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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

Organizational Data

1. Designation

Date Commander

2c Battalion, 1st Marines

1-31May68 LtCol B. R. DUNCAN, USMC

Executive Officer

1-31May68 Major E. F. MANN, USMC

Seargent Major

1-31May68 SgtMaj C. HAAS

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Subordinate Elements

H&S Company

1-17May68 1stLt W. F. MCQUILLEN, USMCR

18-31May68 1stLt H. E. COWAN JR USMC

Company "E"

1-31May68 Captain T. H. EAGEN, USMC

Company "F"

1-19May68 Captain T. R. OLIVER, USMC

20-31May68 1stLt T. P. LANG USMCR

Company "G"

1-31May68 Captain C. E. WOODS, USMC

Company "H"

1-31May68 Captain F. J. MAHADY USMC

Attached Units

None

2. Location. 1-31May68 Quang Tri Prov and Thua Thien Prov

3. Staff Officers

S-1

1-31May68 1stLt. H. E. COWAN JR., USMC

S-2

1-31May68 1stLt. S. R. WELCH, USMC

S-3

1-31May68 Major W. E. WRIGHT, USMC

S-4

1-31May68 1stLt J. D. BURRILL, USMC

S-5

1-17May68 1stLt. W. F. MCQUILLEN, USMCR

18-31May68 1stLt H. E. COWAN JR. USMC

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC	
OFF	ENL
32	1050

USN	
OFF	ENL
3	59

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Personnel and Administration

a. Number of personnel as replacements

- (1) Marine Officers - 2
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 122
- (3) Naval Officers - 1
- (4) Naval Enlisted - 8

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Personnel received via Regiment via Division

- (1) Marine Officers - 0
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 5
- (3) Naval Officers - 0
- (4) Naval Enlisted - 0

c. Number of personnel rotated

- (1) Marine Officers - 1
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 35
- (3) Naval Officers - 0
- (4) Naval Enlisted - 3

d. Casualties

(1) Battle

- (a) KIA - Marine Officers - 2
Marine Enlisted - 24
Naval Enlisted - 2
- (b) WIA- Marine Officers - 3
Marine Enlisted - 88
Naval Enlisted - 8

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(2) Non-Battle

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- A. Serious - Marine Enlisted - 2
- B. Non-serious - Marine Enlisted - 45
- C. Deaths - Marine Enlisted - 0

e. Number of personnel dropped while sick:

- (1) Marine Officers - 1
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 52
- (3) Naval Enlisted - 2

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f. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the Battalion continues to be excellent. One major factor is the out of country R&R program. Supplemental rations, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread and fruit juice have been distributed to all personnel and been received with much enthusiasm. This provides an excellent change from in excess of five (5) months of straight C-Rations.

g. Awards

- (1) The following were recommended for higher approval:
 - A. Navy Cross - 1
 - B. Silver Star - 5
 - C. Bronze Star - 9
 - D. Navy Commendation - 0

h. Promotions

- (1) Corporal to Sergeant - 2
- (2) Lance Corporal to Corporal - 45
- (3) Private First Class to Lance Corporal - 59
- (4) Private to Private First Class - 4

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a. ENEMY, WEATHER, AND T-SIGAIN

a. General. Ground contact and shelling had increased during the month of May. The enemy fired approximately 600 rounds of medium and heavy artillery, rockets, and mortars into the Khe Sanh Combat Base. Shelling was harassing in nature.

During the period 7 thru 8 May the Battalion was operating Southeast of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. No ground activity was encountered during this period.

During the period 8 thru 12 May the Battalion operated in and around Hill 884 North. Ground contact was made by one Company while firing at an active enemy mortar. The Battalion received a considerable amount of enemy mortar and artillery fire. Bunker complexes found in this area indicated that the enemy had recently operated in this area. Armed rockets were discovered and destroyed by use of demolitions.

On 17 May one Company made contact with an estimated NVA Company Southwest of Hill 474.

During the period 19 thru 22 May the Battalion operated to the North and Southwest of the Khe Sanh Combat Base. On 19 May the Battalion made heavy contact with an estimated 2 NVA Companies. The enemy was dug in along the main Supply Route extending Southwest from Khe Sanh Combat Base.

During the period 22 thru 31 May the Battalion assumed the defense of the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

The following intrusion detection and target acquisition devices were obtained during the month of May: one (1) PPS-5 Radar Set and two (2) PPS-6 Radar Sets. Companies have school trained operators. During the month of May, three (3) men completed the Dyemarker Equipment Operators Course at Dong Ha Combat Base.

b. Enemy Casualties Inflicted

- (1) VC/NVA KIA Confirmed 137
- (2) VC/NVA Captured 2
- (3) VC/NVA Rallyers 0

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c. Order of Battle. During the month of May, elements of the 304th Division had been operating in the Scotland II Area of Operation. In early May the enemy operated in the Southern portion of the AO, and since has moved units to the Southeast and East of our Battalion Area of Operation. Units operating near our Area of Operation are believed to be located at:

- (1) 8th Battalion, 29th Regiment is located at 950480
- (2) 9th Regiment, 304th Division is located at 950440
- (3) 24th Regiment, 304th Division is located at 900360
- (4) 56th Regiment, 304th Division is located at 850295

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i. Legal

a. Office hours	(2)
b. Summary Court-Martial (Completed)	(0)
c. Summary Court-Martial (Pending)	(0)
d. Special Court-Martial (Completed)	(3)
e. Special Court-Martial (Pending)	(3)
f. General Court-Martial (Recommended)	(2)
g. Investigations (Completed)	(11)
h. Investigations (Pending)	(4)

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3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Although tasked for the entire period with the defense of Khe Sanh Combat Base, the Battalion was temporarily relieved of this mission on three occasions to conduct battalion-sized operations in the Khe Sanh Area. In addition, the Battalion furnished forces for road sweep and convoy security, Bald Eagle and Sparrow Hawk reaction forces, as well as personnel for administrative and support functions for Task Force Hotel and the combat base.

b. Battalion-sized operations were conducted from 1-5 May 1968, 8-12 May 1968, and 19-22 May 1968 in the general vicinity of Hills 222, 881 (N) and 471, respectively. Platoon and company-sized operations were conducted daily in the Khe Sanh vicinity during period when the Battalion was engaged in its mission at Khe Sanh Combat Base Defense. Emphasis was continually placed on night operations.

c. Contact until 17 May 1968 was characterized by extensive enemy use of mortars and artillery, involving enemy observation teams or small patrols security elements. Commencing 17 May 1968, contact developed with large, well-equipped enemy ground units. Incoming artillery and rockets at Khe Sanh Combat Base continued from very light to moderate varying daily from a low of 0 rounds to a high of 99 rounds.

4. AIR SUPPORT

a. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing helicopters in support of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines lifted 13 USMC WIA emergency medevacs for a total of 9 sorties. In addition, there were 21 USMC WIA and 4 USN WIA priority medevacs for a total of 15 sorties. Ten routine medevac sorties were flown carrying 18 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA.

b. Nine visual reconnaissance flights were made during the month carrying unit commanders and staff personnel over planned operating areas. Fifteen preplanned missions were called in for air observers. In addition, extensive use was made by unit commanders in the field of available air observers.

c. There were 46 close air support sorties flown in May.

d. There were 4 helicopter assaults, 1 helicopter retraction and 2 helicopter troop lifts made during May for a total of 7 missions.

5. ARTILLERY AND FIRE SUPPORT

a. From 1 May to 31 May 1968 fire support liaison was effected by the personnel of Battery "B", 1stBn, 11thMar. During this period

d. Weather and Terrain.

(1) Weather. During the month of May there has been little rainfall. Trafficability remained good and friendly operations were not effected by weather.

(2) Terrain. Vegetation is relatively light around the Khe Sanh Combat Base.

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these personnel suffered 1 casualty. Four new enlisted men and 1 new officer reported aboard during the same period. The present strength stands at 3 officers and 16 enlisted.

b. The 1stBn, 11thMar remained in support for the whole month. Due to increasing enemy activity the Z&I program was intensified. Also an 81mm H&I program was implemented.

c. Round expenditure for the month of May 1968 was 9,820 rounds of assorted calibers of artillery.

6. TRAINING

a. During May 1968 training consisted of orientation and FAM firing for new troops, formal school training and company/platoon level classes on weapons safety procedures.

b. New replacements received orientation instructions on customs and traditions of Vietnamese people, land mines and booby traps, scouting and patrolling also an improved instruction period on weapons safety. Although no rifle range was available, all new personnel fired individual weapons for familiarization and zeroing at short distance.

c. The following quotas were filled for schools on division and FMFPac levels:

(1)	CAP	20
(2)	Officer Leadership	2
(3)	Ammo Tech	2
(4)	Basic Weapons Repair	0
(5)	Basic Organic Supply Accounting	1
(6)	NCO Leadership	3
(7)	SNCO Leadership	1
(8)	Ky 28/38 School	0
(9)	Vietnamese Language School	3
(10)	Lyemarker School	3
(11)	Keyleader School	8
(12)	RPS	1

7. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

a. Logistics. Due to the tactical situation at Khe Sanh whereby the majority of supplies must be flown into the base an adequate quantity of all classes of supply was difficult to maintain through out the month of May. Resupply for units in the field also was difficult due to lack of helicopter support. Some of the new type 40mm ammo continued to be difficult to obtain. Also complete Claymore mine kits were difficult to procure.

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b. Supply

(1) Problem Areas

A. Cleaning gear for all types of weapons is becoming difficult to obtain from Da Nang. This is due to a new policy by FLC. Combat essential means that to have an O2 walk-through requisitions filled a unit must actually be on an operation at that time. Jungle utilities, socks and plastic water containers are not available and have been backordered. The shortage of AN/PRC-25 radios and M-79 Grenade Launchers still remains with no immediate relief in sight. With the exception of certain motor transport items, all other supplies were adequate to meet the requirements during May.

c. Motor Transport

(1) During the month of May several critical parts remained difficult to acquire which resulted in the prolonged deadline of vehicles. The parts were tubes for the M274A2, Carburetors for the M274A2, CV joints for the M422A1 clutch arms for the M442A1, shifting rods for M274A2's and basket assemblies for the M274A2.

