case of Pfc NOURSE, J.E. of 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF.

280900H Special Courts-Martial convened in the case of Pvt KISER, A.L. of 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF.

311300H RHODES, J.J. Jr. promoted to Sergeant.

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S-2, First Field Artillery Group
Chu Lai, Vietnam
010001H Mar 67 to 312400H Mar 67

010001H Journal opened.

010940H N-24 reported 10 VC positions at BS485755. Conducted fire mission, 2 positions destroyed.

021055H N-24 reported VC building bunkers at BS486754. Conducted fire mission, 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 KIA confirmed.

031300H N-24 reported bunkers at BS485755. Conducted fire mission, 4 bunkers destroyed, 5 KIA probable.

031630H N-24 reported VC infiltration route at BS503742. Conducted fire mission, 2 VC positions destroyed.

031840H N-24 reported 4 VC at BS485755. Conducted fire mission, 2 KIA probable.

041115H N-24 reported VC moving supplies at BS505743. Conducted fire mission, 3 KIA confirmed, 1 boat and 3 storage huts destroyed.

041215H N-24 reported VC supply area at BS505746. Conducted fire mission, 1 supply storage hut destroyed.

041415H M-24 reported that the village chief of An Hoa, at the base of M-24 OP reported movement of 300 VC into Thach An Dong (3), BS502880 at approximately 041200H.

041530H N-24 reported VC assembly area at BS502953. Conducted fire mission, 3 WIA confirmed.

051740H N-24 reported VC roadblock at BS509807. Conducted fire mission, 1 KIA confirmed, 1 WIA confirmed.

061000H N-24 reports foot bridges being constructed across the Song Tra Khuc river from BS53007600 to BS53107605 and from BS56857575 to BS51607570.

061125H N-24 reported 3 VC in boats at BS509743. Conducted fire mission, 2 VC boats damaged.

062035H Montgnard chief at N-24 OP reported an estimated battalion of VC are in the area from BS555800 to BS555780. He stated the VC are moving towards grid BS585767.

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071900H M-24 received report via ARVN Lieutenant at M-24 OP that an estimated 400 VC were at Toc Than (1) BS485886 on 6 March. They were reported to be moving west and are presently at BS435885 and BS435850. Conducted fire mission, no surveillance.

071900H An ARVN patrol spotted one platoon of VC moving west along trail at BS470885. They took VC under fire with 2 VC KIA confirmed. Grenades were found on both VC KIA's.

080830H N-24 received approximately 20 rounds small arms fire from vic of BS504782. No action taken due to limited visibility.

081000H M-24 reported 5 VC in tree line at BS480877. Conducted fire mission, 5 KIA probable, 2 VC positions destroyed.

081120H N-24 reported VC platoon in village at BS511812. Conducted fire mission, 5 KIA probable, 10 WIA probable, 1 VC position destroyed.

081300H Army AO reported 4 VC at BT218022. Conducted fire mission, 3 WIA confirmed, 1 KIA probable.

090900H N-24 reported VC boat crossing at BS507743. Conducted fire mission, 1 VC boat damaged, 1 WIA probable.

090920H N-24 reported VC market place at BS531758. Conducted fire mission, 5 WIA probable.

101525H First Field Artillery Group CP received report from a fire team from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines that 30 to 40 VC were located at BS521980. A UH-1E gunship sighted VC at same location during this time. Conducted fire mission, no surveillance.

110947H M-24 reported VC structures at BS483745. Conducted fire mission, 2 VC positions destroyed.

111350H First Field Artillery Group AO reported 20 VC at BS590800. Conducted fire mission, 1 VC position destroyed.

111410H N-24 reported VC troop concentration at BS484785. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA confirmed.

111830H N-24 reported 4 VC at BS528768. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA probable.

130925H N-24 reported VC company at BS453773. Conducted fire mission, 1 VC position destroyed.

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131127H Division AO reported 10 VC digging foxholes at BT291128. Conducted fire mission, 3 KIA probable.

131700H N-24 reported VC on trail at BS417507. Conducted fire mission, 3 WIA probable, 1 VC position destroyed.

141055H N-24 observed air strikes at BS553769. Also observed approximately 50 VC crossing river at BS567754 and BS554759. VC moving into tree line along river.

141115H N-24 observed approximately 25 VC moving north at BS545796.

