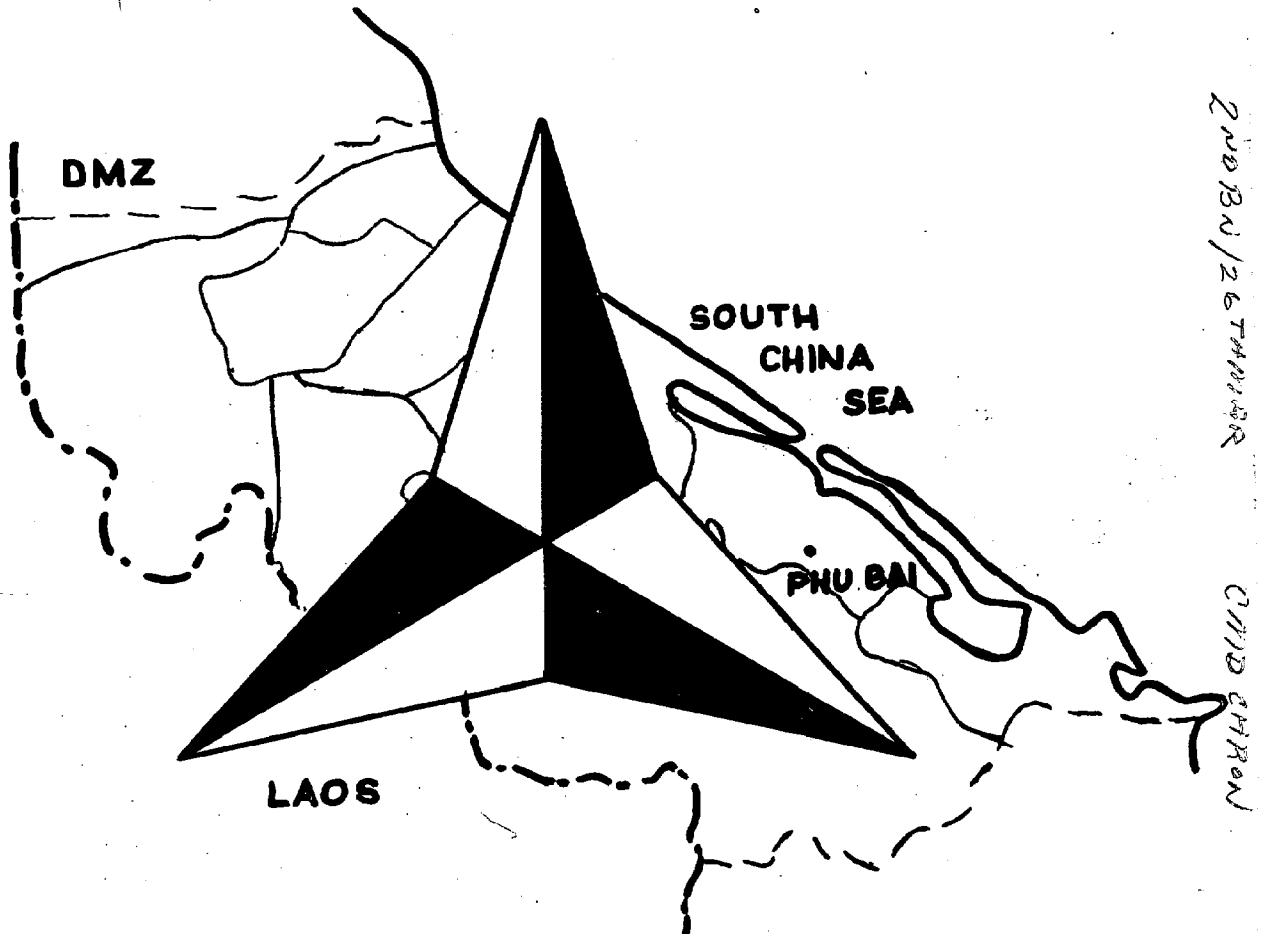


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(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 February to 29 February 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.1A

Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

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1-29Feb68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co.

Capt S. M. HARTMAN

1-29Feb68

Co. E

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1-29Feb68

Co. G

Capt L. R. OVERSTREET

1-29Feb68

Co. H.

Capt C. O. BROUGHTON

1-29Feb68

2. LOCATION

1-29Feb68: Kho Sanh, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Maj R. L. BOND

1-29Feb68

S-1

1stLt R. J. GUSTAFSON

1-29Feb68

S-2

1stLt E. R. MATTHEWS
SSgt H. E. ROLAND

1-11Feb68

12-29Feb68

S-3

Maj G. F. KURTH

1-29Feb68

S-4

Capt E. J. MARTIKKE Jr.

1-29Feb68

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>
1/2	1150	2	64	NONE	

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of February the Battalion continued to occupy a defensive perimeter two miles northwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

Three rifle companies comprised the main position which encompassed Hill 558 (XD 820451) while Company E conducted a perimeter defense on Hill 861A, (XD 813448) 1500 meters to the west of Hill 558 under the operational control of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines.

Patrolling and ambushing was curtailed throughout the month by the 26th Marines, therefore emphasis was placed on improvement of the defensive positions. The patrols and ambushes that were executed served as security type activities to provide early warning of an enemy approach to the Battalion position.

Extensive man hours and labor went into the preparation of individual, crew served weapons, and Command Post positions, as well as artificial obstacles. A triple concertina and combination double apron/German standing fence were installed around the Battalion (-) position. Punji pits and tangled barbed wire were placed within the triangular cells of the combination barbed wire obstacle. Barbed wire explosive devices (a roll of straight wire with C-4 in the center) and fougasses (gasoline and diesel fuel in barrels buried in the side of a hill, with C-4 pressed against the base of the barrel) were employed along the perimeter to help breakup large groups of enemy troops who succeed in breaking through the protective wire. Claymore mines were also extensively utilized. A total of eight anti-personnel and anti-personnel/anti-tank minefields were installed by minefield laying details of personnel trained within each rifle company. A total of 1235 M-14 anti-personnel mines and 141 M-15 anti-tank mines were employed.

All defensive fires, artillery and mortar targets and Final Protective Fires were registered. Supporting arms were employed extensively within the Battalion's zone of action to destroy enemy positions and to harass and interdict.

There was only one significant ground contact with enemy forces during the month. Throughout the month the enemy conducted sporadic artillery, rocket, mortar and recoilless rifles attacks upon the Battalions perimeter at Hill 558 and Company E's position at Hill 861A. Counter battery fires were conducted whenever feasible. Casualties from these attacks were light. More severe casualties were sustained at the Battalion Administration Rear at the Khe Sanh Combat Base during enemy artillery, rocket and mortar attacks upon the Base.

On 5 February Company E under operational control of the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, repulsed one enemy attack upon their position by a force of approximately 100 NVA.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Mission. During the period 1 to 29 February the Battalion was assigned the following missions:

- a. Establish defense positions vic XD 820450.

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b. Prevent infiltration of enemy forces south through the valley running between Hill 861 (XD 803442) and Hill 950 (XD 844456).

c. Be prepared to reinforce Hills 861 and 950.

d. Limit the extent of patrols and ambushes to that necessary to insure the security of defensive obstacles and local security elements.

THE END

2. Significant Events

5 Feb 68. At 050526H 3/26 requested that the Battalion fire 81 mm Mortar illumination and HE fires in support of Company E (OPCON to 3/26) on Hill 861A which was under an NVA ground attack. Additional fire support requests were received at 0515H and 0616H. 60 mm Mortar and 106 mm RR supporting fire were also fired. Four enemy 82 mm Mortar rounds impacted in or near the Battalions position while firing in support of Company E (two at 0430, one at 0440 and one at 0610H). The Battalion sustained 1 WIA (Minor) during these mortar attacks. Company E suffered 7 KIAs and 17 WIAs. Known enemy losses were 21 KIA (c). A search outside the defensive wire for additional enemy casualties was not feasible due to the tactical situation.

Ref: Journal No. 65

(Tab A to Enclosure (1))

5 Feb 68. Operation Plan 1-68 (Counter-Attack Plan) issued. Mission to restore the defensive perimeter by counter-attacking and/or blocking enemy penetrations of the Battalion perimeter.

Ref: Journal No. 75

(Tab B to enclosure(1))

(1) enclosure

19 Feb 68 At 191110H received 1 60mm at XD 820451 from unknown enemy location resulting in 4 USMC WIAs.

Ref: Journal No. 322

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

22 Feb 68 At 221054H 5 rds of 82mm mortars from vic of XD 813455 - 812458 and 80994541 resulting in 2 USMC WIA (1 medevac, 1 minor). Fired pre-planned counter-mortar targets and an observed fire mission with 21 rds: 81mm HE. 106mm RR fired 5 rds resulting in one secondary explosion.

Ref: Journal No. 370

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

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22 Feb 68 At 222030H the Battalion OP at XD 820451 spotted lights which appeared to be a vehicle at XD 813160 - 818459. Fired 8 rds 106 RR. Priority TPQ and Artillery mission conducted, resulting in 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 373
(1) ~~enclosure~~

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

23 Feb 68 At 231330H G/2/26 patrol found a bunker complex at XD 822443 constructed of logs and dirt. Overhead cover was 1 ft thick. Entrance worn smooth from use, however bunkers appear to have not been used recently. Destroyed bunkers.

Ref: Journal No. 370

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

23 Feb 68 At 231115H Battalion CP at XD 818448-819449 received 24 rds of sporadic 60mm and 82mm mortar rds until 1405H from vic XD 808455, XD 813168 and XD 809457 resulting in 5 USMC WIA (1 medevac, 4 minor). Fired pre-planned counter-mortar targets, observed 81mm mortar, Artillery and 106mm RR missions, and conducted air strikes with good target coverage and unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 380

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

24 Feb 68 At 241330H to 242415H Battalion OP at XD 820451 conducted air strikes at XD 809453 on bunker complex and mortar positions. BDA reported that several bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 398
(1) ~~enclosure~~

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

24 Feb 68 At 242120H Battalion OP at XD 820451 observed TPQ strike conducted at XD 812451 to XD 822457 resulted in 9 secondary explosions. Fire started setting off what appeared to be powder because of the large white flame shooting sporadically skyward.

Ref: Journal No. 407

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

26 Feb 68 At 260930H AO reported results of air strikes conducted on 251400H. Bunker complex at XD 797470 to XD 803474 consisting of 10-15 bunkers were uncovered. One position was 40 ft deep and 20 ft wide. Additional air strikes requested for the same and adjacent area.

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Ref: Journal No. 435

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

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27 Feb 68 At 271305H to 271330H Battalion OP at XD 820451 directed air strikes at XD 815468 to XD 815465 with excellent coverage of target resulting in 29 secondary explosions and also one explosion caused by 81mm WP marking round. One bunker was partially destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 456

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

27 Feb 68 At 271157H to 271355H CP area at XD 821453 received 3 rds. 60mm mortars from vic XD 815459 to XD 809457 resulting in 1 USMC WIA (Minor). Countered with 4 rds 81mm HE with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 457

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

29 Feb 68 At 291615H to 291700H air strikes were conducted at XD 814464 and resulted in 35 immediate secondary explosions and fire started by strikes caused an additional 18 (2 large) explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 502

(Tab A to enclosure (1))

1-29 Feb Total number of patrols: 12

Total number of Ambushes: 4

Total number of OP 253

Total number of LP 264

1-29 Feb Casualties inflicted upon the enemy:

a. NVA KIA Confirmed: 21 *

b. Weapons Captured: 9 AK 47, 1 LMG, 2 RPG-2*

* All KIA's and captured weapons are credited to E/2/26 during which time company E was OPCON to 3/26.

3. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Number of replacements received: 106

(2) Number of personnel lost through rotation: 75

(3) Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

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- (a) KIA: Officers - 2 Enlisted - 19
- (1) Hill 558 0 0
- (2) Hill 861A 1 13
- (3) Bn Rear Area 1 6
- (b) DOW: Officers - 0 Enlisted - 4
- (1) Hill 558 0 1
- (2) Hill 861A 0 3
- (3) Bn Rear Area 0 0
- (c) WIA: Officers - 2 Enlisted - 70 (Med Evaced)
- (1) Hill 558 0 16
- (2) Hill 861A 1 36
- (3) Bn Rear Area 1 18
- (d) WIA: Officers - 1 Enlisted - 54 (Minor)
- (1) Hill 558 0 6
- (2) Hill 861A 0 48
- (3) Bn Rear Area 1 0
- (e) Non-Battle casualties: 20
- (f) Intra-Division/Regiment transfers: 16
- (4) R&R: A total of 69 personnel took R&R.

b. Administration

- (1) Awards: none
- (2) Personnel Accounting: The late submission of unit diaries continues to be a problem. The problem is not internal but rather is caused by guard mail delay from Khe Sanh to the South.

(3) Promotions:

- (a) To Corporal: 10
- (b) To Lance Corporal: 10
- (c) To PFC: 15
- (d) To HM3: 1

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(4) Postal Services: Incoming and outgoing mail continues to be delayed due to the tactical situation. A large uplift in the spirit and morale of the Battalion is always evidenced when mail is delivered to the Battalion forward position.

(5) Post Exchange: Post exchange facilities are limited to small personnel items but are available only at KSCB. However, SP packs, when available, provide the required tobacco, candy and toilet articles.

c. Special Services. Special Services activities were limited due to the combat situation. However, small games, writing supplies, magazines and newspapers were received when the tactical situation permitted.

4. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period

(1) The threat of a multi-regiment ground attack supported by tanks directed against the Khe Sanh Combat Base remained high. The enemy units within the SCOTLAND AO (3250 and 304th NVA Divisions) also maintained the capability of launching ground attacks supported by tanks, artillery, mortar and rockets, at the time and place of his choosing, against the Marine positions located in the hills surrounding Khe Sanh Combat Base. It should be noted that ground attacks were launched against Marine units located in the SCOTLAND AO, including E Company, 2d Bn, 26th Marines.

(2) The enemy units within the 2/26 AO conducted light reconnaissance against the 2/26 defensive perimeter during the early portion of the month. The reconnaissance units appear to be well trained and maintained good fire discipline.

b. Enemy initiated incidents

(1) Sniper fire - Received enemy sniper fire on several occasions during the period but suffered no casualties.

(2) Mortar/rocket attacks - during the reporting period 2/26 received 112 60mm and 82mm mortar rounds. Four 122mm rockets were fired against the Battalion position. Below listed are the known positions from which 2/26 received mortar and rocket fire from.

(a) Known NVA mortar positions:

XD 808454 XD 812455 XD 809458 XD 815468 XD 795458 XD 814454 XD 815465
XD 799455 XD 814453 XD 814468 XD 810454 XD 815457 XD 812455 XD 813455

(b) Known NVA rocket positions:

XD 774471 XD 773478

(3) Ground attacks - The enemy launched one ground attack against E/2/26, at which time that unit was OPCON of 3/26.

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(4) Other - There were two instances of enemy 82mm Recoilless gun fire, totalling 7 rds. On one occasion five of these rounds were directed at one of our 106mm RR position. However there was no damage suffered.

c. Summary of enemy casualties, POW's and captured equipment

(1) KIA(C) 21*

(2) POW's 00

(3) Wpns Captured - 9 AK-47s, 3 RPG-2, 1 LMG, 3 Bangalor Torpedoes, 2 Gas Masks, 1 60mm base plate, 12 60mm mortar rounds. *

All KIAs and captured weapons are credited to E/2/26 during which time that company was OPCON to 3/26.

d. Significant trends during the period. The enemy has used the battle noise caused by B-52 strikes, TPQs, low flying aircraft, etc. to conduct his firing of mortars. This tactic offered little or no time with which to sound a warning to exposed troops.

e. Enemy situation at the end of the reporting period. The enemy increased his reconnaissance efforts against 2/26 in the form of 3-6 man recon teams. This effort was directed at the western portion of the 2/26 perimeter. The enemy mortar fire decreased from the beginning of the month, however, on 22 Feb 2/26 received 25 rounds of mixed 82mm and 60mm mortar fire. Rocket fire directed at 2/26 was sporadic. The enemy can be expected to maintain his harassing mortar fire possibly increasing it to some extent. The NVA capability of launching a multi-battalion ground attack supported by artillery, rocket, and mortar fire and tanks at the time and place of his choosing remains high.

f. Weather. Dense fog during the hours of darkness and early morning limited the capability of friendly units to detect possible enemy movement. However, generally good weather throughout the day favored the employment of CAS/DAS.

5. Operations

a. Command Relations. The Battalion was under operational control of the 26th Marines and administrative control of the 3d MarDiv.

b. Major Operations Conducted. Participated in Operation Scotland 1-29 Feb.

c. New Techniques. Since patrol and ambush activity was confined to close-in security type actions, the ability to move out and collect adequate and timely intelligence was greatly curtailed. The eight man snatch team was instituted in order to capture a prisoner off one of the NVA reconnaissance patrols along our protective wire so as to provide us with timely intelligence. The teams moved forward clandestinely, under cover of darkness and set in along a trail that appeared to be used by the NVA. Regular platoon sized reconnaissance patrols identified these trails during their daylight patrols.

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The snatch teams were volunteers, well trained and rehearsed, designed to bring in a prisoner alive by clubbing him along the trail then dragging him inside the wire while the remainder of the team covered the withdrawal. The team could also function as an ambush should the opportunity to capture a prisoner not present itself. However, the team is not capable of tackling a large size enemy unit and would fight only enough to disengage.

d. Training

(1) Each rifle company was involved primarily with construction of field fortifications, barbed wire obstacles and with the laying of minefields when not engaged in patrolling activities. Extensive training in construction of barbed wire obstacles and laying of minefields was conducted on battalion level by the S-3's instruction of company representatives.

(2) Additional training by Rifle companies was conducted in the following subjects:

Offensive Tactics	Leadership
Defensive Tactics	Terrain Appreciation
Map and Compass	Camouflage
Radio Procedure	Weapons Training (3.5 R.L., 60mm Mortar, LAAW, C.S. grenade launcher)
Patrolling, Ambush, and Counter-ambush Techniques	Field Sanitation
	NBS Warfare

(3) Training of "Snatch Teams" (one 8 man team per rifle company) was centralized on battalion level to provide capability to obtain prisoners from locations near to friendly lines. The S-2 and S-3 conducted all such instruction.

(4) The 106RR Platoon conducted extensive training in field fortifications, care and cleaning, field sanitation, gun drill, tank recognition, the role of FSCC, FO procedures, fire control techniques, ammunition (capabilities and uses), radio procedures, and NBC warfare. They had numerous occasions to engage actual personnel and hard targets.

(5) In the actual course of supporting the defense of the Khe Sanh Combat Base, the 81mm Mortar Platoon fired several missions and conducted numerous displacements by section. The following training was conducted: gun drill, care and cleaning, fire direction center drill, radio and landline procedure, individual weapons (care and cleaning, inspection), field fortifications, NBC warfare, and field sanitation.

(6) The members of the Communications Platoon received training in the following subjects: command post internal wiring, use of codes PX and QX, use of KYB-6 and related equipment, field fortifications, and NBS warfare.

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(7) A "Reaction Platoon" was formed from H&S Company (selected members of Staff sections, Flame Section, Cooks, 81mm Mortar Platoon, and Communications Platoon) and trained in the following subjects: Offensive tactics, individual weapons and the LA/W (basic indoctrination).

(8) Two men from the Flames Section were trained in the nomenclature, functioning, and firing techniques of the .50 caliber MG and positioned on the defensive line with primary mission of flak suppression and engaging long range targets.

e. Fire Support

(1) During the month artillery support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 13th Marines.

(a) There were 41 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.

(b) There was 1 illumination mission fired in support of the Battalion.

(c) There were 570 H&I targets attacked at the Battalion's request.

(d) Eight significant missions were fired in support of the Battalion.

(1) At 041120H G/2/26 fired at troops in the open. Target coverage was good.

(2) At 061800H the Battalion OP fired at active rockets and mortars at XD 802450. Target coverage was good.

(3) At 070150H the Battalion OP fired at active rockets at XD 783455. Target coverage was good.

(4) At 073245H the Battalion OP fired a mission at active MG position at XD 819462. Target coverage was good.

(5) At 200150H Regimental FSCC reported medium troop movement and 3 tracked vehicles at XD 81394579. F/2/26 fired the mission and reported excellent coverage of target.

(6) At 201830 the Battalion fired a mission on enemy trench lines and bunkers at XD 812455. Target coverage was good.

(7) At 271940H F/2/26 fired a mission on an active rocket site at XD 774471. Excellent target coverage with 1 secondary explosion.

(8) At 272305H the Regimental FSCC reported 200 NVA moving south at XD 81394579. G/2/26 fired the mission and reported good coverage on target.

(2) During the month the 81mm Mortar platoon remained in general support of the Battalion.

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- (a) There were 47 HE missions fired in support of the Battalion.
- (b) There were 4 illumination missions fired in support of the Company E.
- (c) 350 H&I targets were attacked.
- (d) Six significant missions were fired in support of the Battalion.

(1) At 041120H fired at troops in the open at XD 819463. Target coverage was good.

(2) At 050400H illumination was fired in support of E/2/26 at XD 807445 while Hill 861A was under attack. Target coverage was excellent.

(3) At 121530H The Battalion OP conducted a mission on an enemy mortar position at XD 807465. One secondary explosion was observed.

(4) At 231130H the Battalion OP conducted a mission on active mortars position at XD 809458. Target coverage was good.

(5) At 251530H the Battalion OP conducted a mission on active mortars at XD 814435. Target coverage was good.

(6) At 290830H G/2/26 conducted a mission on 2-7 troops in the open. Target coverage was good.

f. Air Support. During the month of February the Battalion received the following air support.

- (1) Resupply: 185,400 pounds of supplies and equipment by helicopter.
- (2) DAS/CAS: 18 flights of fixed wing were flown in support of the Battalion.
- (3) TPQ: A total of 143 TPQ missions were conducted including 9 priority missions.
- (4) Medevacs: 12 medevacs were requested and flown.