(2) A critical shortages of personnel in OP 35 is developing in the motor transport section. At present there are three (3) 3516's and four (4) 3531's in the Battalion. By the middle of July there will be only two (2) 3516's and only one (1) 3531. Unless more trained motor transport people are joined by the Battalion, it will become increasingly difficult to provide adequate support.

d. Roads. Access roads and MSR's remained passable during the month.

e. Fiscal Obligations. Obligations during May for SPA items were \$68,431.85.

f. Equipment Repairs. During May 140 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to FLSU-ALPHA. Of these, 75 were completed.

g. Miscellaneous. During the month of May the Battalion completed the change over to the "MEDS" embarkation system. Also the exchange of the new chrome-chambered rifles began. Approximately 85% of the Battalion's weapons were exchanged. The Battalion received fresh fruit and vegetables for the first time in five (5) months.

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8. CIVIC ACTION/CIVIL AFFAIRS

a. During the month of May, there were no activities conducted by the S-5 Section. The Battalion S-5 representative was attending the Vietnamese Language School in Okinawa.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. During the month of May 1968 the Communication Platoon continued to operate and maintain normal wire and radio communications at Khe Sanh Combat Base in addition to installation and maintenance of radio and wire communication for Alert Company, mounting out radio communications for three field operations and regularly scheduled convoys to LZ Stud.

b. The physical separation of this unit to its third echelon repair support facilities continues to create a time lag in the return of repaired items. This, combined with the delay in replacement of coded radios due to combat losses, resulted in one third of all AN/PRC 25 radios placed in a deadline status and contributed significantly to the C-2 combat readiness rating reported by the Battalion. All work orders and requisitions were placed on priority O2 Redball.

c. The rear echelon arrived from LZ Stud which included electronics technicians, thereby providing second echelon maintenance capabilities. Emphasis was placed on preventive maintenance of equipment, restoration of maintenance records, inventory and requisition of spare parts and supplies.

d. Personnel losses to hostile fire included one KIA, four WIA of which three were later restored to duty. One AN/PRC 25 radio was destroyed by hostile fire.

e. Administrative crypto guard remains 1st Marines rear at Phu Bai. Operational crypto guard is 1st Marines forward at Khe Sanh Combat Base. One message center man was brought forward to fulfill message center requirements.

10. MEDICAL

a. This Battalion Aid Station treated 910 sick call patients during the month of May. There were 26 USMC KIA's and 2 USN KIA's. There were 99 WIA's.

b. There were 10 cases of diarrhea, 52 dental cases, 36 FUD, 13 URI, 12 rat bite, 19 heat exhaustion and 22 non-battle injuries.

c. A total of 575 immunizations were given to this battalion during the month of May.

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11. CHAPLAIN

a. Protestant Services Held. There were 14 Protestant Services held during the month of May, with a total of 189 personnel attending.

b. Catholic Services Held. There were 12 Catholic Services held during the month of May, with a total of 183 persons attending.

c. Lay Leadership School. There were 8 people from 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines who attended Lay Leadership School.

d. Red Cross Messages. One Red Cross Message was delivered by the Chaplain during the month of May.

12. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS

a. During the month of May all psychological operations were limited to the Khe Sanh area and were conducted under control of the 1st Marines.

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PART III

Sequential Listings of Significant Events

1. Organization and Operations

- 1-7May68 - Conducted battalion search and destroy operation in the general vicinity of Hill 222 (XD905385). Contact was very light throughout. Trail and bunker complexes, varying from single OP positions to complete battalion complexes with mortar positions and large OP and hospital-type bunkers, were discovered and destroyed. Enemy communication wire was found throughout the area. Various weapons, communication equipment, individual clothing and equipment, rice and salt were discovered. Indications were that the enemy has occupied this area in force and could readily re-occupy. No signs of recent activity were noted for units larger than recon or observer elements.
- 9-12May68 - Conducted battalion search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Hill 881(N). Contact varied from light to moderate. Preponderance of enemy activity was again artillery and mortars directed on friendly positions. No infantry contact with large enemy units. Numerous bunker complexes were discovered and destroyed. Complexes including fighting and living bunkers as well as command bunkers with considerable communication wire evident in the area. Weapons and ammunition were again located and destroyed, including a 140mm rocket site. This site consisted of 20 rockets fused and wired for firing and aimed toward Khe Sanh.
- 14May68 - 1st Marines Logistical Convoy, with Co "G" providing security, was taken under mortar and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of XD875395 by an estimated reinforced NVA squad. Security debarked and deployed against the NVA ambush position, assaulting through and breaking the ambush. The convoy then proceeded to Ca Lu without further incident.
- 17May68 - Co "F", on a recon in force in the vicinity XD826387, was in pursuit of a 5 man NVA recon team when brought under fire at close range by an estimated NVA company from a bunker complex. Contact was broken temporarily to permit the delivery of air and artillery. A sweep was conducted through the complex upon completion of the strikes. Total casualties subsequently credited to this contact were: 6 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA and 43 NVA KIA.

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19-22 May 68 - On 19 May a Co "F" road sweep security platoon was brought under fire from a distance of approximately 25 meters by an unknown size enemy force in the vicinity of XDB57398. The remainder of Co "F" was immediately dispatched to the scene of the contact. Co "F" then became heavily engaged by enemy small arms and automatic weapons as well as extremely heavy incoming artillery and mortars, the latter causing the majority of the casualties. During this period, Co "F" repulsed two NVA infantry assaults. Subsequently Co "G" and Co "E" 2/3 were also dispatched as relief forces. After breaking contact with what was determined to be two companies of NVA in order to have air and artillery delivered on enemy positions, Co "E" 2/3 swept through the enemy positions into blocks established by Co "F" and Co "G". All units accounted for a total of 66 NVA KIA while suffering 8 KIA and 34 WIA. The remainder of the Battalion moved to the field on 19 May 1968 and conducted an extensive sweep of this area and areas to the south and southwest until 22 May 1968. Contact was light. Several additional bunker complexes were destroyed and various enemy weapons and equipment captured.

2. Logistics and Supply

- 7 May 68 - Received 807 new chrome-chambered M-16 rifles to replace the non-chrome M-16's.
- 7 May 68 - Resupply point shifted to Ca Lu.
- 19 May 68 - S-4 ran medevacs and ammo resupply by vehicle to Battalion.
- 27 May 68 - Beer and soda finally arrived from Phu Bai (long overdue).
- 21 May 68 - Battalion effected change-over to the new "MEDS" embarkation system.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ S-1 Staff Journal 1-31 May 1968

✓ S-2 Staff Journal 1-31 May 1968

✓ S-3 Staff Journal 1-31 May 1968

✓ S-4 Staff Journal 1-31 May 1968

Reference

MAPS: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series 17014, Sheets 6442, I, II, III, IV.

Sheets, 6441, I.

Sheets 6342 II, Series 17014

SECRET

FROM: 000114May68

TO: 170020May68

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
S-1	Div	0800H14May68	Chg str of BN is 33MarOff 1001MarEnl 9 3NavOff 59NavEnl
		0900	4MarEnl WIA 1MarEnl WIANE
		1200	4MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 32 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H15May68	Chg str of BN is 34MarOff 1019MarEnl 3NavOff 59NavEnl
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H16May68	Chg str of BN is 33MarOff 1017MarEnl 3NavOff 59NavEnl
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H17May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 1016MarEnl 3NavOff 44NavEnl
		1000	1MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1500	1MarOff 2MarEnl and 2NavEnl KIA
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H18May68	Chg str of BN is 31MarOff 1017MarEnl 3NavOff 54NavEnl
		0900	1MarOff rotated to CONUS
		1000	4MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H19May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 1015MarEnl 3NavOff 54NavEnl
		0900	1MarEnl rotated to CONUS
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1600	2MarOff 12MarEnl 2NavEnl KIA 29MarEnl 2NavEnl WIA
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H20May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 882MarEnl 3NavOff 58NavEnl
		0900	2MarEnl WIA 1MarEnl NBC
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs

FROM: 00018May68
TO: 170013May68

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
S-1	Div	0800H8May68	Chg str of Bn is 32MarOff 1061MarEnl 2NavOff 54NavEnl
		1000	2MarOff WIA 13MarEnl WIA 4NavEnl WIA 3MarEnl WIANE 1MarOff WIANE
		1200	3MarEnl 1NavEnl to R&R
		1400	3MarEnl KIA
		1430	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H9May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 1059MarEnl 2NavOff 54MarEnl
		1130	3MarEnl KIA 2MarEnl WIA 2MarEnl WIANE
		1230	3MarEnl & 2NavEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 32 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H10May68	Chg str of Bn is 33MarOff 1051MarEnl 3NavOff 52NavEnl
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 2 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H11May68	Chg str of BN is 33MarOff 1042MarEnl 3NavOff 52MarEnl
		0900	1MarOff 2MarEnl to R&R
		1000	6MarEnl WIA 3MarEnl WIANE
		1200	1MarOff and 2MarEnl to R&R
		1230	1MarOff and 5MarEnl rotated to CONUS
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H12May68	Chg str of BN is 33MarOff 1046MarEnl 3NavOff 57NavEnl
		1000	1MarEnl NBC
		1200	1MarEnl rotated to CONUS
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H13May68	Chg str of BN is 33MarOff 1033MarEnl 2NavOff 59NavEnl
		0900	1MarEnl accidental discharge 1MarEnl WIANE
		1200	2MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs

FROM: 000121May68
TO: 170027May68

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
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		0900	6MarEnl Jd Bn
		1000	4MarEnl to R&R
		1200	15MarEnl rotated to CONUS
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H22May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 972MarEnl 3NavOff 58NavEnl
		1000	4MarEnl to R&R
		1200	4MarEnl NBC
		1300	7MarEnl Jd Bn
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H23May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 980MarEnl 3NavOff 58NavEnl
		1000	1MarEnl NBC
		1200	2MarOff 3MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H24May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 973MarEnl 3NavEnl 58NavEnl
		0900	6MarEnl Jd Bn
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H25May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 975MarEnl 3NavOff 58MarEnl
		1200	4MarEnl to R&R
		1300	5MarEnl Jd Bn
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H26May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 968MarEnl 3NavOff 58NavEnl
		1200	3MarEnl and 1NavEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1500	3MarEnl Jd Bn
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H27May68	Chg str of BN is 32MarOff 970MarEnl 3NavOff 58NavEnl
		1200	3MarEnl 1MarOff to R&R
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		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs

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TO: 170031May68

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S-1	Div	0800H28May68	Chg str of Bn is 32MarOff 960MarEnl 3NavOff 65NavEnl
		1200	4MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 29 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1500	1MarEnl rotated to CONUS
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H29May68	Chg str of Bn is 31MarOff 981MarEnl 3NavOff 59NavEnl
		1200	1MarEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1500	6MarEnl Jd Bn
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H30May68	Chg str of Bn is 31MarOff 979MarEnl 3NavOff 57NavEnl
		1200	2MarEnl 1NavEnl to R&R
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 28 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		0800H31May68	Chg str of Bn is 32MarOff 984MarEnl 3NavOff 57NavEnl
		1200	1MarEnl WIANE
		1400	Mail fr Regt consisted of 31 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs
		1700	Mail fr Regt consisted of 30 bgs Pkgs 1 Ltrs

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During the period of 1 through 5 May 1968, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines was on an operation in Scotland AO. The following equipment was captured and turned over to Regimental S-2. Found in vicinity of 884385.

