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11th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein)
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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 11th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1-30 April 1967

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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 1-30 April 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 W. PLASKETT, Jr.	1-30 Apr 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

None

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location. 1-30 April 1967, Chu Lai TAOR, RVN3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	LtCol G.M.B. LIVINGSTON Maj C.J. STANARO	1-19 Apr 1967 20-30 Apr 1967
S-1	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-30 Apr 1967
S-2	Capt C.E. HANSON Capt J.R. CUNEO	1-21 Apr 1967 22-30 Apr 1967
S-3	Maj C.J. STANARO Capt M.L. HEFTI	1-19 Apr 1967 20-30 Apr 1967
S-4	Capt D.L. BASTIAN	1-30 Apr 1967
Adjutant	1stLt M.E. RAFFERTY	1-30 Apr 1967
Survey/Metro Officer	1stLt W.B. BOVEE	1-30 Apr 1967
Ordnance Officer	2ndLt J.T. BOBB	1-30 Apr 1967
Motor Transport Officer	2ndLt P.V. SULLIVAN	1-30 Apr 1967
Communication Officer	Capt P.C. WINN	1-30 Apr 1967
Liaison Officer	Capt G.T. LENGAUER Capt J.A. RESSMEYER Capt J.W. STADTLER, Jr.	1-14 Apr 1967 1-30 Apr 1967 1-30 Apr 1967
Assistant S-3	Capt M.L. HEFTI 1stLt W.B. BOVEE	1-19 Apr 1967 20-30 Apr 1967

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Supply Officer	2ndLt J. KEPTLER	5-30 Apr 1967
Chief Aerial Observer	Capt C.E. HANSON Capt J.R. CUNEO	1-21 Apr 1967 22-30 Apr 1967
Naval Gunfire Officer	Lt C.R. LAMPMAN	1-30 Apr 1967

4. 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>
17	121	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, support of Infantry operations in and around the TAOR and support of Operation DeSoto, Operation Boone and Operation Union. Additionally, supporting fires were prescribed for the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion elements inserted in Viet Cong controlled territory, CIDG Camps, Government of Vietnam Armed Forces Units (GVNAF), and units of the Republic of South Korea Marine Corps (ROKMC). One Task Force XRay search and destroy operation which began in January 1967 terminated on 7 April 1967 (DeSoto Phase III). In addition to Operation DeSoto two search and destroy missions were conducted by the 5th and 7th Marines. All operations were supported by units of the First Field Artillery Group.

Operation DeSoto. Operation DeSoto was a coordinated search and destroy operation which included elements of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines and 2nd ARVN Division. Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the entire operation which provided for the relief of the 2nd ARVN Division in the Duc Pho area of Quang Ngai Province.

Operation Boone. Operation Boone was a coordinated search and destroy operation conducted by elements of Task Force XRay, Republic of Korea Marine Corps Brigade (ROKMC) and the 2nd ARVN Division. This operation commenced on 1 April 1967 within the 2nd ROKMC Brigade TAOR and was supported by artillery from the First Field Artillery Group until 7 April 1967 when the operation was terminated.

Operation Union. Operation Union was a search and destroy mission conducted by elements of the 1st Marine Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and 2nd ARVN Division. This operation took place in the Lac Son, Que Son area of Thang Binh, Que Son Provinces. The operation commenced on 21 April 1967 and continued through the month.

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Operation Oregon. Operation Oregon was instituted in order to reinforce the III Marine Amphibious Forces in the ICTZ and to allow redistribution of III MAF units for operations in other areas.

Operation Oregon was implemented on 20 April 1967 although artillery units were actually relieved in place prior to 20 April 1967. The movement of artillery units to the DaNang area from Chu Lai commenced with Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which departed aboard ship from the LST ramp at Chu Lai to DaNang on 14 April 1967. They were followed by Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp on 11 April and departed aboard ship on 12 April 1967. The remainder of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines proceeded to the Chu Lai LST ramp on 12 April for shipping to DaNang.

The remainder of the First Field Artillery Group units moved to the beach by individual batteries and embarking at LST ramp for further movement to DaNang during the remainder of the month. The First Field Artillery Group Headquarters Battery was the last unit to move to DaNang departing 1 May 1967. See Part III for additional details.