6. Logistics

a. Supply. Proper supply support for the Battalion has been difficult to achieve in view of the Battalion's location in the field, the remote location of Khe Sanh Combat Base and the weather and the combat situation which has prevailed throughout the month. All major units of the Battalion require helicopter resupply from either Khe Sanh or Dong Ha. At the beginning of the month all classes of supplies, except class II, were obtained from FLSG, Khe Sanh. However the weather and enemy interdiction of resupply aircraft and helicopters found a change in resupply procedure. At present resupply of all classes of supplies, except Class II, is received by helicopter

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from FLSG-B, Dong Ha. Selected items of these classes of supplies are provided by FLSU, Khe Sanh. The new system of resupply is still experiencing growing pains and therefore supply support has not been ideal. It has, however, been generally satisfactory considering the combat conditions which prevail. Class II items of supply are procured from FLSG-A at Phu Bai by the Battalion Supply Section which is located at Phu Bai. Class II items are then shipped by air to the Battalion Supply Forward at Khe Sanh and then shipped to the Battalion at Hill 558 by helicopter. Class II supply therefore also has not been ideal but has been generally satisfactory.

b. Maintenance. Repair parts for 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance has been in short supply and difficult to obtain as a result of the long and complex routes of supply described above. 2nd echelon maintenance and repair facilities for communications, motor transport and ordnance equipment are operated at the Battalion Rear at Khe Sanh Combat Base due to the lack of electricity at the Battalion Command Post. All equipment must be evacuated by air to FLSG-A for 3d and 4th echelon maintenance or repair.

c. Food Service. The Battalion has subsisted on two meals a day of MCIs throughout the month. When available Bravo rations are obtained to supplement the MCIs, a field stove has been in operation at the Command Post to prepare food supplement. To date donuts and soup have been prepared by the Mess Section's "Soup Kitchen" and have been well received.

d. Transportation. Only limited motor vehicle transportation is required. The major units of the Battalion are entirely dependent upon helicopter transportation to and from the Battalion's positions. A MHC-109 is the only vehicle in the field. All the other motor vehicles are at Khe Sanh or Phu Bai. The road nets at Khe Sanh are adequate to transport and stage the Battalion's supplies but are frequently interdicted by enemy fire. Several vehicles have been destroyed and/or damaged by enemy fire. Only air transportation is available to and from Khe Sanh.

e. Water. The water supply for the Combat Base has been sufficient with only sporadic periods of rationing invoked during maintenance periods at the water point. Company E which is OPCON to 3d Bn, 26thMar receives its water supply via helicopter from Dong Ha. The remainder of the Battalion draws its water from two streams which pass in close proximity to the defensive perimeter.

f. Medical, Hospitalization and Evacuation. The BAS is located within the Command Post at Hill 558 and provides the initial treatment of casualties. Personnel requiring evacuation are helicopter medevaced to the clearing station operated by Co C, 3d Medical Battalion at Khe Sanh and then to Delta Med at Dong Ha or Alpha Med at Phu Bai. There have been no significant medical trends during the month.

7. Civil Affairs. No Civil Affairs activity was conducted during this period.

8. Communications. Constant communications has been maintained with the 26th Marines and supporting elements during the month.

a. WIRE. Internal wire communications is employed extensively within the

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Battalion Command Post and to the Companies and organic supporting arms. Internal wire is also employed within the Battalion Rear at the Khe Sanh Combat Base with a trunk line to the 26th Marines and to the 3rd Bn, 26th Marines. External wire communications was made possible with radio relay between the Battalion CP Forward, Battalion Rear, Regiment and the Battalion Secondary Rear at Phu Bai.

b. Radio. Constant internal and external radio communications has been maintained between the Battalion Forward and Rear and to the companies, supporting arms units (to include aircraft), and Regiment.

(1) A covered circuit has constantly been available between Battalion Forward and Regiment. This circuit has been available sporadically with Battalion Rear and Khe Sanh when the required equipment is operational.

(2) The Tactical Air Control Party has been utilizing both VMF and UHF equipment to conduct DAS/CAS missions, to perform HST missions in the Battalion (Forward) landing zone and to transmit medevac requests.

(3) Utilizing AN/FRC-10's a Conduct of Fire net has been established for use by 106mm recoilless rifle Platoon.

c. Radio Relay. Utilizing a AN/TRC-27 with a 4 channel multiplexer, and a 3 man team from Regiment, radio relay has been an asset in making more flexible the external communications for the Battalion. One channel is a direct trunk linking the switchboards of Battalion Forward and Rear. Another channel is a trunk between Battalion Forward and Regiment. Two channels are hot lines connecting Battalion COC and FSCC with the Regimental COC and FSCC respectively. Problems have existed with the equipment, mainly generators, causing frequent interruptions in service. Additional problems are created by hostile fire destroying equipment at Khe Sanh.

d. Message Center. The message center is maintained by the Battalion Rear. Runs are made to the Regimental message center to pick up traffic. The messages are then sent to Battalion forward by courier. All formal files and logs are maintained at Battalion Rear.

e. Maintenance/Supply

(1) Maintenance within 2d echelon capability has kept our deadline to a minimum. Many of the problems pertaining to communications equipment, emanating from field use, have been solved without the necessity for further evacuation.

(2) All supply requirements are processed by the Battalion Rear. The 2d echelon capability could be better if power were readily available. Due to the combat situation power is sporadic at best.

9. Religious Services

a. On 22 February the Battalion Chaplain, Father R. R. BRETT, was killed in action by enemy mortar fire at the Khe Sanh Combat Base while awaiting helicopter transportation to return to the Battalion Command Post at Hill 558. Father Brett had been visiting and conducting religious services for the personnel of Company E at Hill 861A and the Battalion Rear at Khe Sanh Combat Base prior to his death. It was typical of Father Brett's courage and

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devotion to duty that he would unhesitatingly visit the various locations of the Battalion's units in spite of the personal hazards involved due to enemy fire. Father Brett has been recommended for a posthumous decoration.

b. Because of the death of Father Brett and his Chaplain's Assistance the records for the month are incomplete. However Father Brett did celebrate Mass each Sunday for each Company at the Battalion's Hill 558 position and at least one Mass daily. He also conducted non-denominational services for Marines of the Protestant faith on Sundays when a Protestant Chaplain was not available.

c. Protestant services were conducted twice at Hill 558 by the 3d Battalion, 26th Marines Chaplain.

d. Lt Cmdr (Chaplain) H. H. BOND arrived at the Battalion Command Post on 29 February to take up the duties as Battalion Chaplain.

PART IV

Supporting Documents

TAB A to enclosure (1)

Unit Journal

TAB B to enclosure (1)

Operation Plan 1-68
(Counter-Attack Plan)

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2nd BN (Rein), 26th Marines
KHE SANH, RVN
051600 February 1968

OPERATION PLAN 1-68 (Counter-attack plan)

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheet 6342 III
(b) 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines Operation Order 6-68
(c) SOP KHE SANH COI 170800 Jan, 1968

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. The enemy continues to be capable of launching ground attacks against any of our defensive positions. The attack conducted against Co E indicates graphically the willingness and ability of the enemy to penetrate obstacles and reach our defensive position and beyond. Any of the defensive positions in the Khe Sanh area are subject to a vigorous NVA ground attack.

b. Friendly Forces. No change from reference (b).

c. Assumption. That the enemy will launch his major attack against one of the three major avenues of approach (as indicated in Annex A.) into the Battalion's defensive position; and that such an attack is highly probable; and that an attack against our lines could result in a penetration of the defensive perimeter along one of the major avenues of approach indicated in Annex A.

2. MISSION. The 2nd Bn, 26th Marines restore the defensive perimeter by counter-attacking and/or blocking enemy penetrations of the Battalion perimeter.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Each company maintains a reserve platoon, and the Battalion forms a Provisional Platoon to function as the Battalion reserve. All reserve forces will be pre-positioned and prepared to counter penetrations DIVEBLISS, BROUGHTON and/or OVERSTREET. Artillery and mortars preplanned fires in support of counterattack force, fires across the base of the penetration and fire within the penetration.

b. Co F (Rein).

- (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Occupy blocking position A with reserve platoon, and on order conduct counter-attack against penetration DIVEBLISS.
- (3) Be prepared to move to alternate blocking positions or Line of Departure, on order, to counter penetrations BROUGHTON or OVERSTREET.

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c. Co G (Main).

- (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Occupy blocking position F with reserve platoon, and on order conduct counter-attack against penetration OVERSTREET.
- (3) Be prepared to move to alternate blocking positions or Line of Departure, on order, to counter penetrations DIVELISS or BROUGHTON.

d. Co H (Main).

- (1) See Annex A
- (2) Occupy blocking position E with reserve platoon and, on order, conduct counter-attack against penetration BROUGHTON.
- (3) Be prepared to move to alternate blocking positions or Line of Departure, on order, to counter penetrations DIVELISS or OVERSTREET.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon.

- (1) General support.
- (2) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (3) Be prepared to support any counterattack.
- (4) Preplan fires for each penetration.
- (5) Construct dummy positions.

f. 106 RR Platoon.

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (3) Be prepared to support any counter-attack by fire.

g. Battalion Reserve: Provisional Platoons, IES Co.

- (1) Be prepared to occupy assigned Assembly Area, any blocking position or Line of Departure, as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay), and to conduct counter-attacks against penetrations DIVELISS, BROUGHTON or OVERSTREET.
- (2) The Assembly Area at ID 821 044 will be utilized prior to deploying to a blocking position or conducting a counterattack.

h. Coordination Instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) 106 RR Incendiive ammunition to be employed only on order of the Battalion Commander.
- (3) The Lines of Departure BLUE, RAD and RED will be utilized for counterattacks only.
- (4) Any counterattack conducted will continue to engage the enemy only until the Battalion's defensive position has been reinforced.
- (5) All friendly elements located within the penetration will be placed under the maneuvering force commander during the counterattack regardless of the original chain of command.
- (6) Acknowledgments will be held within 24 hours of the receipt of this order.
- (7) H-Hour 0800
- (8) D-Day 6 Feb, 1968
- (9) This plan is effective for planning, on receipt, and execution on order.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.**a. Supply.**

- (1) General Ref. (b)
- (2) Prescribed Load. A minimum of 300 rds per man will be maintained by the Provisional Platoon members. Other ammo and ordnance for the reserve will be prescribed by the Provisional Unit Leader.
- (3) The H&S Commandant will fulfill requests for supplies for the Battalion Reserve.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.**a. Communications-Electronics.**

- (1) Ref. (d)
- (2) All companies will guard radio nets at all times. The Provisional Platoon will come up on the net when activated. The call sign for the Battalion reserve (Provisional Platoon) will be Hasty Feet Yankee 1.
- (3) Signal to launch the counterattack from the LD will be one long whistle blast.

b. Command Posts.

- (1) Companies report location of company and reserve platoon CPs.
- (2) Battalion reserve unit notify S-3 when command group activated and report location of CP.