141300H Montgnard chief reported to N-24 sighting 60 VC at BS500753. States VC left in the morning, he thinks they will be back tonight. Keeping area under surveillance.

141355H N-24 reported 1 VC with rifle at BS526766. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA probable.

141617H AO reported 3 VC in bunkers at BS475899. Conducted fire mission, position heavily damaged, 3 KIA probable.

141845H N-24 reported 1 VC in boat at BS554761. VC dispersed in tree line.

141935H M-24 reported the village chief at An Hoa (BS471864) reported to ARVN Lieutenant at M-24 OP that an estimated 300 VC RF are located at Thach An Dong (3), (BS505880). The VC are reported to be wearing yellow uniforms and have small arms and 60mm mortars.

150900H Army AO reported 3 VC in village at BT287103. Conducted fire mission, heavy damage to trench and auto weapons positions, 3 KIA confirmed, 2 VC positions destroyed.

150930H M-24 reported one (1) MEDEVAC from An Hoa village (BS471869). M-24 also reported that two (2) villagers from An Hoa were captured by approximately 9 VC last night. The captured villagers were returned to the village today.

151300H N-24 reported 12 VC in hut at BS520818. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA confirmed, 2 KIA probable, 2 huts burning, 2 secondary explosions.

151800H Montgnard chief at N-24 reported 300 VC moved into BS504835 and BS512836. States VC came from BS5578, BS5579 and BS5580. He also stated tonight they will move west back into the mountains.

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152220H N-24 reported receiving 8 incoming small arms fire rounds from BS491787. Observed 5 lights, heard much noise like shouting and hammering. Conducted fire mission, lights dispersed, sniper fire ceased.

170700H N-24 reported that a Montagnard patrol returned with one detainee who stated that he was part of an ARVN patrol that attacked some VC at BS445769. He stated that he was separated from his unit and came to N-24 OP. Montagnard chief translated and said detainee reports a battalion of VC at BS417508, BS439818, A Co of VC at BS438770 and a platoon of VC at BS445735. Detainee brought back (1) ChiCom rifle, (1) one firing mechanism, (1) one BAR magazine, and a VC uniform with him. Detainee will be taken to Quang Ngai.

170930H AO reported 15 VC digging trench at BS460837. Conducted fire mission, 6 KIA probable.

180450H A VN came to N-24 position stating he had been laborer for VC. He came from BS375383 and stated there is a battalion of VC, a hospital, and a base camp at that location. He also reported approximately 100 VC at BS470779. Individual had many cuts and bruises. He will be taken to Binh Son. N-24 keeping BS470779 under surveillance.

181400H ARVN resupply helo received automatic weapons fire, 15 to 20 rounds from BS536771. N-24 reports fire may have been .50 cal MG.

181400H ARVN Interpreter at M-24 reports an estimated battalion of VC at Thach An Dong (3) BS504881. VC have mortars and small arms and plan to move out of area soon. M-24 has observed area and noticed road traffic in the area. Other activity normal.

181500H Interpreter at M-24 received report from villagers in An Hoa (BS472868) that 9 VC KIA resulted from TOT fired by 1st FAG at 181500H. The TOT was based on M-24 intelligence report of VC battalion located at BS505882.

181615H KMC resupply helo received automatic weapons fire, 15 to 20 rounds from BS536771. N-24 reports automatic fire may have been .50 cal machine gun.

191840H M-24 reported 20 VC in village with weapons at BS509852. Conducted fire mission, 10 KIA probable, 10 WIA probable, 4 VC positions destroyed.

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200830H One Montgnard victim of ChiCom mine at BS51647815 reported to N-24 OP. MEDEVAC called, but victim died prior to arrival. One civilian victim of M-14 AP mine at BS519780 reported to OP. Later was evacuated.

201830H M-24 observed 5 bicycles moving from BS470782 to BS529809. Bicycles travelled together, each carrying a large sack. Montgnard at OP stated they were probably carrying rice for VC at BS529809. Will keep this location under surveillance.

211620H Division AO reported 12 VC in trench line at BS493762. Conducted fire mission, trench line partially destroyed.

220945H N-24 reported 10 VC at BS976775. Conducted fire mission, 2 WIA confirmed.