Roving Guns. Again during the month of April 1967, the roving gun program was utilized in order to exercise the weapons and crews and emplace the weapons where they could attack long range targets within an area not normally fired upon from artillery primary positions, either due to terrain or distance. The more significant artillery moves were as follows:

Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at 071155H displaced one platoon of howitzers from their primary positions at grid BT442083 to grid BS458075 to support long range patrol activities for their supported unit 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. The platoon remained at this position until 081600H when they departed for their primary position.

The 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF at 100630H displaced from grid BT445092 and occupied a position in the vicinity of grid BS 278044. The platoon provided additional long range artillery support to the First Field Artillery Group Observation Posts at Nui Tron (N-24) and An Hoa (M-24). They remained in position until 101530H and then displaced to another position area at grid BT512041. The platoon remained in this position until 111100H when they then returned to their primary position at grid BT445092.

The 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and the 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF at 210810H displaced from grid BT445092 to grid BT541023. They returned to their primary positions at 211507H.

The 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF at 250830H displaced from grid BT445092 to grid BT541023 and fired on areas not normally covered by an 8" Howitzer Battery. They returned to their primary position at 251600H.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnela. Losses

- (1) Battle: None
- (2) Non-Battle: None
- (3) Administrative: 8

b. Gains

- (1) Replacements: 4

c. POW's captured: 1

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

- e. Promotions: 1 to Captain
 2 to 1st Lieutenant
 3 to Corporal
 3 to Lance Corporal

f. Awards and Decorations. None2. Administration

a. Normal administrative functions were accomplished during the month.

b. One Article 32 investigation was completed during the month. Two cases of non-judicial punishment were administered.

3. Organization and Operations

a. Organization. On the 1st of April 1967 the Task Organization for the First Field Artillery Group remained unchanged from the previous month. However, due to the execution of Operation Oregon, all units OPCON the First Field Artillery Group were chopped OPCON the 11th Marine by the end of the month.

b. Operations. Units of the First Field Artillery Group participated in four operations, three search and destroy and one administrative (Operation Oregon) which provided for the relief of certain USMC units OPCON Task Force XRay at Chu Lai by U.S. Army units from the 2nd Provisional Division, Task Force Oregon.

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Operation DeSoto. Operation DeSoto was a coordinated search and destroy operation which included elements of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines and the 2nd ARVN Division. Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation through the start of the month and until the termination of the operation on 7 April 1967.

Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the operation from its position at Duc Pho, grid BS81183829. Also participating in the operation were two (2) 155mm Howitzers (TD) from Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and two (2) 4.2" Mortars from Mortar Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines which were relieved by two (2) 4.2" Mortars from Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which were OPCON of Battery "I", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines. The 155mm Howitzers (TD) were positioned at Duc Pho, grid BS81183847 and the two (2) 4.2" Mortars were at Nui Dang, grid BS819382.

Phase III of this operation was terminated at 071200H April 1967, due to USMC units being relieved by U.S. Army units which assumed responsibility for the Duc Pho TAOR.

Upon termination of Operation DeSoto, Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced by helicopter to the Chu Lai TAOR and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for transportation to the DaNang TAOR. The two Mortars from Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines relieved the mortars from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and were helilifted at 090715H from Nui Dang to their primary position at grid BT550010. At 081345H the two (2) 155mm Howitzers (TD) from Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines were helilifted by CH53's from Duc Pho, grid BS81183829 to Quang Ngai airfield grid BS604722 from where they motor marched to their primary position at grid BT442096 arriving at 081727H.

Operation Union. Operation Union is a search and destroy mission conducted by units of the 1st Marines and the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. The operation commenced on 21 April 1967 in the Lac Son, Que Son areas of Thang Binh, Que Son Provinces. Artillery support was emplaced in Tam Ky, grid BT293232 on 21 April 1967. Support was initially provided by a platoon of 175mm Guns from Battery "B", 3rd Battalion, 18th Field Artillery and a Command Group detachment from Headquarters Battery, First Field Artillery Group which coordinated liaison activities with the ARVN and provided additional security for the platoon of 175mm Guns.

At 220730H April, additional artillery support was provided by helilifting to Que Son four (4) 155mm Howitzers (TD) which are OPCON 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Additionally, on 23 April, Battery "F"(-), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided four (4) 155mm Howitzers (TD) from their primary position at grid BT442083, to Tam Ky, grid BT293232.