- (1) Three (3) U. S. M-16 Rifles - Serial Numbers 873435, 882047 and 641637.
- (2) One (1) U. S. Garbino - Serial Number 079607.
- (3) Twenty-four (24) SKS AK-44 Rifles - Serial Number unknown.
- (4) Four (4) AK-47's - Serial Number unknown.
- (5) Two (2) 82mm Mortars w/bipods and base plates.
- (6) Three (3) Machine Guns w/1 spare barrel, make unknown.
- (7) One (1) RPG-2 Soviet Grenade Launcher - Serial Number L-2581.
- (8) One (1) Gas Detection Kit.
- (9) One (1) Tripod for surveying.
- (10) One (1) Bag of medical supplies.
- (11) Two (2) Electrical Detonator Kits.
- (12) Six (6) Chicon Field Phones.
- (13) One (1) Switchboard, Chicon make (heavily damaged).
- (14) Three (3) Chicon Field Hand Sets.
- (15) One (1) Box containing Chicon Tubes, appeared to be radio tubes.
- (16) One (1) Bundle of documents and papers.
- (17) One (1) Megaphone - Japan made.

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
F-3	S-2	031445H	Found graveyard containing 28 NVA/VC bodies in vicinity of objective 3.
H-6	S-2	031900H	Found one (1) NVA/VC body in bunker. Buried remains found in vicinity from suit left 1.9 up 1.3. During this period approximately 175 to 200 bunkers and 7 caves were discovered. Most of which were destroyed by physical means. Reported to Regiment the bunkers and tunnels that were not destroyed.
H-6	S-2	080800H	Found ten (10) NVA/VC bodies in vicinity of 847394. Bodies were dug up for identity and buried. ID card, leaflets and personal diary turned into Regimental S-2.
F-6	S-2	060830H	Found two (2) NVA/VC bodies believed to be killed by supporting arms in vicinity of 846408. While on road sweep.
	S-2	081130H	During period 8 through 12 May 1968, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines was on operation in Scotland AO. The following equipment was captured and turned over to Regimental S-2. (1) One (1) SKS - Serial number unknown. (2) One (1) package of

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FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
			documents and personal diary. Throughout the operation catches of ammunition (VC type) 82mm Mortar, 60mm Mortar, 130mm Rocket rounds and small arms ammunition were destroyed in place by use of C-4. All bunker complexes were destroyed with C-4.

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132400H MAY 1968

FROM TO DTG

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No activity reported today.

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FROM: 140001 MAY 1968
TO: 142400 H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
LA-2	S-2	142125H	Indications are that the enemy in the immediate Vic. of Khe Sanh area have continued to maintain extensive recon efforts to determine friendly positions, strength and weaknesses. It is felt that the enemy is in a posture that he may attack in company or larger strength at Khe Sanh Combat Base or positions of lesser strength to the west and south of Khe Sanh Combat Base.

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FROM: 150001H MAY 1968
TO: 152400H MAY 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
LA-2	S-2	0230	Received weather report
LA-2	S-2	1707	Indications are that NVA units will attack Marine camp on high point 471 tonight. G-2 comment, NVA units have been reconing our forward positions for the past several days in an effort to select a suitable objective for a ground probing/attack. It is highly probable that NVA will attack hill 471, but all friendly units should be alert for a company size ground attack/probe on night of 15-16 May.
H	S-2	1830	Found one (1) 12.7 MM Anti-Aircraft gun, complete with mount and sights. Turned over to Regimental S-2.

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FROM: 160001H MAY 1968
To: 160400H MAY 1968

FROM	TO	DTC	MESSAGE
LA-2	S-2	0313	Received weather report
LA-2	S-2	1500	There are strong indications that the enemy in the Khe Sanh area will conduct a ground attack in strength to commemorate Ho Chi Minh's Birthday on 19-May. G-2 comment; previously local disseminated information reported that the enemy has been conducting an extensive recon for the past two weeks to locate friendly for a possible attack. Such an attack would be designed to exhibit the strength of NVA units, however costly it would be. This attack can be expected at any time, but to coincide with Ho's Birthday. Attack should be conducted before 19-May.
LA-2	S-2	1955	(1) There are presently four (4) recon teams in the AO. UL 8930 LR 9128, duration 15 until 17 May. UL 7582, LR 8050 duration 15 until 17 May. UL 9049 LR 9247 duration 14 until 17 May. UL 7736 LR 7934 duration 13 until 18 May. (2) There were zero (0) extractions and zero (0) insertions 16-May (3) There are two (2) teams scheduled for insertion 17-May. UL 9733 LR 9931 duration 17 until 19 May. UL 8634 LR 8832 duration 17 until 20 May. (4) There is three (3) teams scheduled for extraction 17-May. (SEC Para 1) (5) Two teams scheduled for insertion 18-May. UL 7650 LR 7848 duration 18 until 20-May. UL 7244 XXXX LR 7442 duration 18 until 21 May. (6) Recon zone constitutes no fire zone for period indicated.

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FROM: 170001H May 1968
TO: 172400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
S-2	LA-2	170355H	Received Weather Report
S-2	LA-2	171045H	Senator Hotel patrol spotted 5 NVA in vicinity of Khe Sanh Village. Enemy were wearing flak vests, Hotel patrol continues to operate in vicinity.
LA-2	S-2	171730H	Received information that the enemy is calling for reinforcements and artillery support. Unknown if this reinforcement and artillery support is meant for present enemy engagement or future enemy activities.
LA-2	S-2	171522H	(Late Entry) Received code numbers for dates to include 18 thru 23 May 1968.
H	S-2	171230H	(Late Entry) Senator Hotel unit took enemy under fire with neg results. Pursued enemy to (XD826387), came under heavy enemy small arms fire and ran into enemy bunker complex with interlocking bunkers connected by trench lines running NW - SE. Bunkers had room for 2 men and would take direct hit by 105mm to destroy. Hotel unit got AO on station and fired 60mm mission on enemy position. Called in 2 air strikes with bomb and napalm runs. At completion of air strikes, 2 units swept from E - W thru objective area; enemy was still active. Took enemy under fire with small arms, grenades and M-79. Called in artillery mission and continued sweep retrieving all casualties. NVA/VC KIA (CONF) 27;

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FROM: 180001E May 1968
TO: 182400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
LA2	S-2	180415H	Received weather Report
LA	S-2	180600H	Change of call signs: Change to following: 1st Mar Hanworth (HW) 1/1 Perspective (P) 2/1 Texas Pete (TP) 2/3 Vesper Bells (VB) 3/4 Ruck Haven (RH) Change as of 180600H
HW2	TP2	181010H	Indications are that the enemy is going to shell KSCB starting at 1000H and continuing for an undetermined length of time.
TP	HW	180945H	(Late Entry) Received 3 incoming rounds light artillery impacting near FOB compound. Rounds coming from a direction of 4000 mils.
TP	HW	181015H	Received 11 rounds medium to heavy artillery in volleys of 6 and 5. Two rounds impacted south of 471. All others hit between 471 and Khe Sanh.
TP	HW	181620H	Received two incoming artillery rounds impacting behind Post Office.
HW	TP	181835H	There is a slight indication that enemy forces in the area will launch a battalion size attack tonight (18 & 19 May). The enemy is being reminded to police the battle fields & remove all corpses. (G-2 comments: For the past several nights, enemy units have continued to launch a small attack against hills 471, 552, 689 or to select an objective that will insure a significant victory to commiserate.

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FROM: 190001H May 1968
TO: 192400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
TP-2	HW	190730H	Platoon road sweep initiated enemy ambush. Estimated company size (rein). Enemy well equipped with auto weapons, rocket launchers, hand grenades and crew served weapons. Enemy troops were clean, well dressed, and neatly groomed. Road sweep platoon assaulted enemy position with aid of tanks, but was repelled. Unit was reinforced by remainder of company and assaulted enemy position again; USMC repelled. Enemy counter attacked with company minus but was repelled. Friendly unit called in artillery mission, air strikes, and 81's. NVA/VC KIA (CONF) 66.
TP2	HW	190935H	Received light incoming artillery of 4 or 5 rounds. All rounds impacting in area previously occupied by TP command group (XD85739).
TP2	HW	191000H	Company Echo found small complex of 2 completed bunkers and one unfinished bunker with dimensions of 4'X3'X2½'. Rooves consisted of 3" logs with 10" of dirt. 3 one man fighting holes, 3 open fighting positions 3'X4'X3', all positions were built within the last 10 days. Destroyed bunkers and positions, took azimuth to Echo lines for use by direct fire support units on enemy complex at a later date.
TP2	HW	191200H	Company Hotel spotted 5 NVA coming down trail. Enemy moved to NE of trail into vicinity of (XD857388), enemy seemed to be coming from vicinity of Foxtrot contact. Fired 60mm, 81mm and artillery mission in enemy area, and fired small arms. Unit spotted enemy again at (XD850384), enemy was attempting to escape to the SW. Unit took enemy under small arms fire; enemy got down. Fired 60mm, 81mm and artillery mission. Good coverage of target area. Have not seen any movement since. Will sweep area at direction of TP6. Presently occupying blocking position in vicinity of Khe Sahn ville.
TP2	HW	191230H to	Golf battery received 16 rounds of artillery. Counter battery fire being conducted.
TP2	HW	191300H	
TP2	HW	191655H	Company Echo received 30 stray rounds of enemy small arms fire.