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ANNEXES:

✓ A-operation overlay

DISTRIBUTION: Rifle Companies (4)
 H&S Company (3)
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07 Feb. to 08 Feb.

TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1405	107	071345H	HF to I: Night activities for 07 Feb.	FR
	1624	108	071624H	HF3a to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1755	109	071735H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 38-68.	FR
	1800	110	071700H	HF to I: SITREP 45-68.	FR
	2040	111	072015H	HF to I: Day activities for 08 Feb.	FR
	2130	112	072050H	Spot report: HFE1 observed two torches at XD830440 moving west. HFE1 at XD825448 fired SA and LAAW, extinguishing lights with unknown results.	FSR
	2235	113	072140H	Spot report: HFE1 at XD827446 heard something in the wire; fired small arms and M-79 with unknown results.	FSR
	2304	114	072300H	HF to I: SITREP 46-68.	FR
2400		115	072400H	140P reports 1 incoming rd at 106's position, no flashes seen. 106's reported 1 incoming grenade, alerted FSCC for possible fire mission upon sighting of any flashes.	FS
	0105	116	080100H	HF3a to HFX: Regarding 08 Feb. resupply: same as for 07 Feb. except change total concentration to 5 sleeves and add 4 field stoves.	FX

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08 Feb. to 09 Feb.

TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL#	DEG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	0538	117	080500H	HF to I: SITREP 46-68.	FR
	0622	118	080508H	Spot report: HF received 8 rds 82mm mortars at XD818453 from XD812445. Fired Arty mission and 81mm mortars, enemy fire ceased at 080518H.	FSR
1433		119	081433H	HF4 to HF3a: Birds diverted to hill 881, should resume re-supply later this P.M.	FS
	1505	120	081505H	HF to I: Night activities for 08 Feb.	FR
	1630	121	081630H	HF3a to HFX: On hand and expenditure report.	FR
	1715	122	081700H	HF to I: SITREP 48-68.	FR
	1837	123	081830H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 38-68.	FR
1925		124	081925H	HF4 to HF3a: Remainder of gear at LSA. Will bring out tomorrow.	FS
	2214	125	082150H	HF to I: Day activities for 09 Feb.	FR
	2300	126	082300H	HF to I: SITREP 49-68.	FR
	2317	127	082317H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply request.	FX
	0500	128	090500H	HF to I: SITREP 50-68.	FR
	1100	129	091100H	HF to I: SITREP 51-68.	FR

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09 Feb. to 09 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	REQ	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1210		130	091210H	HF4 to HF3a: Gear at LSA, waiting for birds to fly.	FS
	1414	131	091414H	HF to I: Night activities for 09 Feb.	FR
	1500	132	091500H	HF3a to HPX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
1705		133	091705H	HF4 to HF3a: No choppers today, will go as soon as air will fly. HP35 has 1 seed per man, will not send this until regular classes of gear get out.	FS
	1705	134	091700H	HF to I: SITREP 52-68.	FR
	1731	135	091731H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 39-68.	FR
1741		136	091741H	HF21 to HFG: Will Pfc GICK of G Co. pay for .45 with cash or want it taken out of his pay?	FS
	2045	137	092045H	HF3a to HPX: Resubmission of TANGO on position report.	FX
2136		138	092136H	HFI to HFG: S-1613, "G" Co; 2 messages from American Red Cross: Son born 1015 A.M. 5 Feb. 68. 2nd message reads: Son died 7 Feb. 68. Funeral arrangements pending, mother is O.E. Family request service man present. Please advise if service man desires leave ASAP.	FS

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09 Feb. to 10 Feb.

TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	2217	139	092203H	HF to I: Day activities for 10 Feb.	FR
	2300	140	092300H	HF to I: SITREP 53-68.	FR
0022		141	100022H	I3 to HF3: CHU NOI program has been canceled. Any person that gives up is a POW. The new theme is "Surrender or Die".	FS
	0507	142	100500H	HF to I: SITREP 54-68.	FR
	0855	143	100815H	HF to HF1: In regards to S-1613; he will be going on emergency leave. Make necessary preparations, will send in ASAP. Leave address is in his SRB.	FR
	1120	144	101100H	HF to I: SITREP 55-68.	FR
	1325	145	101320H	HF to I: Night activities for 10 Feb.	FR
1326		146	101326H	HFX to HF: A-6589 left 782 gear with his platoon commander in "H" Co. Request med numbers of personnel who received his gear ASAP.	EST
1450		147	101450H	HF3b to HF3: Intrigue requests percentage of personnel equipped with gas masks by 1530. Message regarding this on way out by courier because of previous transmission difficulties.	FS

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TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1518	148	101518H	HF to I: Request fixed wing for our control to run on a bunker complex and a .50 Cal. with bunkers. Contact HFI4A on Button Red.	FR
1527		149	101527H	HFX to HF3a: Following fire-crackers sent to your position: *360* hand grenades (Frag.), *90* M-79 rds.	FS
	1600	150	101530H	Spot report: At 1515, 5 A1D's made a low approach from the South over hill 558, and dropped small articles from each plane. Some fell short and landed on the forward slope and on top of 558. A Marine picked up one before receiving word to the contrary and was wounded in left hand and both thighs. Word was passed to all companies not to touch the devices. Called I3 to obtain information on DN.	FSTR
	1600	151	101530H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1645	152	101625H	HF to HFX: In reference to A-6589's gear; (message DTG 101326H)	FX
	1750	153	101750H	HF3a to HFX: Additional on position report.	FX
	1805	154	101630H	Spot report: 1 rocket fired from 799461 impacted at XD825455. Called in Arty. with unknown results.	FSR

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAIN
	1815	155	101700H	HF to I: SITREP 56-68.	FR
	1832	156	101829H	HF to HFX: C-8839 to be medevaced to C Med. (Ref. Spot Report DTG 101530H).	FX
	1905	157	101905H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 40-68.	FR
	1945	158	101925H	HF14 to I14: Request air for 11 Feb. on prerequested targets.	FR
	2012	159	102007H	HF to I: Day activities for 11 Feb.	FR
	2315	160	102300H	HF to I: SITREP 57-68.	FR
	0503	161	110500H	HF to I: SITREP 58-68.	FR
1135		162	111135H	HF34 rear to HF34: Need 2 men for CAC. 0311 volunteers, need med numbers ASAP.	FST
	1226	163	111226H	HF14 to I14: Routine TPQ's for night of 11 Feb.	FR
	1312	164	111300H	HF to HFX: B-9097 and D-6572 from H&S Co. for CAC.	FX
1414		165	111414H	I to HF: Code for today is number 57.	FST
	1437	166	111430H	HF to I: Night activities for 11 Feb.	FR
	1645	167	111625H	CO 26th Marines to all Khe Sanh: when a valid target exists for utilization of M-79 and hand grenade firecracker munition, such utilization may be made without clearance from this H.Q. FST	

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11 Feb. to 12 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1655	168	111655H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1700	169	111620H	HF to I: SITREP 60-68.	FR
	1720	170	111715H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 41-68.	FR
1720		171	111720H	HF1 to HF16: H-6226's family request serviceman's presence. Half brother drowned 2 P.M. 10 Feb. Mother in shock.	FST
1755		172	111755H	HF1 to HF: Division pay officer at Reg. S-1 requests you send Co. pay officers to this position ASAP.	FST
	1835	173	111810H	HF to I: CP locations.	FR
	2055	174	112052H	HF to I: Day activities for 12 Feb.	FR
	2305	175	112300H	HF to I: SITREP 61-68.	FR
	2349	176	112325H	HF to HFX: Resupply for 12 Feb.	FX
	0505	177	120505H	HF to I: SITREP 62-68.	FR
	0900	178	120900H	HF to I: HF OP observed several small explosions and fires occurring approx. XD805487 in the same vicinity of TPQ dropped at 120830H. Continuing to observe same explosions and fires.	FR
	1100	179	121100H	HF to I: SITREP 63-68.	FR

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12 Feb. to 12 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1140		180	121140H	HFX to HFM: Request the two medevac No. of the men going to CAC. These are the same as yesterdays.	FST
	1308	181	121305H	HF to HFX: Requesting mule parts for this position.	FX
1325		182	121325H	HFE to HQ3a: HFE strength report.	FS
	1349	183	121349H	HFI4 to I14: TPQ's for night of 12 Feb.	FR
	1450	184	121425H	HF to I: Night activities for 12 Feb.	FR
	1520	185	121445H	Spot report: From XD820451 HF observed flashes at XD797457 which appeared to be mortar positions. Fired 81mm with excellent coverage of target with unknown results.	FSR
	1600	186	121430H	Spot report: Observed mortar flashes at XD807456, received 4 rds 60mm that impacted at XD817454. Fired 81's with excellent target coverage and unknown results.	FSR
	1600	187	121545H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1809	188	121755H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 42-68.	FR
	1810	189	121800H	HF to I: SITREP 64-68.	FR
	1907	190	121815H	Spot report: HOP7 at XD828446 observed two people at XD837451 carrying what appeared to be a mortar tube. Traveling North to South. OP7 fired 4 rds 81's with unknown results before the men disappeared into the brush.	FSR

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2012	191	122012H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply for 13 Feb.	FX
2147	192	122131H	HF To I: Day activities for 13 Feb.	FR
2315	193	122300H	HF to I: SITREP 65-68.	FR
0500	194	130448H	HF to I: SITREP 66-68.	FR
0715	195	130715H	HFI to HF: T-0158, "H" Co, father requests emergency leave due to the death of his grandmother who raised and supported him from age 3 to age 19.	FST
0905	196	130905H	HFI to HF: Regarding M-1758; family requests service man's presence due to death of father 12 Feb.	FST
0918	197	130918H	HF to HFI: Make arrangements for M-1758 and T-0158 to go on emergency leave. Will send ASAP.	FS
1115	198	131115H	HFX to HF3a: Both Tange's have been located at Dunbar County, one is unserviceable, both are being returned.	FS
1117	199	131117H	HF3h near to HF34: Send K-4705 to this position with all personal gear ASAP. For AA form.	FST
1117	200	131115H	HF to I: Spot report: HF63 received 3 incoming mortar rounds at 1035. Spotted muzzle flashes at XD812445. Fired 1 106 round, Arty was denied.	FSR

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13 Feb. to 13 Feb.

TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1118	201	131100H	HF to I: SITREP 67-68.	FR
	1259	202	131235H	Spot report: G-3 received 1 round 82mm at XD819449.	FSR
	1340	203	131315H	Spot report: G-3 received 2 additional 82mm rounds at XD819449.	FSR
	1520	204	131505H	Spot report: Spotted .50 cal. muzzle flashes at XD805436, fired 5 rds 106mm with good target coverage.	FSR
	1540	205	131535H	HF to I: Night activities for 13 Feb.	FR
1630	1630	206	131620H	HFX to HF: Send 3.5" count on Cadillac report.	FS
	1700	207	131700H	HF to I: SITREP 68-68.	FR
	1706	208	131706H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1820	209	131800H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 43-68.	FR
1823		210	131823H	HF4a to HF3a: HF4a now at this position. Came up from the rear with HF5. Will now be HF4a. Request you get resupply request in ASAP. Also 3.5" launcher count.	FS
	2115	211	132115H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply report.	FX
2030	LATE	212	131714H	I to HF: Group 114 Anti-mechanized Plan 1. Require artillery barrier fire requirement be submitted this HQ no later than 14 Feb 68. 2. Pay particular attention to high speed approaches.	FS

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	1027	1	011015H	HF to HFX: W-4629 infected left scrotum, med evaced to "C" med.	FSX
1207		2	011207H	I to HF: Passwords can be picked up at IS-2 for the month.	FS
1319		3	011319H	HF4 to HF3a: Gear staged LSA, bird will fly this PM, unable to get hose & pump through normal channel, will scrounge.	FS
	1408	4	011315H	HF3 to I: Night activities for 01 Feb.	FR
	1530	5	011519H	HF to HFX: F-5890 will be medevaced to "C" med. Hernia (R) side.	FSX
	1602	6	011558H	HF2 to HF3Z: Have you picked up challenge & password, will they be at this position today?	FS
1615H		7	011620H	HF3b to HF2: Password for today.	FS
	1651	8	011630H	HF3a to HFX: On position & expenditure report.	FX
	1652	9	011644H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 32-68.	FR
2110		10	012133H	HF1 to HF: Notify C-0063 that wife has son.	FST
	2233	11	011956H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply for 02 Feb.	FX
	2300	12	012250H	HF3 to I: Day activities for 02 Feb.	FR
	2309	13	012309H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply for 2nd & 3rd of Feb.	FX
0107		14	020105H	114 to HF14: Request number of air-strikes controlled by 4our Bn. ALO/FAC, since joining 26th Marines.	FS

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02	0203	15	020203H	HF14 to I14: Air-strikes directed without the aid of an AO is ALO-1 and FAC-5.	FR
	0510	16	020510H	HF to I: SITREP 24-68.	FR
	0840	17	020835H	HF2 to I2: Request 48hr. weather forecast and astro. data.	FR
1116		18	021116H	HF4 to HF3a: Birds ready to fly; have filled Class5 except M-2 6.F3	
	1423	19	021405H	HF3 to I: Night activities for 02 Feb.	FR
	1510	20	021505H	HF to HFX: DRG 021430H, M-8390, "G" Co, 3accretion (L) egg. Will redevac ASAP.	FX
1551		21	021500H	Secret, Priority message concerning FIRE PLANNING. From 26th Marines FSCC to all Bn. FSCC.	FS
1645		22	020228Z	Secret, Priority message from CG 3rd MARDIV to 26th Marines: concerning defensive measures. (GPL)	FST
	1648	23	021645H	HF34 to HFX: Request to know why F-6138 is to return to the rear and who he is to report to.	FSX
	1655	24	021650H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 33-68.	FR
1658		25	021658H	HFX to HF34: F-6138 is to report to 1st Sgt. To take care of Unit Diary.	FS

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	2000	26	021915H	HF3 to I: Day activities for 03 Feb.	FR
0100		27	030100H	HFF to HF: Alerted reserve platoon, due to hearing talking from beyond our lines.	FS
0120		28	030105H	I to HF: Since 2200H sensors indicate medium to heavy movement vic XD768195 to XD796482 and N. in Rao Kuan valley. Similar acts. noted N.W. of 881S. Recommend continued alert.	FST
0245		29	030245H	HFI4OP to HF: Flashes at 5140 mills to 5240 mills. Unable to hear firing or rds impacting. Distance-2000 meters.	FS
0320		30	030320H	HFI4OP to HF: Mortar tube flashes 40° at a distance of 1500 to 2000 meters. 2 rds impacted on NE side of 558.	FST
	0910	31	030900H	HF2 to HF34: Have S-2 A-6696 sign fitness report before leaving your position.	FT
	1040	32	031040H	HF3a to HFX: Final check made on grenades; only M-26 on hand.	FX
1116		33	022300H	Delayed Spot Report (F): Fr. XD817451, En. XD817451. Perimeter heard noise on the defensive wire. Man threw grenade; search at 1st light revealed bloody battle dressing & a well defined trail leading west from the wire.	FSR

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03 Feb. to 03 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1240	34	031220H	HFG5 to HEG4: Request remainder of fitness reports sent out today. Plus fitness report on E-5s at R&R center.	FG4
	1345	35	031345H	HF to I: Night activities for 03 Feb.	FR
1559		36	031555H	I to HF: Inform all personnel of CS laying approx. 031600H. Be prepared to use masks.	FST
	1622	37	031622H	HFF4 to I14: Request priority TPQ's at XD808466 and XD813465. Troops in the open digging in. We will observe.	FSR
1625		38	031625H	HFF4 to HF3a: Request on position report ASAP.	FS
	1650	39	031650H	HF3a to HFX: On position and Expenditure report.	FX
	2010	40	031922H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 34-68.	FR
2030		41	032020H	HFF to HF: Reported movement to direct front; hand flare fired.	FS
2033		42	032030H	HF to I: Day activities for 04 Feb.	FR
	2300	43	032116H	Spot report: HF received 1 apparent short round at XD826449.	FR
	2310	44	032156H	Spot report: HF received 3 rds of 82mm at XD826445, returned fire at XD832446 with unknown results.	FR
	2312	45	032115H	Spot report: HFF1 heard movement at XD824451. Fired shotgun and throw grenade, will search at 1st light. (Searched with neg result	FR

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04 Feb. to 04 Feb.

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	0115	46	040113H	HF to I: Request permission to fire 60mm on lights at XD815447.	FR
	0827	47	040827H	HF to HFX: Routine medevac: R-6985, F Co, Hysterical reaction, fair condition, prognosis guarded.	FSX
	0855	48	040855H	HF to HFX: Routine medevac: S-3380, H&S Co, eye refraction, good condition, good prognosis. Referred to NSA, Da Nang.	FSX
	1017	49	041017H	HF to HFX: O-5489, F Co, toothache, routine to A med.	FSX
1135		50	041135H	HFE to HF: In ref. to S-0104; he arrived RVN 27 Jan 68.	FS
	1240	51	041144H	Spot report: HFE reports 3 rds incoming at XD814444, approx. 600 meters outside the wire. Observed source of incoming and requested artillery mission.	FSTR
	1500	52	041436H	HF to I: Night activities for 04 Feb.	FR
1555		53	041555H	HFX to HF: Advise Whiskey Actual that E-5406 will be staying in the rear tonight and will return ASAP in the morning.	FS
	1628	54	041440H	Spot report: Security from HFF2 at XD826449 for wire laying party spotted 1 enemy at XD828451 watching with field glasses, security fired 1 rd. enemy was seen falling with hands in air. Enemy could not be seen after this.	FSR

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04 Feb. to 04 Feb.

TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1726	55	041726H	HF3a to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FSX
1755		56	041755H	HF4 to HF3a: All class 3 and 4 still at LSA. Class 2 extremely difficult, will run wheels tomorrow with Class 5, except M-26.	FS
	1815	57	041815H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 35-68.	FR
1830		58	041830H	TARZAN G to HF: Advise Eng. Agent to stand by to be replaced tomorrow by new team.	FST
	2040	59	042020H	HF to I: Day activities for 05 Feb.	FR
	2045	60	041945H	Spot report: Co F spotted 3 men at XD826448, threw 3 M-26's and used SAE. Will check at 1st light.	FR
	2100	61	042005H	HF to I: Spot report: Co F spotted 7 men at XD826448. Fired M-79 and SA, will search at 1st light.	FR
	2214	62	042150H	Spot report: G2 heard movement at XD818450. Fired 2 M-79 rds. Will check at 1st light.	FR
	2216	63	042151H	Spot report: F1 heard movement to front and received 1 incoming frag. grenade. Fired SA and threw 3 M-26's. Will check at 1st light.	FR

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IN	OUT				
0040		64	042245H	HFX to HF: Received 26th Marines thrust points.	FS
	0808	65	050426H to 050700H	Spot report: Received request from Dunbar County 3 for 81mm illumination and HE in support of HFE who was being hit by an NVA ground attack. Also fired 60mm mortars and 106 RR in support of HFE. HF received 4 incoming 82mm rounds between 050430 and 050610 incurring 1 WIA (minor).	FSRT
0915	0441	66	050441H	HF14 to 114: Request Spaekey to repulse ground attack on Hill 861. (HFE)	FSR
0915	0455	67	050455H	HF14 to 114: TPQ's on XD813462, active mortar and reeked sites.	FSR
0920	0750	68	050750H	HF3a to HFX: Casualty report DTG 050440H, S-5914, G Co, slight shrapnel wound in right shoulder. Returned to duty.	FX
0922	0825	69	050825H	HF3a to HFX: Additional resupply needs. (Class V)	FX
	1045	70	050910H	Spot report (F): HFF1 at XD824449 fired on 3 NVA at XD825449, hitting one. The other two picked him up and carried it away. Spotted same 2 NVA at XD828449 carrying body moving from West to East. Engaged them both times with small arms.	FSR

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TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1045		71	051045H	HF4 to HF3: Choppers should fly this AM. No change in re-supply status except 30 matting frag.	FS
	1412	72	051404H	HF to I: Night activities for 05 Feb.	FR
	1441	73	051442H	HF3 to I3: Regarding 861, HF5 dispatched 16 men to 861A, 6 men have departed this position and 3 more will lift out shortly. 2 companies accompanied the first group.	FR
	1529	74	051529H	HF to HF4: Casualty report: 050430H, C-2811, F, small abrasion left ear, hostile, returned to duty. 050500H, G, punctured right ear, while firing mortar, W-1524, BAS rear. 051115H, H-6856, F, gunshot left 4th toe, accidental discharge, BAS rear.	FR
	1600	75	051600H	Operation Plan 1-68 (Counter-attack plan).	FSR
	1700	76	051655H	HF to I: Request to fire 106 at XD808440.	FR
	1710	77	051630H	HF to I: Rocket impacted at XD832442 from N.W. direction. Another impacted approx. 75 meters beyond, Dunbar County reported rockets fired from 765450. 051655H more rockets fired from same place hitting Khe Sanh.	FSR

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05 Feb. to 06 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1710	78	051635H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1935	79	051935H	HF to HFX: J-5633, H-8789, and H-1892 from H Co, M-7561, E-7385 and S-8736 from F Co. and M-0423, H-1699 and H-8521 from G Co were transferred to HFE.	FX
2114		80	052110H	HFG to HF: Spotted muzzle flashes at 262 ² from XD82244 7.	FS
	2215	81	052205H	HF to I: Day activities for 06 Feb.	FR
0945		82	060945H	HFX to HF: Need to know how many flak jackets and flechett rounds for shotgun are needed.	FS
1120		83	061120H	HF4a to HF3a: Request that Cadillac report be made up by 1600.	FS
1200		84	061200H	HF3a to HF5: Have 30 flechett rds for shotgun, would like 50 for each letter & 100 in reserve.	F5
	1224	85	061224H	HF to HFX: G-4012, G Co. is coming to the rear for blood test.	FX
1315		86	061315H	HFE6 to HF6: Request 1 PW be attached to this unit.	FS
1320		87	061320H	HFX to HF: Revise Cadillac report.	FS
1500		88	061500H	HF1 to HF2: Need info for G-2 on amount of reward paid during the month of Jan. ASAP.	FS