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On 24 April a security platoon from the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, motor marched to Tam Ky to take over security of the artillery weapons in that area thereby relieving the security personnel of the First Field Artillery Group. Upon arriving at Tam Ky, the security platoon was placed under OPCON of Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. At 241600H the Commanding Officer, First Field Artillery Group and all personnel from Headquarters Battery returned to the First Field Artillery Group Command Post.

Operation Boone. Operation Boone was a coordinated search and destroy operation between elements of Task Force XRay the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Corps Brigade and the 2nd ARVN Division. The operation began on 1 April 1967 and continued until 7 April 1967 taking place within the 2nd ROKMC Brigade TAOR.

The First Field Artillery Group supported the operation with a Senior Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC), comprised of personnel of the First Field Artillery Group Headquarters Battery. This FSCC coordinated all supporting fires within the operation area and worked in close liaison with the FSCC's of the 7th Marines, 2nd ROKMC Bde and 2nd ARVN Division.

The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines furnished a Command Group from Headquarters Battery, which had OPCON of Battery "H"(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, grid BS67618600, and Battery "L"(-), (155mm Howitzers SP), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, grid BS690771. In addition, the operation was also supported by a composite general support battery consisting of two (2) 8" Howitzers (SP) from 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF, two (2) 155mm Guns (SP) from 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and four (4) 175mm Guns from Battery "A", 2nd Battalion, 94th Field Artillery, U.S. Army. The general support composite battery remained under OPCON of the First Field Artillery Group.

On 5 April Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Group returned to their primary Command Post at grid BT549012, followed on 6 April by Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines on 7 April 1967.

Upon termination of Operation Boone at 071200H, remaining units commenced displacement from the operation area to their primary positions, beginning with the 3rd Platoon, 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF which displaced at 071400H and arrived at their primary position at 071712H. At 071523H, the 1st Platoon, 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced to their primary position area arriving at 071825H.

Operation Oregon is the name given the relief of Marine Forces within the Chu Lai TAOR by units of the U.S. Army Provisional Division (TFOregon).

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Upon receipt of Operational Plan 320-67 (Oregon) units under OPCON First Field Artillery Group immediately commenced preparations for the forthcoming movement to the DaNang area. This was accomplished expeditiously with very few problems. The timely receipt of the operational plan gave all units the much needed time to prepare for such a major move. On 9 April 1967, the first units of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines proceeded to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation. The last units of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines to embark were Headquarters Battery and Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which departed on 12 April 1967.

The 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was the next artillery unit to commence displacement. Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from their battery area on the morning of 13 April for embarkation to DaNang. The next few days were used for preparation due to a lack of shipping within the area. Embarkation again commenced on 18 April 1967 when the 1st and 2nd Platoons, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and the 1st and 3rd Platoons, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation. Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced to the Chu Lai LST ramp on 25 April 1967. On 28 April, Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from their primary position, grid BT395145 to grid BT445092 to tie in local security with 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, (SP) FMF. Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines departed for the LST ramp at 291105H, followed by the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF at 291345H. Again shipping was delayed and Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF remained on the beach until 1 May before embarkation.

The First Field Artillery Group vacated the First Field Artillery Group Command Post on 1 May 1967 for mount-out by sea to the DaNang area.

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Ammunition ExpendedAmmunition Expended During the Month of April 1967 (Chu Lai)

UNIT	107mm Mort	105mm How	155mm How	155mm Gun	8" How	175mm Gun	TOTAL
5th Marines	1140	4042	1698	55	--	--	6935
7th Marines	713	2572	417	144	169	--	4015
Task Force XRay	1	603	1490	683	385	1271	4433
Recon	--	53	284	120	18	281	756
Operation DeSoto	1316	2464	739	--	--	--	4519
ARVN	--	2892	2527	112	125	282	5938
ROK	--	--	439	110	64	257	870
Operation Boone	--	1693	1089	752	902	184	4620
Operation Union	--	50	--	--	--	--	50
	3170	14369	8683	1976	1663	2275	32136

Total Missions Fired During April 1967

105mm Howitzer	2127	155mm Gun	202
107mm Mortar	474	8" Howitzer	189
155mm Howitzer	1030	175mm Gun	277

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4. Enemy, Weather and Terrain. The general support observation posts at N-24 (Nui Tron BS516778) and M-24 (An Hoa BS474863) reported sightings of small groups of VC numbering from 5-10 personnel at any one time. Reports received from the villagers at both An Hoa and Nui Tron indicated a high level of VC activity between the Song Tra Bong and Song Tra Khuc rivers during the month of April.