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FROM: 200001H May 1968
TO: 202400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
TP2	HW	200800H to 201120H	Unit found 1 AK-47, 34 chi-com grenades, miscellaneous 782 gear and assorted medical supplies. (XD853402)
TP2	HW	201220H	Hotel unit spotted 3 NVA moving toward (XD844387). Pursued and apprehended; enemy indicated that they had come from an area NW of Khe Sanh and that there were many NVA S of Khe Sanh Ville. PW's stated that 2 other NVA were killed while trying to come over.
TP2	HW	201330H	While sweeping area of (XD857391) Echo found 2 NVA sitting under tree. Enemy offered no resistance when captured.
TP2	HW	201400H	Echo unit found 11 one man fighting holes camouflaged with natural foliage. Positions appear to be about 24 hours old. Emplacements destroyed.
TP2	HW	200400H	(Late Entry) Received Weather Report
TP2	HW	200800H to 201120H	While sweeping area of the May 19th contact (XD853402), a Golf unit discovered bodies of 31 NVA killed in the previous days contact. Also found 7 additional individual weapons. (this is a Late Entry)

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TO: 212400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW2	TP2	210555H	Received Weather Report
TP2	HW	210945H	While moving in attack to seize objective Bravo (XD833377) Golf units found what appears to be an assembly area. An M-16 was found and a heavily used trail which intersects Rt#9 at (XD832380) was also discovered. Trail was headed in a NE direction and showed signs of use within the last 24 hours. Unit found 2 - 5lb bags of rice and 15 one man fighting holes at side of road measuring 3'X4'X2'. Rice was destroyed and following equipment is being turned in to TP: 22 - 60mm rounds, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 80 rounds of 7.62 ammo, one set of NVA utilities, three 1lb blocks of TNT, 1 lighter, and one M-16 #638606.
TP2	HW	211000H	While searching area (XD849375), Echo-3 unit found 8 living bunkers measuring 5'X4'X5 1/2'; all bunkers covered by logs, dirt and elephant grass. Bunkers estimated to be between 2 weeks and 1 month old. Unit destroyed all bunkers.
TP2	HW	211230H	After securing objective Bravo (XD833377), Golf unit discovered a cardboard box filled with what is believed to be SVN Army documents, rosters, photographs and personal correspondence. 1 NVA gas mask was also found. Unit is holding gear for pick up.
TP2	HW	211430H	Point element of Golf moving on sweep came across an NVA camp with fighting holes. Unit immediately withdrew for artillery prep of approx 60 rounds 105mm. After prep unit conducted recon by fire with small arms and assaulted. Contact was not made with enemy; search of area revealed 3 NVA packs and approx 3 two man fighting holes set in perimeter defense. All fighting holes measured 3'X4'X4'. Equipment captured consists of 5 M26 grenades, 8 chi-com grenades, 3 NVA packs containing mess gear, assorted clothing, and some documents indicating 1 pack belonging to an NVC. All gear being forwarded to TP2.
TP2	HW	211500H	Hotel unit conducted sweep of bunker complex (XD827386) and found 5 NVA bodies and the remains of 6 others. Discovered many bunkers which had been destroyed by arty and air strikes. Bunkered area contained stench of blood trails, dead, drag marks leading from area. Destroyed bunkers and some ammo, will finish destroying bunkers tomorrow. Weapons captured: 2 AK-47's, 7 rounds of 82mm ammo, 1 gas mask, chi-com grenades, 2 cases AK-47 ammo & 248 loose rounds, 2 pineapple grenades, 2 grenades with launcher, and 1 B-40 rocket.

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FROM: 220001H May 1968
TO: 222400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
TP2	HW2	220900H	While conducting search of area, Echo unit found 100 fighting holes at (XD846376) and 43 fighting holes at (XD846364). Holes were in 360 degree circle. Also found 782 gear, 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher, 2 AK-47 magazines, 50 AK-47 rounds, 4 cartridge belts w/grenades, canteens, bayonets, knives, 3 gas masks, 4 NVA helmets and 5 shelter halves. Will destroy fighting holes and forward captured equipment to S-2.
HW2	TP2	221155H	URS indicates enemy preparations for imminent attack involving demolitions at unknown position.
TP2	HW2	220800H to 221200H	(Late Entry) Hotel unit continued sweep, located 5 more bodies and several graves. Located approximately 50 bunkers, some of which appeared to be hospital and CP bunkers due to size and central location within the complex. It appears that the area between (XD827385) and (XD832385), at one time housed one NVA Battalion. The bunkers were well built, supported by tree stumps as beams. Would take a direct hit from a 105mm to destroy. Four bunkers had been destroyed by artillery, 3 trench lines were collapsed by artillery or air strikes. Found 10 entrenching tools, 10 Chi-com grenades, 2 82mm mortar rounds, 1 60mm mortar round, set of tripods for 82mm mortar and 5 NVA helmets. Destroyed as many bunkers as time and amount of demolitions would allow. Approximately 20 bunkers were destroyed this date.

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FROM: 230001H May 1968
TO: 232400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW2	TP2	230610H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	231030H	Received 8 incoming rounds heavy artillery, impacting Northeast of Golf Battery. Artillery personnel conducting crater analysis.
TP	HW	230955H to 231010H	Echo unit received approximately 7 rounds heavy artillery impacting in and in front of Echo lines. Rounds coming in from due West direction. FSCC given gun direction. Craters analysis can not be made because rounds hit in minefield.
HW2	TP2	232115H	Received Recon inserts.

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FROM: 240001H May 1968
TO: 242400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
TP	HW	240100H	Elements of Foxtrof detected movement in the form of moving brush and noise. Could not visibly spot personnel moving, however, unit heard something drop and noise sounding like a bolt of rifle going home. Patrol leader estimates 3 to 4 enemy moving in area. Patrol route was averted. Speculate enemy tried to shift ambush position and then left area. Fox unit tried to ambush enemy movement, but movement did not come close enough. Fox unit then proceeded to scorpion objective. (XD853389)
TP	HW	240100H	Fox 3 unit heard movement on wire (XD854393), threw M-26 grenade and checked out area to find a dead dog.
HW	TP	240515H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	240800H	Fox 1 & 2 units found fresh foot prints in area of patrol route at following coordinates: (XD840379), (XD845375), & (XD848383). Foot prints indicated movement of squad sized unit of less. Foot prints were of the tennis shoe type and fresh indicating movement in a Northeasterly direction. No enemy sighted.
TP	HW	241250H to 241340H	TP COC, KSCB took 2 rounds incoming artillery, Golf received 5 rounds heavy artillery, Golf 1 unit received 4 rounds medium artillery landing 25 meters from their position. FSCC given gun direction.
TP	HW	241340H to 241350H	Golf, KSCB, received 2 rounds enemy rockets, COC took 2 additional rounds. Units will conduct crater analysis and give FSCC direction of fire.
TP	HW	241355H	Golf PFB at (XD857400) received 3 incoming rounds of medium artillery. Will take crater analysis and report gun direction to FSCC upon return to KSCB.
HW2	TP2	242130H	Enemy indications are for an attack tonight in the vicinity Long Khoai (XD8741). Enemy may attack KSCB and 2/3 units with artillery on night of 24 May 1968.
HW2	TP2	242150H	URS reports HQ 57th NVA Regt confirmed vicinity (XD903376) on 22 May 1968. S-2 comment: continued evidence of 9th NVA Regt in same vicinity plus URS indications of HQ Khe Sanh front in vicinity (XD973428) tends to confirm significant build up in eastern HW AO.
TP	HW	242300H	Perimeter defense reported 3 rounds incoming believed to be 81 or 82mm mortar. Rounds impacting at (XD840420).

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FROM: 250001H May 1968
TO: 252400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	250510H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	251455H	Foxtrot detected movement at (XD837427), called 1/1. None of their troops in that area. Notified FSCC cleared to fire.
TP	HW	251900H	Foxtrot unit found 1 NVA KIA approximately 2 weeks old, killed by shrapnel. Had in possession 1 diary and 1 AK-47. (XD855384) All equipment forwarded to S-2.

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FROM: 260001H May 1968

TO: 262400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW2	TP2	260545H	Received Weather Report
HW2	TPs	262130H	Estimated Order Of Battle: 1. 66th NVA Regt (XD8629) 2. 7th NVA Bn, 66th Regt (XD8090) 3. 9th NVA Regt (XD9344) 4. 57th NVA Regt unlocated, probable vicinity (XD9427) 5. 21st NVA Bn, 57th Regt (XD9036) 6. 8th NVA Bn, 29th Regt unlocated, probable vicinity (XD9249) 7. 68th NVA Artillery Regt-vicinity Co Roo 8. 304th Div HQ vic (XD7041) 9. OCB indicates some relocation eastward of 304th; movement of new forces to west to replace 304th; elements appear likely, although there is no indication that this has occurred 10. Vesper Bells has received Artillery, vicinity (XD8421) from positions located due south of them indicating eastward displacement of Artillery.
HW2	TP2	261605H	URS activity south of Vesper Bells as follows: (XD922278), (XD951291), (XD900295), (XD921318), and (XD946178)

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FROM: 270001H May 1968
TO: 272400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	270515H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	270720H	Fortrot received 1 round believed to be recoilless rifle, impacting on road.
TP	HW	270810H	Echo at (XD850417) received 2 rounds of rockets from a northwest direction, landing in a small arms ammo bunker and starting a small fire. Fire was extinguished but could not make crater analysis due to fire.
TP	HW	271750H	KSCB received 2 incoming rounds, medium to heavy artillery; impacting to the rear of Golf 3 lines. Guns direction 4400 mills, was given to FSCC.
TP	HW	271800H	Echo spotted one light blinking or moving at (XD858434). Light seem to be moving up hill.