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06 Feb. to 07 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1520	89	061520H	HF to I: Night activities for 06 Feb.	FR
	1545	90	061545H	HF3a to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1805	91	061758H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 37-68.	FR
	1805	92	061758H	HF to HFX: Request info concerning habits of Rock Apes ASAP.	FX
	1807	93	061800H	HF2 to HFX: Negative report on rewards fund for Jan. period.	FX
	1810	94	061810H	HF1 to HFF: Request welfare report on R-3981 ASAP. Wife and mother havent heard from him since 11 Dec.	FT
	1845	95	061840H	HFF to HFX: Ref. msg concerning R-3981; medevaced 24 January.	FX
	1950	96	061945H	HF to I: Day activities for 07 Feb.	FR
	1955	97	061938H	Spot report: HF14 OP reports large fire at XD730550 after B-52 strike.	FSR
	2245	98	062244H	HF22 to HF3: 81mm mission at XD807445 (Illum), and XD808445 (HE) in support of Co. HGU. Started at 062150H, stopped at 062243H.	FS
	0151	99	070151H	I to HF: Intelligence indicates attack coming your way. Be on maximum alert.	FST

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07 Feb. to 07 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL #	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0710		100	070710H	HFT to HF: We are taking incoming, we see where they are firing from. Request permission to fire on them.	FS
0712		101	070712H	HFT to HF: Have given Tia suspend fire, we fired 4 rds in the vicinity of the target.	FS
0910		102	070910H	HF3a to HFX: Add to 07 Feb. resupply: 210 81mm HE, 200 81mm Illum. and 25 81mm WP.	FX
1005		103	070710H	Spot report: 106 RR position at XD819449 received 6 incoming rounds at 070710H; observed puffs of smoke at XD819462 and XD821463. Fired 4 rds 106 RR and 16 rds 81mm at the locations of smoke and received no more incoming. 2 unidentified fin assemblies will be sent to rear for identification, incoming rds were walked in from North to within 15 meters of the 106 RR position.	FSR
1015		104	070800H	HF to I: Found top strands of straight wire cut at XD827447.	FSR
1110		105	071100H	HF to I: SITREP 44-68.	FR
1324		106	071245H	Spot report: HFG3 at XD819449 received 1 burst of machine gun fire from XD819462. Fired arty. with unknown results.	FSR

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13 Feb. to 14 Feb.

TIME IN SET	SERIAL#	DAY	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2153	213	132020H	HF to I: Day activities for 14 Feb.	FR
2240	214	132020H	HF to I: REPEL at XD821452 heard talking and noises 15 meters to their north. LP threw 1 frag grenade and fired SAF then searched the area and found drug marks. Will search at 1st light.	FSR
2300	215	132300H	HF to I: SITREP 69-68.	FR
0500	216	140500H	HF to I: SITREP 70-63.	FR
1016	217	141016H	HF to I: RE: HFAs will not be at the LSA at all times. He is being used in other capabilities.	FS
1100	218	141100H	HF to I: SITREP 71-68.	FR
1210	219	141207H	I to HF: 0330 for today is 22.	FST
1222	220	141215H	HF to I: Hole dropped mail outside of the lines. Two patrols have been sent to retrieve the mail.	FR
1231	221	141025H	Spoc report: HF received 4 rds of 60mm incoming outside wire at XD819448. Ran airstrike on enemy at XD804456.	FSR
1233	222	141230H	HF to HF34: There is no error on A.P. mines. A.T. mines ASAP. FS	
1430	223	141415H	HF to I: Night activities for 14 Feb.	FR

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14 Feb. to 14 Feb.

TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1431		224	141410H	I to HFL4: New freqs. for HFL4.	FS
1455		225	141450H	HF4 to HF3a: Choppers secured for today.	FS
	1503	226	141500H	HF to HFX: On-hand and expenditure report.	FX
	1620	227	141616H	Spot report: Received 2 rds of incoming at XD818449. Air strike on XD808456.	FSR
	1625	228	141608H	HF to I: Patrol searching for the mail dropped by chopper found a few pieces of mail.	FR
1600	1630	229	141600H	HFL to HF: Send the 4 men for CAG in on the resupply.	FS ^T
	1630	230	141507H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 44-68.	FR
1850		231	141850H	HFX to all HF units: Has any HF unit retrieved mail that was dropped from here today, if so, please advise.	FST
	1906	232	141906H	HF to HFX: In regards to previous message about mail; we retrieved 3 packages and 1 news paper, when word is received from I. the search will continue.	FX
	2015	233	142015H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply for 15 Feb.	FX
	2018	234	142017H	HF to I: Request you find out from Black Bud how much mail was dropped.	FR

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	2024	235	142010H	HF to I: Day activities for 15 Feb.	FR
2031		236	142031H	HFX to HF19: Dunbar County's 19 will hold protestant services at your position tomorrow.	FS
	2035	237	141700H	HF to I: SITREP 72-68.	FR
	2300	238	142300H	HF to I: SITREP 73-68.	FR
	0001	239	150001H	All radio frequencies have been changed.	FSTR
0135		240	150135H	HFX to HF5: I3 suspects casualty at your position which has not been reported. Request you send spot report ASAP.	FS
	0203	241	150203H	HF to HF3b: Request spot report be sent to Intrigue ASAP regarding incident at LSA 13 Feb. There have been no known casualties within the last 48 hours.	FX
	0530	242	150530H	HF to I: SITREP 74-68.	FR
	0845	243	150845H	HF to I: We are awaiting info on mail lost yesterday before dispatching any patrols this morning. Has Black Bud provided any info? Please advise.	FR
0925		244	150925H	CO 26th Marines to all stations: FOOGAS report by 152400H, Number and location installed in your AOR.	FS

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15 Feb. to 15 Feb.

TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS.	ACTION COLUMN
IN	OUT				
	1000	245	151000H	HF to I: We have 3 FOGGAS installed, they are located at XD822446, XD823452 and XD824444, plan to install 6 more today.	FR
	1107	246	151107H	HF to I: SITREP 75-68.	FR
	1125	247	151125H	HF3a to HFX: 1 partially filled mailbag found in gerge by Fox today belonging to Black Bud. Will send to rear next opportunity.	FX
	1136	248	151136H	HF to I: Have located the partially full and 2 full bags of mail belonging to Black Bud. Will send to the rear ASAP.	FR
	1215	249	151215H	HF to HFX: Request status of request for Hardship Transfer by F-7350. Request made in CONUS while on emergency leave, 04 Dec. 67, please send information from Division.	FX
1224		250	151224H	HFI to HF: Regarding E-4740's grandmother: diagnosis cancer of the breast, prognosis guarded. In good spirits, should anything happen will contact Red Cross for Emergency Leave.	FST
	1401	251	151440H	HF to I: Night activities for 15 Feb.	FR
	1456	252	151455H	HF to I: Spot report: received incoming mortar rounds from XD808453, 3 rds inside the wire.	FSR

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15 Feb. to 16 Feb.

TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1605	253	151430H	HF to I: Spot report: received 9 rds 60mm mortar fire from XD810453 and XD814452. Fired arty and 81mm missions also requested air strike.	FSR
	1657	254	151655H	HF to I: SITREP 76-68.	FR
	1737	255	151735H	HF to I: All 9 FOOGAS in position.	FSR
	1740	256	151736H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 45-68.	FR
	2035	257	152000H	HF to I: Day activities for 16 Feb.	FR
	2113	258	152113H	HF3a to HFX: Resupply for 16 Feb.	FX
	2300	259	152300H	HF to I: SITREP 78-68.	FR
	0500	260	160500H	HF to I: SITREP 78-68.	FR
0930		261	160930H	HFX to HF6: HF34 rear requests to know if HF6 will be returning to this position for renewell of medevac No. C-6940.	FS
	1015	262	161015H	HF to HF34 rear: HF5 will be coming to the rear this day and will talk to C-6940.	FX
	1100	263	161100H	HF to I: SITREP 79-68.	FR
1130		264	161130H	HFX to HF6: Pay Officer must be back at HFH rear by 1300.	FST

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16 Feb. to 16 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1237	265	161232H	HF to I: Day activities for 16 Feb. (Additional)	FR
	1435	266	161430H	HF to I: Intention to lay minefield.	FR
	1450	267	161443H	HF10 to I10: Use of Company TAC nets.	FR
	1503	268	161500H	HF to I: Night activities for 16 Feb.	FR
	1600	269	161545H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
1615		270	161610H	I to HF: Code for today is 09.	FST
1650		271	161630H	HF4 to HF: Need to know the number of shotguns at all HF units.	FST
	1651	272	161650H	HF to I: Received mortar fire at XD818454 from XD815468. Fired	
				Arty mission resulting in 1 secondary explosion.	FR
	1711	273	161700H	HF to I: SITREP 80-68.	FR
	1712	274	161705H	HF to I: INTSUM 46-68.	FR
1815		275	161815H	HFX to HF: Will send 58 pallets of C's to be held as 15 day	
				reserve in case of bad weather. Request resupply request	
				that was sent in earlier.	FS
	1915	276	161910H	HF to HFX: Routine medevac tomorrow morning; W-6603, "G" Co,	
				possible fracture of right 3rd finger.	FX

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1935	277	161610H	HF to I: Spot report: HFM3 patrol found 10-15 covered foxholes at XD823441, positions looked to be about 1 month old. Holes weren't deep enough to be destroyed.	FSR
	2115	278	162050H	HF to I: Day activities for 17 FEB.	FR
2238		279	162238H	HFM4 to HF: Strain gas with gauze, etc. for stoves and lanterns.	FST
	2300	280	162300H	HF to I: SITREP 81-68.	FR
2325		281	162325H	HFM6 to HFM6: Message from HFM6 to Dunbar County 14 in reference to digging noises west of their position and their solution.	FS
0045		282	170045H	Regimental S-2 notified HF of unknown type of activity approx. 2000 meters to our north. OP was alerted.	FST
	0500	283	170500H	HF to I: SITREP 82-68.	FR
	1010	284	171010H	HFM3 to I3: In reference to msg. DTG 161450H; information on location and completion of minefields on perimeter.	FR
	1030	285	171030H	HFM3a to HFM3: Heavy fog, no break in sight.	FS
	1117	286	171100H	HF to I: SITREP 83-68.	FR
	1137	287	171035H	Spot report: GMP3 at XD817450 received 4 sniper rounds, the shots were heard fired from approx 150 meters N.W. of their position. GMP notified. No further rounds were received.	FR