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

5. Training. Normal training other than On-the-job-training was minimal due to preparations for the execution of Operation Oregon.

6. Civic Action. On 1 April 1967, tin sheeting was delivered to Long Phu 2 for the dispensary roof. MedCap patrols were conducted in Long Phu 1 and 2 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The Hamlet Chief of Long Phu 1 presented the Commanding Officer with a larger Vietnamese Flag on 8 April 1967.

The Civic Action Officer delivered school supplies to An Tan. The presentation was attended by Mr. BA the village chief and the village council.

On 10 April 1967 the Civic Action Officer delivered cement and clothing to Long Phu 2.

On 12 April 1967 it was discovered that the muzzle blast of the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery's guns at this position had damaged the school in Long Phu 1. The Civic Action Officer delivered cement and 500 piastres to the chief for repairs.

At 1300 on 21 April 1967 the Civic Action responsibility for Long Phu 1 and Long Phu 2 was passed to the 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, USA.

7. Logistics. Normal logistic support continued for Battery "I"(Rein), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines at Duc Pho (BS817382) throughout the month until 9 April when Battery "I"(Rein) commenced moving to DaNang. 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.

Support was provided 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF for embarkation to DaNang consisting of shipping, vehicle support and movement to the embarkation point.

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8. Aerial Observation. During the month of April 1967, the Aerial Observation Section, First Field Artillery Group, 11th Marine Regiment flew 25 missions for a total of 51.9 hours, in support of Task Force XRay (Chu Lai) TACR, Operation Boone and Reconnaissance Team Inserts. Aircraft support was provided by Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron (O1-C Detachment) H&MS-16, based at DaNang, the 220th Aviation Company (O1-D) based at Quang Ngai, the 20th TSS (Air Force O1-D) and the OH-23 Detachment from Task Force Oregon.

<u>A/C Type</u>	<u>Registrations</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Strikes</u>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Visual Recon</u>
O1-C	3	13.5	4 Air	1	5
O1-D	-	13.3	3 Artillery	-	5
OH-23G	7	20.8	3 Artillery	-	11
UH-1E	-	4.3	6 Artillery	-	3
	8	51.9	4 Air 12 Artillery - NGF	1	24

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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010001H - 302400H April 1967

010001H Journal opened.

051910H 2ndLt W.B. BOVEE and 2ndLt M.E. RAFFERTY promoted to 1stLt.

091300H 1stLt J.R. CUNEO promoted to Captain.

141630H LCpl's C.F. BLACKMON, S.C. HERSMAN, A.R. RIEMAN promoted to
Corporal. Pfc's J.M. CATRON, J.R. JOHNSON, S.T. SKAVLEM
promoted to Lance Corporal.

161300H Major C.J. STANARO assigned as Executive Officer, Captain
M.L. HEFTI assigned as S-3 Officer, 1stLt W.B. BOVEE assigned
as S-3A.

220730H Captain J.R. CUNEO assigned as S-2 Officer.

302400H Journal closed.

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S-2, First Field Artillery Group
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 010001H -- 302400H April 1967

- 010001H Journal opened.
- 011100H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that Montagnard patrol captured 1 VCS at BS515790. The VCS carried identification and said there were two VC with rifles in his village. The VCS was taken to Binh Son for questioning.
- 021505H M-24 reported 5 VC entering suspected harbor site at BS531751. Conducted fire mission, 1 WIA confirmed.
- 031510H USSF reported to M-24 OP that villagers around the Tra Bong GIDG Camp were warned to stay off the roads and out of the market place for about a week. USSF reported the roads are not being used and the market place is barren.
- 040700H N-24 reported 5 VC boats with gear at BS548761. Conducted fire mission, 1 boat destroyed, 3 KIA's probable.
- 040700H N-24 reported VC boat carrying gear at BS428760. Conducted fire mission, 2 KIA's probable.
- 041825H USSF reported to M-24 OP that road and market place mentioned in entry 031510H above have been bombed out and abandoned except for refugees living there now. Also the CO of the Tra Bong Special Forces Camp has a report of a battalion of VC harvesting rice in the following areas at night: BS435870, BS465835, BS423883, BS441887, BS428872, BS457841, BS474846, BS456832 and BS476832. This report was given a C-3 rating by the CO of the Special Forces Camp.
- 051205H N-24 reported 6 VC in the treeline at BS470779. Conducted fire mission, 2 KIA's probable, 2 VC positions destroyed.
- 051840H N-24 reported 3 VC on the trail at BS481783. Conducted fire mission, 1 KIA probable.
- 051915H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that he had received information from his sources that a company of VC were at BS 501794. He also reported that VC were sighted today at 1700 at BS486808. He believes they were moving toward the area of grid square BS4879. The report he received said the VC were carrying two (2) 82mm mortars, one (1) machine gun and three (3) telephones. N-24 reported that he has noted activity around grid squares BS4879 and BS4878.