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FROM: 280001H May 1968
TO: 282400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	280618H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	280625H to 280635H	2/1 units at KSCB received 17 rounds medium artillery fired in rapid sequence. Rounds impacted in vicinity of 2/1 MT, COC and on perimeter sector.
TP	HW	280845H	Fox- 2 spotted 2 NVA approximately 10 meters from unit's position. The rear element of Fox- 2 set an immediate ambush and Fox- 3 closed in flanks for possible contact. Marine who spotted NVA stated that NVA did not see friendly element. Fired 60mm mortars into enemy area. Waited 15 minutes; no enemy movement. On order, pulled back and had artillery hit the area to our rear. (XD844377)
TP	HW	280930H	Fox unit at (XD845383) found 1 NVA body believed to be about 10 days old. Searched body and found one billfold and one dogtag. Will send billfold and dogtag to S-2 rear.
TP	HW	281310H	Golf Battery, KSCB, received 2 incoming medium artillery rounds.
TP	HW	281445H	Fextrot, Hill 471, received 32 rounds artillery which hit on reverse side of road.
TP	HW	281330H to 281510H	2/1 at KSCB; received 19 rounds medium and heavy artillery in Golf area. 4 rounds hit in area by 155 SP, 20 rounds hit by ISA, 30 rounds hit by comm, AT's and MT, 6 rounds by S-4 and 20 rounds by COC. Received a total of 99 rounds.
HW	TP	281050H	(Late Entry) Intelligence indicates enemy preparing to commence artillery or mortar fire. Target unknown.

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FROM: 290001H May 1968
TO: 292400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	290555H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	290900H	Fox unit spotted 9 NVA in open at (XD837393) Enemy appeared to be checking village ruins then moving west. Brought enemy under artillery and 81mm mortar fire. Unknown results.
TP	HW	291215H	2/1 at KSCE received 2 incoming rounds of heavy artillery. Rounds fired from a direction of 4000 mils, Co Rec.
TP	HW	291328H	Fextret at Hill 471, received 3 incoming rounds unknown size artillery.

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FROM: 300001H May 1968
TO: 302400H May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	300433H	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	300610H	Golf unit reports impacting of 6-8 rounds, in vicinity of the Rock Quarry and along the western portion of their lines. Appears to be a salvo fire, from unknown enemy position. Incoming suspected to be enemy Artillery.
TP	HW	301815H	Golf unit on road security received 4 rounds of incoming Heavy Artillery at (XD843398), about 200-400 meters from friendly position.

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FROM: 310001E May 1968
TO: 312400E May 1968

FROM	TO	DTG	MESSAGE
HW	TP	310640	Received Weather Report
TP	HW	311615	Echo while moving in the attack at (XD 864383) received light enemy small arms fire. Assaulted through to blocking position to predetermined position and extracted as planned. Captured one (1) AK-47 with magazine.
TP	HW	312030	Hotel at 852414 sighted one (1) individual in vicinity of the trash dump area. Threw one (1) grenade with negative results. Later unit noticed 2 more individuals in the tree line forward of the lines. Will keep area under close surveillance.
W	TP	312120	Intelligence Report: Source rated C-3 indicates continuous heavy activity since noon at the following positions: 805384, 796392, 847376, 840365, 885385, and 884575.
S-2	S-2	312400	Journal closed for the month of May, by 1st Lt Garzley, S-2 Clerk.

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From: 010001H May 1968
To: 012400H May 1968

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
1st Mar	S-3	0115	Weather Report
1st Mar	S-3	0125	1st Marines Message concerning the reporting of activities. DTG 010125E
S-3	1st Mar	0615	Foxtrot commenced movement from C.P. towards Regimental Objective #1.
E	S-3	0730	Echo Company departed 2/3 C.P. enroute towards Regimental Objective #2.
S-3	1st Mar	0758	Foxtrot in position at bridge 35 will commence attack at 0800H.
S-3	1st Mar	0850	Addition to Echo's movement. Movement from 2/3 C.P. at 0700 was essential in order for 2/1 Echo to be in position to enter 2/1 Area of Operation by 0800. Echo and Foxtrot commenced attack at 0800.
S-3	1st Mar	1000	Spot Report DTG 011000H. Echo at 011000H at 902396. Found one bicycle off of trail running parallel with road. Bicycle was hidden in bushes. Bicycle was made in Saigon and was in good condition except for low air pressure in tires. Bicycle was left on road for 2/3 for logistical support.
H	S-3	1005	Hotel has departed 2/1 C.P. for 2/3 C.P. to disembark and proceed towards Objective "Delta".
G	S-3	1030	Bn. C.O. and Golf Company has departed 2/1 C.P. via truck enroute to 2/3 C.P.
G	S-3	1045	Bn. C.O. and Golf Company arrived at 2/3 C.P. proceeding on foot.
S-3	1st Mar	1110	Position report as follows: Hotel at grid 903 899 on road proceeding to Objective "Delta". Echo at grid 903389 proceeding towards Regimental Objective #2. Foxtrot at grid 873391 proceeding across Regimental Objective #1.
S-3	1st Mar	1205	Echo on Regimental Objective #2, Foxtrot has secured Regimental Objective #1, Hotel, Golf and Bn C.O. still enroute to Objective "Delta".
H	S-3	1230	Hotel lead elements now located at grid 912395 continuing movement towards Objective "Delta". Golf and Bn. C.O. still following in trace of Hotel.

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H	S-3	1330	Hotel lead elements at grid 912393 continuing movement towards Objective "Delta".
E	S-3	1331	Echo reports one platoon on top of Regimental Objective #2.
S-3	1st Mar	1430	Spot Report DTG 011430H. Echo at 011430H at 903353. Echo 3rd Platoon found one (1) AK-47 Magazine with 30 rounds. Will destroy.
E	S-3	1500	Echo has secured Regimental Objective #2.
H	S-3	1501	Hotel lead elements now at grid 912385, continuing movement to Objective "Delta" with Golf and Bn C.O. following in trace.
F	S-3	1505	Foxtrot 2nd Platoon now departing Regimental Objective #1 for Objective "Echo".
F	S-3	1600	Spot Report DTG 011600H Foxtrot at 011600H at Regimental Objective #1. Conducted three (3) squad size patrols in the vicinity of Objective #1, area North of Objective #1 negative results, stream bed area South West of Objective #1, patrol found old trail that has not been used for some time, Stream bed South of Objective #1, patrol found Blue communication wire. Potential ambush sites limited by lack of coverage, no concealment is available in grass. Brought communications wire back to C.P.
G	S-3	1700	Golf LP's departed for positions at grids 911385, and 911382.
F	S-3	1725	Spot Report DTG 011725H. Foxtrot at 011725H at Regimental Objective #1. While at Regimental Objective #1 man had an accidental discharge while climbing out of a fighting hole. Hit in right fore finger. Man taken to bridge 35 for priority Medevac.
F	S-3	1745	Spot Report DTG 011745H Foxtrot at 011745H at Objective "Echo". Unit ran a patrol at Objective "Echo". Located a well worn trail orientated East to South West. Found a type of communications wire similar to U.S. Field Wire, but heavier and hard to cut. Also found broken bush and skid marks to indicate possible recent activity. Trail signs of grass tied into knots and broken sticks to form an arrow. But no other signs. Small Bunker found on Objective #1 estimated to be a month old, simple pole and log construction. Bunker easily destroyed.
F	S-3	1750	Spot Report DTG 011750H Foxtrot at 011750H at Regimental Objective #1. Squad patrol to the South East of Objective #1 located old unused trails near stream bed.

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			also found an old unused tunnel covered with bushes at coordinates 875391.
S-3	1stMar	1830	Position Report: Hotel now at grid 915382 Objective "Delta", Echo now at Objective #2 grid 905385, Foxtrot now at 875391 with Foxtrot 3 at grid 870391, Golf at 912384, and Battalion CP at 913384. Final position report of the day.
H	S-3	1916	Hotel LP departed for grid 914383, and Hotel squad size ambush departed for grid 915387.
F	S-3	1918	Follow up to the 011745H Spot Report Bunker has maximum occupancy of two personnel and appeared to be orientated towards the Sanh Combat Base, and could have possibly been an OP.
F	S-3	1931	Foxtrot LP and squad patrol from 2100 to 2300 at grid 880389, Foxtrot LP 2 and squad patrol from 0100 to 0300 at grid 904379, and Foxtrot ambush from 2100 to 0200 at grid 866391.
E	S-3	1935	Echo squad size ambush from 2000 to 2200 at grid 901384.
G	S-3	1940	Golf squad size ambush from 2000 to 0530 at grid 912385.
2/1 For	S-3	2355	1 May Operation Plan, Summary. Echo and Foxtrot commenced attack at 0800 securing Regimental Objectives #2 and #1 respectively. Foxtrot additionally secured Objective "Echo". Due to cancellation of helo-lift Hotel and Golf moved via convoy to 2/3 CP commencing the attack on foot towards Regimental Objective #3. Due to extremely difficult terrain and trafficability, companies progressed only as far as Objective "Delta". Setting in night defense positions in the vicinity. All units conducted small unit night patrols, ambushes and LP's. All Objectives were taken without enemy contact, and no sightings were made which would indicate that anything other than small enemy recon elements had been in the area. Tomorrow's plans are to continue the attack at 0630. Hotel and Golf will continue towards Objective #3. Hotel will be prepared to secure Objective "Charlie". Foxtrot will continue to patrol and recon along the ridge to the East of Objective #1, and securing Objective "Alpha". Echo will continue small unit patrolling and searching in the area of Objective #2. All units will conduct patrols, ambushes and LP's.