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TIME		SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1143	288	170940H	Spot report: Received 2 incoming 60mm at XD819452 and XD816451 observed flashes at XD814468 and fired 81mm mortars with excellent target coverage.	FR
	1415	289	171410H	HF to I: Night activities for 17 Feb.	FR
	1430	290	171430H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1440	291	171435H	HF to I: Day activities for 18 Feb.	FR
	1620	292	171617H	HF3 to I3: Minefield progress report.	FR
	1703	293	171700H	HF to I: SITREP 84-68.	FR
	1705	294	171701H	HF to I: INTSUM 47-68.	FR
	2011	295	172000H	HF3 to I3: Minefield progress report.	FR
2032		296	172032H	HF4 to HF: Need to know amount of M-79 rds for following let numbers: JA-3-1A and JA-3-2A ASAP.	FST
	2100	297	172100H	HF to HF4: Number of rds for the following let numbers: JA-3-1A (18) and JA-3-2A (45).	FSX
	2300	298	172300H	HF to I: SITREP 85-68.	FR
	0425	299	180400H	Spot report: GLP1 at XD821446 received schrapnel from a TPQ which was dropped 75 meters from their position. No one was hurt.	FSR

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18 Feb. to 18 Feb.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	0500	300	180500H	HF to I: SITREP 86-68.	FR
	0955	301	180955H	HF to HFI: Casualty report: M-5887, H Co, schrapnel R. arm at 171810H, Non-hostile. Man was in hole, 81's were registering.	FX
	1045	302	181045H	HF to I: Night and day activities for 18 and 19 Feb. respectively.	FR
	1046	303	181013H	HF3 to HF3a: Obtain minefield recording sheets and mine signs.	FX
	1047	304	181023H	HF3 to I3: Progress report on mine fields.	FR
	1050	305	181050H	HF to I: SITREP 87-68.	FR
	1404	306	181359H	HF to HFI: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1530	307	181520H	HF14 to I14: Request for TPQ's.	FR
1640		308	181635H	HFH rear to HFI: Need V-8234 in the rear.	FST
1641		309	181640H	HF34 rear to HF34: Results of Promotion Board to Cpl and L/Cpl.	FST
	1710	310	181700H	HF to I: SITREP 88-68.	FR
1740		311	181740H	HF4 to HF: Need count of 60mm mortar H.E.	FS
	1755	312	181753H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 48-68.	FR
	1910	313	181905H	HF to HF4: Count on 60mm HE.	FX
	2050	314	182035H	HF3 to I3: Progress report on the mine fields.	FR

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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	2114	315	182030H	Spot report: GLP1 heard movement at XD822446, threw M-26, movement stopped, XXXXXXXX Checked area with negative results. PSR	
	2300	316	182300H	MF to I: SITREP 89-68.	FR
	0458	317	180458H	Spot report: Received 5 rds incoming of unknown caliber, suspect friendly artillery W&I's. Will conduct crater analysis at first light and advise. No casualties.	FR
	0507	318	190500H	MF to I: SITREP 90-68.	FR
	1100	319	191100H	MF to I: Day and night activities for 19 Feb.	FR
	1100	320	191100H	MF to I: SITREP 91-68.	FR
	1157	321	180458H	Spot report: Searched area this morning where the rds impacted discovering a crater at XD82504445 which proved to be from a 105. FR	
	1220	322	191110H	Spot report: Received 1 rd 60mm at XD820451 from unknown enemy position, 1 minor WIA, 1 emergency, 1 priority, and 1 routine.	FR
	1239	323	191215H	Spot report: Received 1 rd 60mm at XD819450, did not observe flashes.	FR
	1315	324	191253H	Spot report: Received 1 rd from XD811456 at XD821449. Artillery mission was called.	FR

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TIME IN	OUT	SERIAL#	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
	1340	325	191340H	WF to HFX: Casualty report.	FX
	1345	326	191323H	Spot report: Received 1 60mm at XD819449 from vic. XD813453. Fired 81's on target, unknown results.	FR
	1510	327	191350H	WF3a to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1700	328	191700H	WF to I: INTSUM 49-68.	FR
	1700	329	191700H	WF to I: SITREP 92-68.	FR
	1848	330	191848H	WF3 to I3: Minefield progress report.	FR
	1930	331	191930H	WF3a to HFX: Are money orders available at your position? All but 15 firecracker rounds were recovered; 15 were mistakenly fired by HFG, will retain 74 at this position (you have one).	FXS
	2025	332	192025H	WF3a to HFX: Resupply for 22 Feb.	FX
2032		333	192032H	WF1 to WF: C-0834, WFG, wife had son at 0623, 18 Feb. weight 7 lbs, 8 1/2 oz, 22" long, both fine.	FST
	2300	334	192300H	WF to I: SITREP 93-68.	FR
	0435	335	200300H	Spot report: Received a total of 4 incoming rds inside our lines in vic. XD825445 which were suspected friendly WFI's. Notified Intrigue Bailey to cancel artillery fires south of our position. FSR	

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	0500	336	200500H	HF to I: SITREP 94-68.	FR
0955		337	200955H	HFX to HF: Water must be rationed with care as your ex position supply may have to last for some time.	FST
	1043	338	201030H	HF to I: Spot report: Received 1 rd 60mm at XD819449 from XD810452. 81mm mission called and requested clearance, then fired 5 rds 81mm HE with good coverage of target.	FSR
	1100	339	201100H	HF to I: SITREP 95-68.	FR
	1155	340	201135H	HF to I: Spot report: Received 2 rds 60mm at XD818449 from XD810452. No fire mission because of friendly patrol close to the area.	FSR
1253		341	201242H	HFE to HF: Strength report.	FS
	1330	342	201300H	HF to I: Spot report: Received 2 rds 60mm from unknown position at XD810450. Fired pre-plan w/3 rds HE w/unknown results.	FSR
	1400	343	201358H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
1515		344	201507H	I to HF: Code for today is (19).	FST
1533		345	201528H	HFX to HF: How much CS?	FS

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IN	OUT				
	1719	346	201710W	WF to WF4: On CS 274 & 9	FX
	1720	347	201708W	WF to WF4: 800 MCI & 1 heat case	FX
	1723	348	201700W	WF to I: Sitrep 96	FR
	1730	349	201724W	WF to I: Intsum 50	FR
	2300	350	202300W	WF to I: Sitrep 97	FR
2315		351	202315W	G Co spotted apparent mortar at 836455. F Co OP notified.	FR
	0500	352	210500W	WF to I: Sitrep 98	FR
	1050	353	211025W	WF to I: night acts for 21 Feb and day acts for 22 Feb.	FMR
	1100	354	211100W	WF to I: Sitrep 99	FR
	1610	355	211555W	WF to I: Spt Rept: received 1 incoming mortar rd at 823446. Counter-mortar fired.	FSR
	1630	356	211614W	WF to I: Spt Rept: received 1 incoming mortar rd, counter- mortar fired.	FSR
	1700	357	211700W	WF to I: Sitrep 100	FR
	1725	358	211700W	WF to I: Intsum 51	FR

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IN	OUT				
/	2310	359	212300H	MF to I: Sitrep 101	FR
2338		360	212338H	I to MF: concerning radio relay	FS
	2340	361	212340H	MF to I: reply concerning radio relay	FR
	0324	362	220235H-	MF to I: Spt Rept: 2 men at different pos spotted 2 men on the wire at 824452 from a distance of 40m. Fired SAF w/neg results.	FSR
	0510	363	220500H	MF to I: Sitrep 102	FR
	1055	364	221054H	MF to I: received 1 rd 82mm at 822448 fm 813455. Fired counter mortar fire with 18 rds WE. 1 medevac.	FR
	1115	365	221040H	MF to I: night acts for 22 Feb and day acts for 23 Feb.	FMR
	1200	366	221150H	MF to MFL: cas rept DTG 221035. N-6582 critical cond. medevaced to D Med. G 9961 return to duty.	FS
	1307	367	221300H	MF to MFX: Pos and expenditure rept	FX
1343		368	221343H	MFX to MF: heard voices at 819444. Would rather not move any of my people further out;	FS
1356		369	221356H	MFX to MF: need count of M-26, ASAP	FS

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	1525	370	221054H	HF to I: Final Spt Rpt: received following rds (82mm) at given times and coords, 1054-813455, 1115-812458, 1130-80994541, also at 1313 & 1340 at last coord. Fired counter-mortar w/ 21 rds 81 MM. 6 rds Arty called and fired. 5 rds 106 RR w/ one secondary explosion reptd. air on call. 1 medevac and 1 man WIA.	FSR
	1700	371	221700H	HF to I: Sitrep 104	FR
	1800	372	221800H	HF to I: Intsum 52	FR
	2100	373	222100H	HF to I: Spot Rpt. at 222100H OP spotted light from 1 vehicle at 813460-813459 and heard the sound of 1 engine. 7 rds of 106 RR fired and TPQ was run. 2 secondary explosions rept.	FR
	2300	374	222300H	HF to I: Sitrep 105	FR
	0507	375	230500H	HF to I: Sitrep 106	FR
	1033	376	231030H	HF to I: night and day acts	FR
	1100	377	231100H	HF to I: Sitrep 107	FR
	1335	378	231330H	HF to I: GLP found bunkers on patrol	FSR

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IN	OUT				
	1340	379	231330H	HF to I: Marine stepped on Fr mine	FR
	1450	380	231115H	HF to I: Spot Rept: received 24 rds sporadic 60mm & 82mm mortars vic 818448 from 808455, 813460, 809457 between 1115H and 1405H. Counter mortar fired, arty, 106 RR missions fired, air strike run. TPQ Called. 1 man Medevaced, 3 minor WIAs.	FR
	1505	381	231505H	I4 to HF: Req if air strike was run on 8640 today ASAP.	FS
	1610	382	231610H	HF3A to HFX: Cadillac Rept	FS
	1620	383	231620H	HF to HFL: Casualty Rept	FS
	1700	384	231655H	HF to I: Intsum 53	FR
	1705	385	231700H	HF to I: Sitrep 108	FR
	2158	386	232150H	HFX: resupply for 25 Feb.	FS
	2300	387	232300H	HF to I: Sitrep 109	FR
0120		388	240120H	I to HF: SLAB sighting at 813457. Arty fired at 813458 & HF adjusted to 813459. Unk results.	FS
0335		389	240335H	Bn OP heard 1 Gravel go off approx 500m to front. F Co repts seeing flash in same area at same time.	FS

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0400	390	280400H	81mm fire mission at active mortar pos 815459.	FS
0500	391	240500H	HF to I: Sitrep 110	FR
0900	392	240900H	HF to HF: T-0158 of HFH req 15 day extension of emer. leave. Grandmother died 11 Feb. Doctor req Marines presence due to Grandfather. (Ans. HFH notified, leave granted.)	FS
0915	393	240915H	HF to HF: on hand & ex penditures	FSX
1055	394	241050H	HF to HF: pos Blaymore count is 187	FSX
1106	395	241106H	HF to I: Night acts for 24 Feb and day acts for 25 Feb.	PMR
1107	396	241100H	HF to I: Sitrep 111	FR
1155	397	241155H	HF to HFL: Casualty rept. O-2186 non hostile. Meds. to C Med	FX
1200	396	241100H	HF to I: Spt Rept: Plt Embr. stepped on Fr mine.	FR
1320	397	241320H	HF to I: En mortar tube spotted by OP.	FR
1330	398	241330H	HF to I: air strike at 809453.	FR
1500	399	241419H	HF3 to I3: the following TGTs are recommended for incorporation on the target list for OP plan 6268: (all XD) 817439, 815435, 816430, 820425, 828429, 837438, 833446, 838444, 843441. Fwd NO.	FR