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- 060900H N-24 reported 4 VC on bikes entering hut at BS499805. Conducted fire mission with 1 KIA confirmed and 1 KIA probable.
- 060915H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that last night there was 1 battalion of VC at BS463783. He reported they are now in vicinity of BS453797. N-24 reported he was keeping area under surveillance.
- 061830H M-24 reported 5 VC on trail at BS505836. Conducted fire mission with 1 secondary explosion resulting.
- 071242H N-24 reported 4 VC on bikes entering hut at BS499805. Conducted fire mission with 1 WIA confirmed and 1 KIA probable resulting.
- 071845H N-24 reported 3 VC on trail at BS476783. Conducted fire mission with 2 KIA's confirmed and 1 WIA probable resulting.
- 080900H N-24 reported 2 VC in boats with gear at BS509745. Conducted fire mission resulting in 2 KIA's confirmed and 1 boat destroyed.
- 081700H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that through his sources he received a report that 2 battalions of VC are located at BS 530822 and BS547816. Information was received from a civilians that was in the area at 081700H. The civilian said he saw many VC and also that there was a VC market in the vicinity of BS547816. N-24 reported that movement in the above area has been light with no unusual acitvity.
- 081845H N-24 reported 5 VC on trail at BS530752. Conducted fire mission with 1 KIA probable resulting.
- 090945H N-24 reported 4 VC working in trench line at BS482782. Conducted fire mission resulting in 1 KIA probable.
- 091850H M-24 reported 6 VC in house at BS508860. Conducted fire mission with 3 fires and 1 secondary explosion resulting.
- 092250H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that he had received a report from the CIC at N-24 that 12 VC were KIA, 5 were WIA and 6 houses were destroyed as a result of a TOT fired by the First Field Artillery Group at 092250H.
- 100900H N-24 reported 2 VC with rifles entering hut at BS496799. Conducted fire mission with 2 KIA's probable resulting.
- 101545H N-24 reported 3 VC on bikes entering hut at BS497805. Conducted fire mission with 3 KIA's probable and 1 hut on fire resulting.
- 101615H N-24 reported 1 VC on boke at BS513756. Conducted fire mission with 1 KIA probable resulting.

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- 102135H M-24 OP reported that an estimated squad of VC fired approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire at An Hoa. M-24 conducted fire mission on BS470876, ROK (Republic of Korea) fired approximately 200 rounds of 30 caliber machine gun fire and ARVN troops in the area fired approximately 15 rounds of 60mm mortar fire.
- 111205H N-24 reported 3 VC in boat with gear at BS463773. Conducted fire mission with 2 KIA's probable resulting.
- 120820H N-24 reported 2 VC boats with gear at BS518755. Conducted fire mission with 1 KIA probable resulting. Boat disappeared in the tree line.
- 120930H At 120830H, 1st Field Survey Section dispatched to the MAG-13 airfield to perform crater analysis from incoming mortar rounds of last night. Could not find useable craters due to the rounds hitting on concrete. Proceeded to Headquarters of 3rd LVT where a sentry on duty last night, directed the team to the approximate area from which the mortars were fired. The survey team began search of the area and found a section of fence missing on the southern end of the CLDC perimeter. Further search disclosed barefoot prints leading north into CLDC perimeter. By following those foot prints the team discovered two (2) 82mm mortar positions. Within the positions the following items were found: 10 82mm dud rounds still fuze within the gun pits, 16 ChiCom fuze boxes, fuze plugs, safety clips and packing material. Three types of propaganda leaflets were found and were used to mark the route of withdrawal. By following foot prints further, 3 positions were discovered from which small arms fire was delivered. By observing the number of foot prints in the area, an estimated 30 VC were involved in the attack. By counting fuze cans, the estimated number of rounds fired was 96 (16 fuze cans). First Field Artillery Group Survey Section surveyed in the mortar position by 3 point resection. The two gun pits were approximately 50 meters apart. The team awaited the arrival of EOD team who disarmed dud and then returned to the First Field Artillery Group Command Post to be debriefed.
- 122000H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that 2 battalions of VC were located at BS557366, BS55762 and BS565768. He believes the VC came from the south at 112000H. N-24 reported that he had not observed any activity in the area, but was keeping it under surveillance.
- 131530H A member of MCB-40 noted 4 Vietnamese digging holes at BS518039. When helicopter flew over the Vietnamese took off running. First Field Artillery Group S-3A was notified and a 13 man patrol was sent to the area. 5 holes were found dug in the side of the hill at BS518039. Search of the area found other holes dug and two