222320H M-24 reported that approximately 100 VC approached within 100 meters of east gate of An Hoa (BS472868) from the north. VC fired 200 rounds small arms. M-24 had M Btry 4/11 fire 2 rounds of illumination while ROK's fired 50 rounds of .50 cal machine gun fire.

231045H N-24 reported 2 VC on bikes at BS487785. Conducted fire mission, 1 confirmed KIA.

231830H Montgnard chief at N-24 OP reported 800 VC located at BS540765 and BS545800. Reported coming into area from south last night. Reports that VC are now located at BS545788, BS544755 and BS593766. N-24 keeping area under surveillance.

241010H N-24 reported 3 VC on trail at BS487785. Conducted fire mission, 1 KIA confirmed.

251150H Montgnard chief at N-24 reports AA position at BS498751. N-24 has noticed .50 cal fired from this area but cannot observe actual emplacement.

251154H M-24 reported 5 VC with rifles at BS483883. Conducted fire mission, 5 KIA probable.

260850H N-24 reported 2 VC in the open at BS471182. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA probable.

261115H Division AO reported 10-20 VC in the open at BS695943. Conducted fire mission, 5 KIA confirmed.

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270600H Montgnard chief received information that 1 VC battalion is moving to grid BS512821 from grid BS515838 early this morning. 1st FAG comment F-2. M-24 Keeping area under surveillance.

271120H Army AO reported 3 VC with supplies at BS138070. Conducted fire mission, 1 KIA probable, 1 VC position destroyed, 2 VC positions damaged.

272100H N-24 reported that last night a company of VC crossed river in 10 boats. Montgnard chief says they are now located at BS544766. N-24 keeping area under surveillance.

280400H Montgnard chief reported to N-24 that 1 battalion of VC moved into the area last night to grid BS508802 and BS505805. Same battalion of VC as referenced in N-24 Spot Report 270600H. Noted no unusual movement in area today.

281515H N-24 reported 7 VC in open at BS548759. Conducted fire mission 2 WIA probable.

281900H - N-24 reported lights were observed at grid BS517882, 512756,
290100H - 517811, 524809, 487778, 504775 and 500770. All lights were stationary.

291000H N-24 reported AO received sniper rounds from BS512772. Air strike is being conducted now. Keeping area under surveillance.

291830H N-24 reported 1 company of VC moved into this area from grid BS585675. Information came from Montgnard chief. Keeping area under surveillance.

291700H- Villagers reported to M-24 that 20 VC were sighted at BS4683
291900H- with white cloths and carrying something in earthen jugs. No weapons were sighted. VC proceeded from said grid between 291700H and 291900H and are now located at BS458894. Keeping area under surveillance.

291900H N-24 reported 15 VC at BS529775. Conducted fire mission, 3 KIA probable, 1 KIA confirmed.

292030H M-24 reported that approximately 1 squad of VC approached village of An Hoa from the northwest. VC threw 2 hand grenades into the village area and expended approximately 50 rounds small arms fire, then withdrew. M-24 fired mission UM351, grid BS480874. ROK artillery fired mission at grid BS461873. ROK also fired 2 M-79 grenades and 50 rounds .50 caliber rounds.

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301000H N-24 reported VC sniper at BS498762. Conducted fire mission, 1 VC position partially destroyed, sniper silenced.

301900H N-24 observed stationary lights from 301900H to 310100H at the following grid. BS519765, 526771, 487881, 487808, 500811, 525809 and 500755.

302000H Villagers reported to M-24 that approximately 200 VC have moved into grid BS484879, also the same number of VC at BS425879. Villagers suspect that An Hoa will be attacked tonight so we require you step up either one of our illumination H&I's to 1 round every 30 minutes until the moon comes up. In addition a TOT was fired on the same grid. M-24 observed excellent coverage of the area.

302230H M-24 reported that a ROKMC and ARVN patrol reported that approximately 30 VC were KIA probable as a result of a TOT fired at grid BS484879 at 302230H. ARVN patrol found considerable blood and pieces of clothing. Villagers reported to ROKMC patrol that approximately 50 to 60 VC were carried off during the night and that several fires were started which burned throughout the night and this afternoon.

302230H M-24 observed TOT at grid BS425879. Approximately 3 fires were observed. Extent of damage could not be observed because of tree line. Villagers were unable to enter area on the following day.

311025H N-24 reported 3 VC on bike. Conducted fire mission, VC dispersed.