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1535		100	241535H	I to HF: code for today is 74	FR
	1545	101	241640H	HF to I: Spot Rept: OP at 828446 obs white antenna in grass at 831552. Fired 1 LAAW and several SA rds.	FR
	1740	102	241735H	HF to I: Intsum 54	FR
	1745	103	241700H	HF to I: Sitrep 112	FR
	1907	104	241900H	HF to I: Spot Rept: OP obs what appears to be secondary Expl.	FR
	2007	105	242007H	HF to I: spotted what appears to be a vehicle traveling north to south via 824465.	FR
	2030	106	243030H	HF to I: Spot Rept: received 4 rds unk large caliber.	FR
	2125	107	242120H	HF to I: Spot Rept: FPQ run at 812457 to 822457 with 9 secondary explosions, one possibly powder fire.	FR
	2304	108	242300H	HF to I: Sitrep 113	FR
	2335	109	242335H	HF to I: msg concerning minefields.	FR
	0150	110	250425H	HF to I: Spot Rept: received 1 incoming mortar rd at 818409. appeared to be 60mm	FR
	0500	111	250500H	HF to I: Sitrep 114	FR

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IN	OUT				
1000	1000	412	250900H	HF to I: additional day acts for 25 Feb.	FR
	1010	413	251000H	HF to HFX: on hand and expenditures rept	FSX
	1200	414	251100H	HF to HFL: casualty rept. B 7604 slight shrapnel. To duty	FSX
	1220	415	251015H	HF to I: Spt Rept: received 2 large rockets, 2 82mm mortars 4 60mm mortars from 773478 & 798467.	FR
	1300	416	251255H	HF to I: night acts for 25 Feb	FMR
1350		417	251343H	I3 to HF3: heavy sensor movement at 814458.	FS
	1409	418	251345H	HF to I: Sitrep 115	FR
	1532	419	251530H	HF3 to I3: commenced minefield at 822452 est completion	FR
			261030H		
	1533	420	250945H	HF to I: Spt Rept: 3 secondary explosions at 807447 & 807459 from fixed wing air strike.	FR
	1710	421	251700H	HF to I: Sitrep 116	FR
1717		422	251710H	I to HF: req no. of incoming rds plus casualties.	FS
	1740	423	251730H	HF to I: ref 422, 8 incoming rds, 1 WIA.	FR
	1811	424	251800H	HF to I: Intsum 55	FR

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	2020	425	252020H I to HF: blackout instructions	FR
	2350	426	252300H HF to I: Sitrep 117	FR
	0410	427	260410H I to All stations: commence anti-mech. condition 3	FS
	0515	428	260512H HF to I: Sitrep 118	FR
	0930	429	260845H HF to HMX: on hand and expenditures	FSX
	1100	430	261040H HF3 to I3: Initiation & completion of minefield	FR
	1110	431	261100H HF to I: Sitrep 119	FR
	1130	432	261130H I to HF: submit rept on all rds fired at En trenches (60mm, 81mm, 106 RR) from 242400H to 252400H.	FS
	1144	433	261130H HF to I: Night activities for 26 Feb.	FR
	1200	434	261200H HF to I: Fired 4 rds 106 RR, 20 rds 81mm HE and 6 rds 81mm WP for marking airstrikes at enemy trenches.	FSR
	1250	435	260930H HF to I: AO Reported results of airstrikes run from XD797470 to XD803474. Bunker complex of 10-15 bunkers were uncovered by airstrikes; additional airstrikes have been requested.	FSR
	1312	436	261055H HF to I: Spot report: HOP7 at XD828446 fired on 3 enemy who were carrying SA's at XD831448 with unknown results. Area is being kept under observation.	FSR

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IN	OUT				
	1322	437	260610H	Spot report: received 1 rd of large caliber HE at XD825442. Crater analysis revealed Arty rd from general direction of Khe Sanh Combat Base.	FSR
1325		438	261325H	I to HF: Code for 26 Feb. is 88.	FST
	1455	439	261450H	HF to I: Casualty report: E-5574 NBC in minefield.	FSR
	1612	440	261530H	Spot report: Observed suspected .50 cal. flashes at XD813437. Fired 3 rds 106 RR, fire ceased.	FR
	1640	441	261515H	Spot report: Observed mortar flashes at XD806444. Fired 106 RR Huey's also engaged. Fire ceased.	FR
	1642	442	261420H	HF to I: Spot report: Two men wounded by mine at XD825444. One man moved to "C" Med.	FSR
	1730	443	261535H	HF to I: Spot report: received 3 rds 60mm from 815465 and 814 435. 81st mission fired.	FSR
	1731	444	261700H	HF to I: SITREP 120.	FR
	1732	445	261716H	HF to I: LTRSUM 56.	FR
	1745	446	261740H	HF to HQ: Casualty report: A-6794 ref spot report 261420H.	FX

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	1845	447	261835H	HF to I: Minefield is complete at XD827443.	FR
	2100	448	262045H	HF to I: Spot report: Lights seen blinking at XD814467, will continue to observe.	FSR
	2300	449	262300H	HF to I: SITREP 121.	FR
	0500	450	270500H	HF to I: SITREP 122.	FR
	0930	451	270930H	HF to HFX: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1018	452	270945H	Spot report: Received 3 rds 60mm in vic XD822451, observed 5 NVA at XD815459 (same area) fired 81mm mission with unknown results.	FRS
	1050	453	271035H	HF to I: Night acts for 27 Feb, and day acts for 28 Feb.	FR
	1150	454	271050H	Spot report: Received 2 60mm rds at XD822451. Air strike run on En. at XD815468 with unknown results.	FSR
	1233	455	271210H	HF to I: Acknowledge receipt of your msg 250436Z Feb. 68.	FR
	1418	456	271305H	Spot report: Airstrikes run at XD815468-XD815465 resulted in 29 secondary explosions and 1 large bunker partially destroyed.	FSR
	1455	457	271157H	Spot report: Received 1 60mm at XD821453. At 1355 received 2 rds 60mm from XD815459 and XD809457, fired 81mm mission, will continue to observe. FSR	
	1555	458	271530H	HF to HFX: S-0561, F Co, sprained right ankle; to "C" Med, non-hostile.	FX
	1700	459	271637H	HF2 to I: INTSUM 57.	FR
	1702	460	271700H	HF to I: SITREP 124.	FR

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	1810	461	271725H	Spot report: Air strike at XD816467- 816468 resulted in 8 small secondaries.	FSR 5
	1957	462	271923H	Spot report: Received 1 rd of rocket fire at XD820449. Fired Arty mission at XD771471 with good target coverage.	FSR
	2008	463	271915H	Spot report: Air strike run at XD817469; 4 D-9 bombs failed to detonate.	FSR
	2300	464	272300H	HF to I: STORM 125.	FR
2300		465	272300H	I to HF: 200 troops heard moving at XD814458 headed south.	
	2340	466	272345H	Spot report: Movement heard in wire at XD819451. Fired 30 rds GAF with unknown results.	FSR
	2345	467	272245H	at XD820451 Spot report: Received 2 incoming rds from suspected Recoilless Rifle; fired Arty mission at XD812460 with unknown results.	FSR
	2352	468	272305H	Spot report: Ltr at XD827443 observed 10 NVA at XD828443 moving north towards wire. Starlight scope dispatched.	FSBT
	0500	469	280500H	HF to I: STORM 126.	FR
	0900	470	280850H	HF to I: Water runs will be using waterpoint at XD821444 until 1700.	FR
	1040	471	281040H	HF to HEY: On position and expenditure report.	FX
	1110	472	281100H	HF to I: Night acts for 28 Feb. and day acts for 29 Feb.	FR
	1111	473	281100H	HF to I: STORM 127.	FR
1120		474	281120H	I to HF: Need to know posits by coordinates of 105's, 60 & 81mm mortar and 3.5 rockets.	FS

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	1420	475	281420H	HF3 to I3: pos by coords of 106s, 81s, 3.5s	FR
	1452	476	281445H	HF to I: revised nite acts for 28 Feb	FR
	1534	477	281530H	HF3 to I3: commencement of minefield	FR
1651		478	281645H	HF3 to HF: HF4 wants to know the amount of ammo you can store DOD	FS
	1701	479	281700H	HF to I: Sitrep 128	FR
	1712	480	281712H	HF to I: Intsum 58	FR
2000		481	282000H	I to all stations: max effort to improve def pos with wire.	FS
2030		482	281850H	HF1 to HF3: strength Rept	FS
2215		483	282210H	HF3 to HF: LP at 018449 detected movement and threw 1 M-26 Unk res.	FSR
	2300	484	282300H	HF to I: Sitrep 129	FR
	0021	485	290020H	HF to I: HF6 ans. to I msg DTG 282000H regarding def wire.	FR
	0057	486	290030H	HF to I: secondary explos. from TPQ 5000m on 5740 mls from 820451	FR
	0136	487	290136H	I2 to HF: 807463 has medium en movement	FS
	0555	488	290355H	I2 to HF: En movement ceased	FS
	0503	489	290500H	HF to I: Sitrep 130	FR
	1044	490	291044H	HF3A to HF: I4 wants No. of AT mines in field. Referred him to you.	FSX
	1105	491	290930H	HF to I: OP fired 81mm msn on 5-7 en at 808465 with unk results	FR
	1200	492	291125H	HF to I: Sitrep 131	FR
	1205	493	291100H	HF to I: day and night acts	FR

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	1210,	494	291115H	HF3A to HFX: resupply req	FSX
	1235	495	291230H	I4 to HF: How many AT mines do you want	FS
	1248	496	291130H	HF to I: HF FAC on OP ran airstrikes at 808455, heavy coverage	FR
530		497	291620H	HF4 to HF: req no. of SIDS at pos; none.	FS
	1632	498	291630H	HF to HFE: send no. of En KIA and No. of wons capt.	EST
134		499	291555H	I to HF: multi-source intell indicates poss of infantry attack 2000 supported by heavy arty. Target unk. recommend increased alertness	FS
	1710	500	291700H	HF to I: Sitrep 132	FR
	1735	501	291720H	HF to I: Intsum 59	FR
	1755	502	291615H	HF to I: Spt Rept: airstrike at 814464 had 55 secondary explosions	FR
	1851	503	291850H	HF to I: minefield at 818449 was removed & relocated	FR
	1853	504	291830H	HF to I: moved all ambushes up hour due to intell	FR
	1930	505	291.10H	HF to HFI: casualty rept: F1907 F Co shrapnel left cheek. To duty	FS
	2148	506	291945H	HF3 to I3: completion of minefields, minefield at 820447 & 820453	FR
	2236	507	292125H	HF to I: received incoming rd, believed to be 60mm at 800452	FR
	2240	508	292110H	HF to I: heard movement on wire at 819451. 1 M-26 frag thrown	FR
	2300	509	292300H	HF to I: Sitrep 133	FR

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