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graves had been dug up. Upon checking Vietnamese personnel in the area, one female took off running and was detained by Marines. The female had no ID card and was delivered to LyTin District Headquarters for further questioning. A survey team checked the holes at 1800 and found them to be dug on an azimuth of 0600 mils which is directly in line and 3000 meters from the center of the Chu Lai airfield.

- 141000H N-24 reported 3 VC on bikes entering suspected harbor site at BS543813. Conducted fire mission with 3 KIA's probable resulting.
- 141530H N-24 reported 5 VC crossing the river with gear at BS505746. Conducted fire mission with 1 WIA confirmed and 1 boat destroyed resulting.
- 150900H N-24 reported 2 VC on trail with rifles at BS487785. Conducted fire mission with 2 KIA's probable resulting.
- 151200H Village Chief of An Hoa reported to M-24 OP that he saw 100 VC in the area of Thach An Dong 1, BS510873. Chief reported the VC spoke with the accent of NVA.
- 161020H N-24 reported 4 VC on bikes at BS479785. Conducted fire mission with 4 KIA's probable resulting.
- 161100H Villagers of An Hoa reported to M-24 OP that the 100 VC mentioned in entry 151200H had moved to BS510868 sometime last night.
- 161740H N-24 reported 3 VC in boat with gear at BS516755. Conducted fire mission with 1 KIA confirmed, 1 WIA confirmed and 1 boat destroyed resulting.
- 170200H Montagnard Chief reported to N-24 OP that 1 company of VC are located at BS504795. He reported that they came to that location at 170200H. N-24 reported that he could observe most of the area and has seen no activity in that area.
- 170940H N-24 reported 3 VC on bikes at BS487786. Conducted fire mission with 3 KIA's probable resulting.
- 180840H N-24 reported 5 VC on sand bar at BS486755. Conducted fire mission with 2 KIA's probable resulting.
- 180920H N-24 reported 4 VC on bikes with gear at BS471782. Conducted fire mission with 2 WIA's confirmed, 2 KIA's probable resulting.

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191825H N-24 reported 7 VC on trail at BS473795. Conducted fire mission with 3 KIA's probable resulting.

210930H U.S. Army units relieved USMC at N-24 (Mui Tron) and M-24 (An Hoa).

302400H Journal closed.

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 010001H - 302400H April 1967

- 010001H Journal opened.
- 010800H Operation Boone commenced.
- 010835H Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines Command Group in position, grid BS689772 to support Operation Boone.
- 010950H 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF and 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF in position at grid BS311600 to support Operation Boone.
- 011535H Battery "H"(x), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BS67618600, direction 1600 in support of Operation Boone.
- 011600H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BS627856 to position vicinity of grid BS690771 to provide additional artillery support for Operation Boone.
- 011830H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines arrived in position, grid BS690771, direction 0600. 3 guns in position.
- 020800H Battery "D", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon from grid BT399151 to grid BT440084.
- 051620H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BS690772 after providing artillery support for Operation Boone.
- 051925H Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines returned to their primary Command Post at grid BT549012.
- 052040H Battery "L"(fwd), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines arrived at the 4th Battalion, Command Post, grid BT441100.
- 060823H Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT441100 and arrived at their primary position grid BT396145 at 060920H.
- 061140H Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon (2 guns) from grid BS664983 and arrived at their Command Post, grid BT550010 at 061200H.
- 071055H Battery "H"(x), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced by helicopter from grid BS679863 where it participated in Operation Boone.