311130H M-24 observed TOT on 31 March at BS478824, but could not observe target area due to hill mask. A large amount of smoke from behind ridge indicated good coverage of target. Fires burned in the area all afternoon. M-24 did not observe anyone fleeing from the area.

311905H 1st FAG fired a TOT at grid BS3408 and at 312047H fired another TOT at grid BS3507. Artillery OP at hill 54 and personnel of 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery SP FMF vic BS5494, heard secondary explosions.

312000H N-24 reported VC lights. Conducted fire mission, VC lights out.

312400H Journal closed.

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010001H Journal opened

020915H Battery "D", 2/11 commenced displacement by helicopter from grid BS760470 to grid BS480085.

031320H Battery "D", 2/11 completed occupation of grid BS480085, and was laid on direction 5600.

032150H Battery "I", 3/11 has (4) guns at grid BS81773825 and (2) guns at grid BS81153833 to support Operation DeSoto.

040815H CO, 3/11 reports gun #1 of Battery "H", 3/11 was dropped from a helicopter over the heli pad. The sight mount was damaged.

041030H Battery "G"(-), 3/11 commenced displacement from grid BS811382 to grid BS54750111.

041400H Battery "G"(-), 3/11 occupied grid BT54750111 and laid on direction 4300.

041830H Battery "I"(fwd), 3/11 155mm howitzers (TD) located at grid BS86803185, (2) guns.

051015H The 1st Platoon of Battery "G", 3/11 commenced displacement from grid BT547011 to grid BT440084.

060036H Mortar rounds were heard impacting around the Chu Lai airstrip. The Duty Officer called the CLDC to see if they desired to fire illumination as set forth in the Counter Mortar Plan. CLDC replied negative because the area the mortars were firing from was inhabited.

111005H Battery "I", 3/11 commenced displacement from grid BS81753825 to grid BS81153835.

111115H Battery "I", 3/11 occupied grid BS81153835 with six (6) weapons laid on direction 4800.

131230H Operation Tippecanoe a search and destroy mission coordinated by 1/5 commenced in the northern portion of the Chu Lai TAOR.

181200H Operation Tippecanoe terminated.

231120H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMTF displaced from grid BT445093 for roving gun positions.

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- 231440H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMP occupied roving gun position at grid BT51150513 and laid on direction 5000.
- 240915H Battery "F", 2/11 displaced two (2) 105mm howitzers to hill 69 (BS485075) as a roving gun platoon.
- 241015H One platoon of Battery "F", 2/11 displaced from grid BT44240830 to grid BT458075 for a period of approximately 6 hours.
- 241051H One platoon, Battery "F", 2/11 occupied grid BT458075 and laid on direction 4800.
- 241555H Battery "F", 2/11 two (2) 105mm howitzers (roving guns) returned to primary position at grid BT442083.
- 241740H Mortar Battery, 3/11 displaced one platoon of howtars to grid BS57409215 in support of Operation Perry within the TAOR.
- 250630H 3rd Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMP commenced displacement from grid BT51150513 to a roving gun position at grid BS57229642.
- 250830H Mortar Battery, 3/11 displaced a second platoon of howtars to grid BS57409215 in support of Operation Perry.
- 250920H 3rd Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMP occupied a position at grid BT57229642 and laid on direction 4100.
- 250925H Two (2) 155mm Howitzers (TD) from 4/11 were helilifted by CH-53 helicopters from Quang Ngai airfield at grid BS608722 to Duc Pho at grid BS815386. The heli lift was completed by HME463 at 251025H. This is believed to be the first time 155mm howitzers (TD) have been transported by helicopters in a single lift. The howitzers were heli lifted to Duc Pho to provide additional artillery support for Operation DeSoto.
- 251735H Battery "I"(fwd), 3/11 two (2) 155mm howitzers (TD) in position at Nui Dang grid BS86803185 direction 5700/2700.
- 252130H Mortar Battery, 3/11 displaced two (2) howtars from grid BT439084 to grid BS81883847.
- 261630H Mortar Battery, 3/11 reports 6 guns in position at grid BT55030098.
- 270920H Battery "I"(w), 3/11 consisting of two (2) howtars from Mortar Battery, 2/11 march ordered in preparation for heli lift to grid BT439084.

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270930H Mortar Battery, 3/11 march ordered two (2) howtars in preparation for helilift from grid BT550010 to grid BS61883847.