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H	S-3	0001	Hotel 2 LP departed for position 914383.
F	S-3	0100	Foxtrot LP and ambush departed for 880384, and squad size ambush and OP departed for 907387.
1st Mar	S-3	0225	Weather Report.
G	S-3	0530	Golf LP's have returned to Golf C.P.
F	S-3	0600	Foxtrot O.P. has returned to Foxtrot C.P.
H	S-3	0601	Hotel LP and ambush now in Hotel C.P.
2/1 For	S-3	0630	All units commencing attack.
E	S-3	0730	Echo on Objective #2 with two recon units proceeding to the West and North of Objective #2 for routine recon patrol.
F	S-3	0731	Foxtrot minus 3rd platoon moving towards Objective "Alpha" with Foxtrot 3 remaining at Objective #1.
H	S-3	0735	Hotel now moving into Northern site of LZ Pelican proceeding to secure remainder of zone. Present location is grid 917381.
G	S-3	0736	Golf and Bn. C.O. following in the trace of Hotel.
H	S-3	0815	Hotel has secured and is consolidating LZ Pelican moving through toward Regimental Objective #3. Battalion Commander has established a C.P. at grid 918380.
S-3	1st Mar	0835	Hotel has secured LZ Pelican with no enemy contact and no sign of recent enemy action. Golf moving through Hotel to Objective #3.
F	S-3	0900	Routine recon patrol now checking areas of 899385 and 904389.
H	S-3	0901	Releasing routine recon elements to check area of LZ Pelican.
S-3	1st Mar	0940	Spot Report DTG 020940H Foxtrot at 020940H at Objective "Echo" 3rd Platoon searching area of Objective "Echo" located recently used trail running East to North, found grass bundles tied and place across trail, found stick trail marker pointing up and down trail. Found colored wire a few feet from marker, wire was disconnected and led to empty bunker. Located a series of fighting holes and six to eight bunkers, found telephone in a bunker with well constructed double layer of logs and dirt.
F	S-3	1000	While proceeding towards Objective "Alpha" several bunkers and trails were found in area of

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S-3	1st Mar	1010	Objective "Echo" making it necessary that Foxtrot intake a complete search of the area discontinuing its movement to Objective "Alpha". Spot Report DTG 021010H Foxtrot at 021010H at Objective "Echo" Squad patrol found two trails, one running North to South, on this trail found an old fighting hole at end of the trail. Second trail running East to West and appeared to have been recently used. Squad sent to patrol second trail. Also found communications wire running Southeast from Objective "Echo" for about 200 meters. Wire broken by supporting arms in several places.
G	S-3	1200	Lead elements have reached Objective #3 and are proceeding to secure the remainder of the area. 923375
H	S-3	1201	Hotel now preparing to depart LZ Pelican to secure Objective "Bravo".
S-3	1st Mar	1204	Continuation of Spot Report DTG 020940H. Found a total of 15 Bunkers of the type described in the 020940H Spot Report, 2 mortar pits and a series of fighting holes. Area appeared to be a platoon position. Material found include one field telephone, (previously reported) various propaganda in English, 4 6LM's, 6 blue T-shirts, and a large amount of communication wire.
S-3	1st Mar	1230	Spot Report DTG 021110H Echo 2 at 021110H at 898384. Found approximately 15 small one man fighting holes. The holes were facing East to Southeast believed to be ambush site and empty approximately two weeks. Also found one U. S. rifle sling, 1 NVA bayonet and scabbard, and a 14 pound bag of salt.
S-3	1st Mar	1250	Spot Report DTG 021250H Golf at 021250H Unit while moving forward discovered a wellworn trail. This trail is only site to be traversed by troops in single file. Indications are that this trail has not been used in approximately one week as the foliage broken by movement has already died. Trail at this point runs Northwest to Southeast.

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S-3	1st Mar	1300	Spot Report DTG 021300H Foxtrot at 021300H at Objective Echo. Unit found trail and located approximately 20 bunkers and a trench line. Air strikes had been held in area. Found clothing and equipment, weapons, documents, and medical supplies. Documents were sent to S-2. Weapons were 1 AK-47, and two AK-44's.
S-3	1st Mar	1305	Spot Report DTG 021300H Foxtrot at 021300H at Objective Echo. Unit found trail guarded by 3 bunkers with steps and guide ropes on step sections. Found one B-40 rocket launcher and one B-40 round. Bunkers contained various items of personnel clothing and equipment, 4 boxes of linked ammunition, (1 box of 7.62 and 3 boxes of 50 caliber) and medical supplies. One bunker appeared to be an aid station. Bunkers are of sand construction. Documents and material of intelligence held for S-2.
H	S-3	1500	Hotel held back from proceeding to Objective "Bravo" due to stand by for possible helo-lift to aid another unit.
S-3	1st Mar	1506	Echo while in route to Company C.P. man slipped from cliff resulting in possible fractured spine. Called in priority Medevac, Medevac completed at 1430.
S-3	1st Mar	1548	Spot Report DTG 021455H Golf at 021455H Unit found well worn trail. Trail at this point headed in a southeast and southwest direction. Trail is estimated to have been used one week prior to discovery. It was last used by USMC or USA personnel as there were a few large jungle boot tracks which have been washed over and one C-Ration can which showed no rust. At this point trail is approximately three feet wide. Sending units to check out both trails for approximately 300 meters.
F	S-3	1600	Foxtrot 1 and 2 squad patrols have departed for grids 878389 and 883388 respectfully.
H	S-3	1601	Hotel 2 patrol at 928378.

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S-3	1st Mar	1630	Spot Report DTG 021600H Echo at 021600H Unit located fighting position with approximately 25 bunkers connected by communications wire. Also found one B-40 Rocket launcher. Patrol base being moved to Objective "Hotel" in preparation to thoroughly check area. Items of intelligence held for delivery to S-2.
E	S-3	1730	Echo now located at 923376.
F	S-3	1731	Foxtrot minus Foxtrot 1 now located at 882388, Foxtrot 1 now at 880389.
G	S-3	1735	Golf now located at 923376.
H	S-3	1740	Hotel minus Hotel 2 now located at 918380, with Hotel 2 at 928376.
F	S-3	1800	Foxtrot 1 squad size patrol now joining up with Foxtrot C.P.
F	S-3	1801	Foxtrot 2 ambush departing for ambush site.
F	S-3	1805	Foxtrot 3 ambush entering Foxtrot C.P.
F	S-3	1900	Foxtrot 2 ambush has returned to Foxtrot C.P.
H	S-3	1930	H/1 and H/3 LP's departing for 919328 and 928377 respectively.
S-3	1st Mar	1944	Spot Report DTG 021834H Golf at 021834H at 921371 Golf elements spotted 3 NVA at 921371 moving in an East to West direction. Due to poor visibility type of arms were not observed. Unit called in 10 rounds of 60MM mortar and 9 rounds of 105MM artillery (8 rounds HE and 1 WP from the 105MM) with good coverage of target area. Unit will be unable to conduct search of area till first light.
S-3	1st Mar	2000	Spot Report DTG 022000H Golf at 022000H at 923376 Unit heard heavy movement to front and flanks and observed two figures which appeared to be enemy. Fired 15 rounds of small arms fire and 11 rounds of 60MM mortar.
E	S-3	2001	Echo's OP's 1 and 2 and LP 3 now departing for 901385, 907386 and 910391 respectfully.
G	S-3	2130	Spot Report DTG 022100H Golf at 022030 to 022100 at 925374 Golf LP heard heavy movement to both flanks and front, estimated to be platoon sized. Also heard what seemed to be enemy voices, men slipping on muddy trail, ect. One dead tree was apparently knocked down causing a loud voice.

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F	S-3	2200	F/1 and F/2 now returning to Foxtrot C.P.
1st Mar	S-3	2300	1st Marines Frag Order 78-68

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F	S-3	0300	Foxtrot 3/B ambush now departing for 886387.
F	S-3	0500	Foxtrot 3/B ambush now entering C.P.
1st Mar	S-3	0515	Weather Report
H	S-3	0600	Hotel 1 and 3 LP's now entering H C.P.
E	S-3	0630	Echo 1 and 2 OP's and Echo 3 LP now entering C.P.
2/1 For	S-3	0630	All units now commencing daytime activities from night time positions.
E	S-3	0632	Echo day activities to include two recon patrols in the vicinity of grids 901385 and 904919.
F	S-3	0633	Proceeding to search the area surrounding area of Objective "Echo".
G	S-3	0634	Proceeding to search area of low ground in the vicinity of Objective #3.
H	S-3	0635	Hotel 2nd platoon partial base to remain at Objective "Bravo" to search out area.
S-3	1st Mar	0730	Golf platoons 2 and 3 continuing to search area of Objective #3.
S-3	1st Mar	0815	Spot Report DTG 030815H Echo 3 at 030815H at 909389 Unit found 12 fighting holes approximately 4'x3'x3'. Holes were placed at random. Also found 3 mortar positions circular 6 feet by 4 feet deep. Holes and mortar positions were well concealed and camouflaged, at least one week old. Trails running through area had steps to high places.
F	S-3	0900	Foxtrot 1 now proceeding from Objective #1 towards Objective "Echo" to join remainder of company.
G	S-3	1330	Golf now proceeding from Objective #3 towards 2/1 forward C.P.
H	S-3	1331	Hotel and Battalion Commander now on standby for Helo-lift to Objective #1.
G	S-3	1500	Have arrived 2/1 forward C.P. to relieve Hotel so they can be helo-lifted to Objective #1 with the Battalion Commander.
H	S-3	1605	Beginning Helo-lift operation to Objective #1.
H	S-3	1635	Helo-lift operation now complete.
2/1 For	S-3	1640	C.P. group now proceeding from Objective #1 to Foxtrot position at Objective "Echo".

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H	S-3	1641	Hotel now departing Objective #1 for grid 870383
2/1 For	S-3	1710	2/1 C.P. now at Objective "Echo".
G	S-3	1800	G/1 LP now departing for grid 919877, G/3 LP now departing for grid 922377, and G/2/B ambush now departing for grid 915382.
H	S-3	1855	Hotel now in night time position at grid 870383.
G	S-3	1900	G/3 patrol base now departing for grid 923376.
E	S-3	1930	E/1/A ambush now located at 914384, E/2 squad size patrol departing for grid 902385, E/1/B ambush departing for grid 907386.
H	S-3	1931	H/1/A ambush departing for grid 874383, H/3/B ambush departing for grid 871385, and H/2/A ambush departing for grid 870382.
G	S-3	2000	G/1/A ambush departing for grid 921377, and G/3/C ambush departing for grid 923374, and G/2/A LP departed C.P. at 1800 for 915382.
G	S-3	2001	G/1 and G/2 LP's and G/2/B ambush now returning to Golf C.P.
E	S-3	2230	E/1/A and E/2 OP's and E/3 ambush now returning to Echo C.P.
F	S-3	2300	F/1 ambush returning to C.P. and F/2 ambush departing for grid 883389.