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- 071155H Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon from grid BT442083 to grid BS458075 to support long range patrol activities.
- 071200H Operation DeSoto terminated.
- 071200H Operation Boone terminated.
- 071300H Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced one platoon by helicopter from Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines position area, grid BS670860 and arrived at their primary position, grid BS633992 at 071455H. 6 guns in position.
- 071400H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS631851 where it was positioned to provide fires in general support of Operation Boone.
- 071523H 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS632852 where it was positioned to provide fires in general support of Operation Boone.
- 071550H Battery "H"(x), 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines arrived at its primary position, grid BS567957.
- 071712H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF arrived at their primary position, grid BT442096.
- 071825H 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF arrived at their primary position, grid BT445092.
- 081345H Battery "X", 1st Platoon (2-155mm Howitzers TB), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced by helicopter from grid BS81883829 where it participated in Operation DeSoto, to Quang Ngai airfield.
- 081600H Battery "F" (1 platoon), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT458075 where it supported long range patrols to its primary position, grid BT442083.
- 081727H Battery "K" (2-155mm Howitzers TD), 4th Battalion, 11th Marines arrived at their primary position, grid BT442096 completing a motor march from Quang Ngai airfield.
- 090715H One platoon, Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines heli-lifted from Duc Kho where it participated in Operation DeSoto to its primary position, grid BT550010.

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- 100630H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT445092 and occupied a position in the vicinity of grid BS572964. The platoon provided additional long range artillery support to the An Hoa, Nui Tron area.
- 101120H Battery "H", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BS567957 to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 101530H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS572964 to grid BT512041.
- 101700H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF arrived at grid BT512041.
- 111045H Battery "G", 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BS567957 and proceeded to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 111100H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT512041 and arrived at their primary position, grid BT445092 at 111200H.
- 121110H Headquarters Battery and Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from their position at grid BT550010 and proceeded to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 130704H Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from their position grid BT445092 and proceeded to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 171215H 1st Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT395245 to grid BT43910957.
- 171300H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS540950 to grid BT57319646.
- 171345H 1st Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF arrived in position, grid BT43910957, direction 4500.
- 171405H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF arrived in position, grid BT57319646, direction 3800.
- 180640H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS57319646 to primary position, grid BT445092, arriving at 180824H.
- 180640H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BS57319646 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.

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- 180735H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT445092 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 181000H 1st Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT445092 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 181000H 1st Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT43910957 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 210810H 3rd Platoon, 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and the 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT445092 to grid BT541023 to participate in the First Field Artillery Group roving gun program, returning to their primary positions at 211507H.
- 210930H The USMC artillery forward observer at An Hoa and Nui Tron were relieved by U.S. Army artillery forward observers. The observers returned to their parent organization, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.
- 220730H The Provisional Battery, 155mm Howitzers (TD), 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines began displacement by helicopter from grid BT444093 to the CIDG Camp at Que Son, grid BT039348.
- 231600H 1st Platoon, Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT442083 to grid BT293232 to provide additional artillery fire support for Operation Union, arriving in position at 231705H.
- 231720H 2nd Platoon, Battery "F", 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT442083 to grid BT293232 to provide additional artillery fire support for Operation Union, arriving in position at 231810H.
- 250830H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT445092 to grid BT541023 as they participated in the First Field Artillery Group roving gun program.
- 251300H Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT395948 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 251414H Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines CP displaced from grid BT441100 and moved to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 251500H 2nd Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF displaced from grid BT541023 to their primary CP, grid BT445092 and arrived at 251600H.
- 281726H Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines displaced from grid BT395145 to grid BT445092 arriving at 281825H, direction 4600.

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- 290805H Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and the 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF alerted for movement to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 291105H Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines departed from their primary position at grid BT445092 to the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 291345H 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF departed for the Chu Lai LST ramp for embarkation.
- 302400H Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF are not loaded at this time. The estimated time of completion is during the afternoon of 1 May 1967.
- 302400H Journal closed.

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S-4, First Field Artillery Group
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 010001H -- 302400H April 1967

010001H Opened Journal.

030600H 155mm Gun Battery and 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery ammunition to Nui Vo to support Operation Boone.

091000H 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF received gun #213176 from R&E program to replace gun #213240.

111130H Arranged transportation for embarkation of 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

120600H 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines commenced embarkation.

190600H 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery (SP) FMF and 3rd 155mm Gun Composite Battery embarkation.

190730H Metro set shipped to 11th Marines.

220830H Embarkation Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines gear except guns and section gear.

250800H Embarkation Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines remainder Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.

290800H Embarkation Battery "L", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines and 3rd 155mm Gun Battery (SP) FMF and 3rd 8" Howitzer Composite Battery.

302400H Journal closed.

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