271800H Operation Ferry terminated.

281300H 3rd Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF commenced displacement from grid BT572964 to primary position at grid BT445094.

281503H 3rd Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF occupied primary position at grid BT445094 direction 3800.

280855H Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines commenced heli lift of two 155mm howitzers (TD) from Quang Ngai airfield to Minh Long CIDG Camp BS535512. The lift was performed by 2 CH-53 helicopters from HME463.

281725H Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines arrived in position with two (2) 155mm howitzers (TD) after being heli lifted from Quang Ngai airfield grid BS604722 to Minh Long CIDG Camp at BS535512.

291255H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF commenced displacement from grid BT437096 to grid BT511040, a First Field Artillery Group roving gun position.

291430H Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon of howtars from grid BT550010 to grid BS6633982.

291500H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF occupied grid BT511040, direction 4000.

291600H One platoon of howtars from Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines occupied position BS633982, direction 6000.

300800H Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (TD) commenced displacement by CH-53 helicopters from Minh Long, grid BS535512 to Quang Ngai airfield, grid BS608722.

300915H Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon from grid BT440065 to grid BT399151.

301010H Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines has one platoon in position, BT399151, direction 6000.

311100H Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines occupied position grid BT395145, direction 4600.

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311140H One platoon of Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines occupied position grid BT395145, direction 4600.

301146H Battery "K"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (TD) arrived at Quang Ngai airfield BS608722 and motor marched to its primary position at grid 442096.

311235H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF, 3rd Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF, ~~four~~ (4) M109, 155mm Howitzers (SP) from Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines marshalled at grid DT523041 prior to departing for operation area(Operation Boone).

311830H 1st Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF occupied position grid BS631852, direction 1600.

311830H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF occupied position grid BS631852, direction 1600.

311850H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines occupied position grid BS62698558, direction 1600.

312400H Journal closed.

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S-4, First Field Artillery Group
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010001HMar67 to 312400HMar67

010001H Journal opened.

081400H Received four (4) M-30 4.2" Mortars for 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

220900H 1st Shore Party Battalion was requested to fabricate slings capable of heli lifting a 155mm howitzer (TD) employing the CH-53 helicopter.

251330H Received five (5) M-30 4.2" Mortars for 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

260800H Calibration of all artillery weapons within the Chu Lai TAOR commenced this date by a U.S. Army Calibration Team.

280800H Operation Oregon embarkation data has been completed for units task organized under this headquarters.

312400H Journal closed.

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ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT31 March 1967FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUPCHU LAI

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 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 RELEASED FROM OPCON IF NECESSARY.

(d) SUBMISSION OF SITREPS, FIREREPS, SPOTREPS FIRCAPS, MUSTANG.
 (e) COORDINATION OF COMBINED FDC'S WHERE APPLICABLE.

3. CO 8" 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 BDE ROKMC WILL BE PASSED TO FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP.

6. 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.

7. BATTERY "E", 2ND BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES AND ONE PLATOON (2) HOWTAR SECTIONS (PERSONNEL ONLY) FROM 3RD 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"	BT44240830	4	4000
"W"	BT439084	6	4500
"E" (x)	BT106142	4	1900 Tien Phuoc
* "W" (x)	AT814381	2	An Hoa
3/11, Battery "G"	BS633992	4	2400
"H"	BS568957	4	4000
"I"	BS81183829	6	4800 DeSoto
"W"	BT550010	4	3600
"I" (x)	BS81183847	2 (155TD)	4800 DeSoto
2 "E" (x)	BS81883847	2	3600 DeSoto
"H" (x)	BS675860	4	1600 Boone
"W" (x)	BS66439936	2	3600
4/11, Battery "K"	BT442096	6 (2 TD)	4500
"L"	BT395145	4	4600
"M"	BS53959481	6	4200
"L" (fwd)	BS690772	4	0500 Boone
3rd 8" Howitzer (SP) FMF			
"A"	BS631852	2	1600 Boone
"B"	BS540944	2	4000
"C"	BT445092	2	3800
3rd 155mm Gun (SP) FMF			
"A"	BT395145	2	4000
"B"	BS540944	2	3750
"C"	BS631852	2	1600 Boone
175mm Gun (SP) USA			
"A"	BS63018524	4	1600/3200/4100/ 4600

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