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F	S-3	0100	F/3 ambush departing for grid 885388.
F	S-3	0101	F/2 ambush returning to Foxtrot C.P.
G	S-3	0200	G/1/A and G/3 now returning to Golf C.P.
F	S-3	0300	F/3 ambush now in Foxtrot C.P.
H	S-3	0600	H/1, H/3 ambushes and H/2 LP also in Hotel C.P.
2/1 For	S-3	0630	All units commencing day activities from night positions.
F	S-3	0730	All elements returning to grid 905385 for Helo-lift.
G	S-3	0731	Golf 1 and 2 with C.P. group proceeding to grid 923375 to join up G/3 to await helo-lift.
H	S-3	1115	Hotel 2 C.P. at 907383, H/3 at 911387 and H/1 at 907387.
H	S-3	1200	Spot Report DTG 041200H Hotel at 041200H at 908384. Found two bunkers containing field phone. Also found note book believed to be personal diary. Last entry date was 4/18/68. Found enough rice to feed one squad for one week. Bunker would take direct hit of 105MM to destroy. Destroyed with C-4. Found 4 NVA bodies dead approximately two weeks, unidentifiable. They were wearing utilities. Found Malaria pills, one machete, utilities, pots and pans, soap, and Gas Mask NVA type.
F	S-3	1355	Spot Report DTG 041245H Foxtrot at 041245H at 905385 Completed search and clear of bunker complex of 75 to 100 log and dirt bunkers, 6x4'x4 1/2'x34' and 1x4'x4 1/2'x15' and connecting trenches with steps cut. Bunkers are frame and block heavily reinforced with three layers of dirt and logs. Fighting holes located at lower avenues of approach. Excellent water point. Communications wire extended. Several bunkers found to be booby trapped for command detonation. Found 4 AK-47's, 13 SKS's, 1 AK-50, 1 SK-43 Machine Gun, 2 82MM mortars complete except for sights, 2 M-16's (serial numbers 882047 and 873435), 1 U. S. Carbine, 5 field telephones, 1 TA312 US, 1 switch board Chi-Com, 1 handset HTLA serial number B16334, 1 Megaphone Transistor Japanese type, 4 hand sets, 1 PRC 25 hand set, box of miscellaneous electronic tubes, tripod for aiming circle, 2 electronic detonators, 1 gas detection kit, miscellaneous ammo and demolitions, 1 82MM recoilless rifle round, 2 NVA Flags, miscellaneous documents, 782 gear and clothing.

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H	S-3	1405	Spot Report DTG 041330H Hotel at 041330H at 905385 Found one enemy bunker destroyed. Bunker located in Montagnard Village. Village was destroyed and showed no signs of reoccupancy.
S-3	1stMar	1534	Spot Report DTG 041534H Golf at 041534H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received three rounds medium artillery. Impact range outside of compound, grid cannot be determined.
S-3	1stMar	1605	Spot Report DTG 041605H Golf at 041605H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf defense position received two rounds of 120MM rocket. One scoring direct hit on 60MM mortar pit resulting in one USMC KIA. Grater analysis revealed direction of fire to be 5400 mils.
H	S-3	1700	Spot Report DTG 041700H Hotel at 041615H and 041630H Received two rounds of 120MM rocket with negative casualties. Called in counter battery fire.
H	S-3	1705	H/3/A ambush at grid 909382, H/2/A LP at grid 909382, and H/1/B LP at grid 905382, all due to depart at 1900H.
H	S-3	1900	All night time activities have departed for night time positions.
S-3	1stMar	2300	Spot Report DTG 042200H Hotel at 042200H at 905382 H/1/B LP heard movement and threw one grenade. Pulled back to C.P. Received one incoming grenade. Hotel on 100% alert.
S-3	1stMar	2315	Spot Report DTG 042200H Foxtrot at 042200H F/2 detected movement in front of position and received one incoming grenade. Threw five grenades in return, movement ceased and received no more incoming grenades. Will check area at first light.
S-3	1stMar	2330	Spot Report DTG 042125H Golf at 042125 at 824424 Golf elements spotted movement with starlight scope. Fired 4 rounds M-16. Will check area at first light.

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S-3	1st Mar	0320	Spot Report DTG 050320H Golf at 050320H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Elements of Golf Company received four rounds possibly 82MM mortar. Negative Casualties. Will conduct crater analysis at first light.
S-3	1st Mar	0330	Spot Report DTG 050330H Golf at 050330H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Unit has received two rounds in the vicinity of Golf Battery. Believed to be 122MM rockets. Will conduct crater analysis at first light.
S-3	1st Mar	0510	Spot Report DTG 050500H Golf at 050500H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Golf has been receiving incoming rounds during the last 60 minutes at approximately 2 every 15 minutes. Rounds appear to be directed at Golf Battery but most rounds appear to fall short and land around our Golf 3 unit. Will check area and make crater analysis at first light.
S-3	1st Mar	1915	Spot Report DTG 051915H Hotel at 051900H at 847394 Hotel elements estimate that 4 NVA bodies are forward of their position. Based on observation of parts protruding from ground. Found six NVA helmets, will dig up bodies at first light.
E	S-3	2015	E/2 night time activity departing C.P.
E	S-3	2210	E/2 night time activity now at check point 3.
G	S-3	2245	G LP and ambush now returning to C.P.
E	S-3	2255	E/2 night time activity now in C.P.
G	S-3	2300	G/3 night time activity now in C.P.

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S-3	1stMar	0020	Operation Summary/Plan Summary 05 May 1968 2/1 units continued mission in defense of Khe Sanh Combat Base in addition to recon in force of extension of Area of Operation.
F	S-3	0830	Spot Report DTG 060830H Foxtrot at 060830H on Road Sweep Foxtrot while on road sweep located two NVA bodies killed by supporting arms. Bodies were decomposed, believed to be two to three weeks old. Bodies were concealed.
S-3	1stMar	0835	C.P. Group and Foxtrot continuing along MSR towards 2/3 C.P. on road sweep.
S-3	1stMar	0855	Spot Report DTG 060855H Hotel at 060855H at 847394 Unit found 10 NVA bodies, appeared to be 1 to 1½ months old. Also found cartridge belts, helmets, magazines and pouches, also found personal diary, ID card, and personal pictures, and propaganda leaflets. Dug bodies up and checked them, burned 782 gear and turned other material over to S-2.
F	S-3	0911	Foxtrot and 2/1 C.P. road sweep continuing towards Bridge 35.
1stMar	S-3	1217	Commanding Officers meeting in 1st Marines C.O. C. Requiring 2/1 Commanding Officer, Designate pick up point as desired.
S-3	1stMar	1300	Spot Report DTG 061300H Echo at 061300H Unit sweeping area found one bunker 4'x4'x6' with 6 to 12 inches of dirt overhead. Appeared to be three months old. Not recently used. Also found three bunkers of the same dimension that appeared to have been destroyed by artillery. Check out area, bunker marked for future destruction and continued on assigned mission.
S-3	1stMar	1345	Spot Report DTG 061345H Golf at 061345H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received two rounds incoming recoilless rifle fire. Artillery mission being fired on area. Area under observation.
S-3	1stMar	1547	Spot Report DTG 061545H Golf at 061545H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Red sector and perimeter defense received 8 rounds incoming 122MM rocket fire from TWA/2. Two known enemy rocket positions. 1/1 Bravo sighting of area currently firing counter battery fire at grids 768474 and 782485.

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F	S-3	1700	Foxtrot lead elements now entering C.P.
F	S-3	1720	Foxtrot now in C.P.
E	S-3	1900	E/1 and E/2 now in C.P.

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1stMar	S-3	0015	Weather Report
S-3	1stMar	0930	Spot Report DTG 070930H Echo at 070930H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Echo Company reports that 12 rounds possible 82mm rounds hit on road outside of perimeter.
E	S-3	1219	Spot Report DTG 071219H Echo at 071219H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received two rounds incoming artillery, of a heavy caliber. Negative casualties.
S-3	1stMar	1230	Spot Report DTG 071230H Golf at 071230H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Enemy 122mm rockets were received between Red and Blue sectors. There was an eight second delay between rounds being fired and impact. Enemy fire resulted in one secondary explosion. Counter battery fire being fired.
S-3	1stMar	1300	Spot Report DTG 071300H Golf at 071300H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Red sector received approximately 16 rounds of 82mm mortar. Rounds came in volleys of four. The first group consisted of 3 rounds of HE and 1 round of WP. There after all rounds were EE. Rounds impacted vicinity of grid 8442. Crater analysis showed that direction was 4000 mills. There was a 18 second delay between shot and impact.
F	S-3	1315	Spot Report DTG 071230H Foxtrot at 071230H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received approximately 9 rounds of 82mm mortar or light artillery and heavy artillery. Negative casualties. Rounds impacted behind lines.
S-3	1stMar	1345	Spot Report DTG 071345H Golf at 071345H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received one round of either 81mm or 82mm WP. Round impacted at grid 834423 from an unknown direction. Believe round was a spotter round and more is to follow. Round impacted in mine field making crater analysis impossible.
S-3	1stMar	1400	Spot Report DTG 071400H Foxtrot at 071400H at Khe Sanh Combat Base

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S-3	1stMar	1415	Received 20 rounds of incoming rocket fire and several rounds of artillery which impacted between F/3 and F/1. Spot Report DTG 071330H Hotel at 071330H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 20 to 25 rounds of 152mm artillery, and rockets. Received one WIA USMC.
S-3	1stMar	1950	Spot Report DTG 071415H 2/1 at 071415H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Battalion units received between 071220H and 071415H approximately 58 rounds of 122mm rockets, 28 rounds medium and heavy artillery, and 17 rounds of 82mm mortar. Targets appeared to be congested areas, command bunkers, road junctions, and equipment storage areas. Rockets and artillery appeared to be fired in 3 round volleys with approximately a 5 minute delay between volleys. One fire was observed and at least 3 vehicles and one trailer suffered heavy damage. Golf Company reported incoming 82mm mortars in volleys of 4, the first volley with one WP round. Rounds appeared to come from an azimuth of 5200 mils impacting at grid 836419 with an 18 second delay between volleys. Artillery and rockets were reported as originating from various areas. Returned fire with counter battery fire. Received two WIA's USMC.

