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Wednesday, February 14, 1968, 9:30 AM

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is the tenth report on the Khe Sanh - DMZ area and covers the 24-hour period of February 13, 1968.

During the reporting period Khe Sanh Combat Base and surrounding areas received over 200 rounds of mixed mortars, artillery and rocket fire. Neighboring elements at Camp Carroll received 10 rounds of mortar fire while Marines in the vicinity of A-3 (5 kilometers northeast of Con Thien) received three consecutive afternoon barrages of 30 rounds of enemy mortar and 70 rounds of artillery. Seven mortar rounds impacted within the perimeter at Con Thien. Concluding the day's bombardment, shortly after noon, elements at Gio Linh received nine rounds of artillery.

Although damage attributed to the shelling was minimal, one Marine was killed and 12 Marines wounded, 6 of whom required medical evacuation.

In Operation Scotland in the Khe Sanh area, a 37th ARVN Ranger Battalion Patrol encountered a small enemy force at mid-afternoon, killed two North Vietnamese Army and captured an 82MM recoilless gun.

Elsewhere in northern I Corps, at 7:45 AM a Marine unit ambushed a 20 man North Vietnamese Army Patrol around Gia Linh and counted 7 North Vietnamese Army bodies and 1 detainee resulting from the engagement. One Marine was killed, and one Marine was wounded.

Other elements along the DMZ reported no significant contact for the period. Total casualties for the period in the Khe Sanh area were: friendly, killed 1, wounded 10; enemy, killed 2. Elsewhere along the DMZ one Marine was killed and three Marines were wounded; nine North Vietnamese Army were killed.

Marine aircraft flew 65 sorties in support of the Khe Sanh area, the Air Force flew 192 tactical air sorties in support of the Khe Sanh area, the Navy flew 51, for a total of 308 sorties. Bomb Damage Assessment included 4 secondary explosions (one extremely large), 6 artillery positions were destroyed, 5 artillery positions damaged, there were 2 secondary fires, and 250 meters of trench were destroyed. ARC LIGHT ran 4 strikes (30 sorties) in the Niagara area in support of Khe Sanh.

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Khe Sanh was resupplied with 83 short tons on February 13. Ammunition amounted to 50 short tons. There were 16 short tons of vehicles and 4 short tons of general supplies delivered. In addition, 175 replacements were air lifted into the Khe Sanh Airfield.

Air operations on February 14 began at 9:00 AM with air drops from C-130 aircraft. So far today, some 76 short tons have been air dropped. C-123 aircraft are enroute for air delivery to the airfield. Present weather looks favorable for air resupply operations.

For the next 24 hours Marine Tactical Air plans 44 sorties in support of Khe Sanh, the Air Force will have 150 sorties, and the Navy 100 sorties, for a total of 294 sorties planned. There will be 16 additional Marine aircraft and 120 Air Force sorties on call for Khe Sanh. There will be six B-52 strikes (27 sorties) run in the Niagara area.

During the period the weather at Khe Sanh was characterized by low clouds and heavy night time and morning fog. Until 5:00 PM on February 13 the ceiling was 500 feet and visibility 3 - 7 miles in fog. After 5:00 PM the ceiling was 100 feet and the visibility 1/4 mile in fog. Low ceilings and visibilities continued throughout the remainder of the night and early morning with an improving trend beginning after 2:00 AM on the 14th. By 9:00 AM the ceiling had improved to 2,000 foot overcast with the visibility to 7 miles. By noon the ceiling was 2,000 foot broken.

The forecast is for partly cloudy skies and visibility 6 miles by early afternoon on the 14th. The sky will continue to be partly cloudy throughout the afternoon and evening and continuing through noon on the 15th. The visibility will continue to be 6 miles throughout the period except lowering to 5 miles in smoke and haze near sunrise on the 15th.

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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

14 February 1968
7:00 AM EST

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 13200 EST
(140900 SVN time)

1. The Khe Sanh Dump or Ammunition Supply Point (ASP)
status as of the above time is as follows:

	<u>Days Supply</u> <u>on hand</u> <u>132000 EST</u> <u>(140900 SVN)</u>	<u>Previous Status</u> <u>122300 EST</u> <u>(131200 SVN)</u>
Class I (Rations)		
Meal, Individual, combat	8 days	9 days
B Rations	9 days	9 days
Class III (Fuel)		
Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	10 days	12 days
JP-4 (Jet Fuel)	5 days	4 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	4 days	4 days
Diescl	4 days	5 days
Class V (Ammunition)		
a. High explosive		
60 mm mortar	16 days	15 days
81 mm mortar	15 days	21 days
90 mm (tank)	86 days	90 days
4.2" mortar	33 days	35 days
105 mm howitzer	9 days	10 days
155 mm howitzer	20 days	21 days
b. Anti-tank		
	<u>Rounds on hand</u>	
90 mm HEAT	978	478
66 mm rocket (LAW)	190	190
Anti-tank mines (M-19)	100	100
106 mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T)	316	316

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<u>Days Supply</u>	<u>Previous Status</u>
on hand	122300 EST
132000 EST	(131200 SVN)
(140900 SVN)	

Class V (COFRAM)

105 mm howitzer	5 days	5 days
155 mm howitzer	5 days	5 days
40 mm grenade launcher	5 days	5 days
Hand grenades	10 days	10 days

2. On 13 February Khe Sanh was resupplied with 83 tons as follows, Class I, rations, 13 tons, and Class V, ammunition, 50 tons. Also, 16 tons of vehicles and 4 tons of general supplies were delivered. It was reported that present weather conditions at Khe Sanh look favorable for continued air resupply operations.


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