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E	S-3	1010	Echo moving to pick up zone for Helo-lift.
S-3	1stMar	1025	Spot Report DTG 081025H Golf at 081025H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 7 rounds of incoming high velocity shell. Rounds were from a direction of 6000 mills from grid 789429. 8 second interval between rounds.
S-3	1stMar	1045	Foxtrot and Battalion Command Group lifted out.
H	S-3	1110	Hotel now landing in LZ.
E	S-3	1120	Echo is receiving no incoming rounds.
H	S-3	1130	Hotel is receiving incoming rounds.
H	S-3	1345	Hotel reports that both corpsman from 3rd Platoon are WIA. Request replacements for them.
S-3	1stMar	1425	Spot Report DTG 081215H Echo at 081215H at 769454 Elements of Echo Company while searching area found mortar pit with adjoining ammo Bunker. Pit was 5 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep. Ammo bunker had overhead of 3 inches of logs and 2 feet of dirt. Area was heavily camouflaged. Searched area and destroyed bunker. Found 6 82MM rounds complete, 1 NVA canteen, 1 NVA grenade pouch, 1 NVA entrenching tool, and one rifle stock. Destroyed all gear.
S-3	1stMar	1630	2/1 Commanding Officer and 5 medevacs lifted out off Hill 881.
1stMar	S-3	1945	1st Marine Regimental Frag Order 81-68.
2/1 For	S-3	2010	Position Report.
S-3	1stMar	2230	Spot Report DTG 081900H Golf at 081900H at 767468 Upon seizing objective #8, Golf Company found 20 140MM rockets and firing positions set on a direc- tion of 2300 mills. Rockets had been fuzed and wired for firing. A recent air strike had detonated five or six rockets. Remainder of rockets were in tact. Rockets have been disarmed and will destroy unless directed to prepare for helo-lift out. Will conduct further search at first light.
S-3	1stMar	2231	Spot Report DTG 081600H at 76854545. Echo 3rd Platoon while searching area found 30-35 living bunkers. Bunkers had overhead of logs, branches, and layers of dirt. Bunkers approximately 3'x4'x3'. Bunkers are believed to vary from two weeks to two months old. Seven or eight had been

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			destroyed by artillery. Searched and destroyed bunkers. Found and destroyed 100 60MM rounds, 78 82MM rounds, 20 Chi-com grenades, 6 boosters for RPG, 40 cases 82MM, 31 fuzes for 60MM, 8 cans of increments, 20 feet of time fuze, 3 loaded AK-47 magazines, 8 cases AK-47 rounds, 1 US Claymore, 1 60MM bore brush, 6 NVA canteens, 1 NVA entrenching tool, 1 NVA pick, 1 US helmet, cooking utensils, 12 bags of rice, 1 NVA oil can, 1 bottle of iodine, 1 empty Chi-Com milk can, 1 BA-386, and 3 BA-30's.

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S-3	1st Mar	0851	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	0911	Golf Company secured Objective #9 at 0900H. Moving to establish C.P. up slope. Will continue search. Foxtrot commences attack towards Objective #10.
1st Mar	S-3	1109	Info received indicates that enemy will fire on arrival of Helo/aircraft.
S-3	1st Mar	1158	Spot Report DTG 090900H Echo at 090900H at 772457 Patrol found bunker complex, searched complex of 3 living and fighting bunkers. Found 2 Boosters for RPG, 10 Chi-Com grenades, 1 NVA canteen, 3 25 pound bags of rice, 2 B-40 rockets, 21 cases of 50 Cal. ammo with 85 rounds to a box, 8 82MM rounds, 4 fuzes for 82MM, 4 shoulder pads, 1 NVA gas mask.
S-3	1st Mar	1217	Spot Report DTG 090900H Golf at 090900H at 740460. Golf while moving towards Objective #9 discovered 10-12 large well constructed bunkers. Approximately 4'x3'x5'. Appears to be position for NVA reinforced platoon. Area has not been occupied recently as no foot prints remain in the soft dirt. Position was cut in reverse slope defense perimeter. However no field of fire had been cleared or firing tunnels.
S-3	1st Mar	1251	Spot Report DTG 090845H Foxtrot at 090845H at 757464 Squad recon patrol located small bunker complex consisting of 5 bunkers. Bunkers contained food, water, cookstove, and torn clothing. Bunkers are log and dirt block construction. Appeared to have been occupied 7 days ago. Squad continued mission bunkers to be destroyed.
S-3	1st Mar	1311	Spot Report DTG 091311H 2/1 Rear at 091311H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received approximately 8 rounds artillery. Resulting in 3 WIA's and 2 KIA's.
S-3	1st Mar	1324	Spot Report DTG 091130H Foxtrot at 091130H at 763464 While moving to Objective #10 found Company size Bunker complex consisting of 25 log and dirt type constructed bunkers. 4 to 5 foot deep trench lines and one large 15'x15' command bunker. No equipment or gear except for 100 pounds of spoiled rice.

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S-3	1st Mar	1329	Indications are that the area had been occupied 2-5 days ago. Checking area for additional complexes. Spot Report DTG 090900H Echo at 090900H at 772457 Unit found 30 living and 2 Ammo bunkers. Bunkers 5'x4'x3'. Destroyed bunkers and brought ammo back to be destroyed. 2 RPG's, 10 Chi-Com grenades, 1 NVA canteen, 6 bags of raw rice, 2 B-40 rocket pads, 5 75MM recoilless rifle rounds, 21 boxes of 50 Cal rounds, 1 Chi-Com claymore, 8 82MM mortar rounds, 4 82MM fuzes, 4 shoulder pads, 1 entrenching tool, 2 picks, and 1 poncho.
S-3	1st Mar	1331	Spot Report DTG 091203H Hotel at 091203H at 785460 Found complex of 40 fighting hole in a 360 degree circle. Each hole big enough for 2 men.
S-3	1st Mar	1338	Spot Report DTG 090900H Echo at 090900H at 769454 Found fighting positions 3. 5'x4' and one tunnel. Destroyed fighting positions and tunnel. Turned in 880 of 50 Caliber ammunition to the Battalion.
S-3	1st Mar	1349	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	1725	Spot Report DTG 091615H Golf at 091615H at Objectives 8 and 9 Patrol found 10 NVA bunkers, 5 were living bunkers approximately 8'x3'x3' and other 5 were fighting bunkers with single appature facing to defend from personnel going down slope from Southwest. Bunkers Bunkers found on trail 5'x4'x3' constructed with wood and 2 1/2 foot dirt overhead. Vacant for 2-3 weeks. No equipment found. Destroyed by hand.
S-3	1st Mar	1730	Spot Report DTG 091645H Golf at 091645H at 768467, Enemy 775475 Heard enemy mortars being fired in direction of 1200 mills approximately 1000 meters away. 10 rounds bOMM unobserved area of fire. Unable to search area due to mission in distance. Will request H&I for that area.
1/1	S-3	1755	1st Bn, 1st Mar will send platoon sized unit into the area of airstrike grid 787455.
S-3	1st Mar	1900	Night Activities and night positions.
1st Mar	S-3	2030	1st Marine Regimental Frag Order 82-68.
S-3	1st Mar	2140	Operational Summary 09 May 1968

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1st Mar	S-3	0035	Change to 1st Mar Frag Order 82-68
1st Mar	S-3	0040	Weather Report
S-3	1st Mar	0655	All 2/1 units have commenced day time activities.
S-3	1st Mar	1010	Spot Report DTG 100900H Echo at 100900H at 770450 While on patrol unit found small bunker complex. Consisted of 2 living bunkers and 4 fighting positions, 1 ammo bunker. All bunkers were well camouflaged. 5'x4'x4' bunkers covered with logs and dirt. 1 bunker possible mortar position. Bunkers 1 to 2 months old. Found 8 82MM rounds, and 4 fuzes.
1st Mar	S-3	1232	1st Marines Regimental Frag Order 83-68
S-3	1st Mar	1300	Commencing attack in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 83-68. Coordinating 2/1 positions as follows; C.P. and Hotel 777468, Echo 769468, Fox-trot 757464 moving to consolidate in vicinity Objective #8 to exploit and or support by fire Golf Companies attack on grid 767468, Golf will attack Southeast to seize Objective's 13 and 14
S-3	1st Mar	1710	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	1825	Spot Report DTG 101130H Golf at 101130H at 767466 Unit recieved enemy artillery of unknown caliber, while moving for pickup 100 meters east of this unit. Resulting in one USMC WIA. Could not determine enemy position. Continued movement.
S-3	1st Mar	1925	Night activities.
S-3	1st Mar	1935	Spot Report DTG 101340H Hotel at 101340H at 774449 Found 3 NVA bunkers, one was a mortar position. Found 2 Chi-Com grenades, 2 82MM rounds and fuzes, and 1 NVA haversack. Checked and destroyed all bunkers.
S-3	1st Mar	1950	Spot Report DTG 101715H Golf at 101715H at 780450 Found approximately 6 undamaged living bunkers. Bunkers set in 180 degree perimeter on Northeast of Objective overlooking the valley. Bunkers connected by a trench line. Bunkers approximately 3'x4'x6'.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
S-3	1st Mar	2100	Indication of recent use by NVA. Heavy reinforced roof with logs, 122MM rocket canisters and packed dirt. Will destroy by physical means. Operational Summary 10 May 1968.

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1st Mar	S-3	0240	Weather Report
S-3	1st Mar	0805	Spot Report DTG 110715H Golf at 110715H at 771471 Found one half of unidentifiable body. Appeared to have been half eaten by some type of animal. Could not tell whether NVA or civilian. Will continue search and destroy mission. Not enough of body left to bury.
S-3	1st Mar	0820	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	0903	Position Report
1st Mar	S-3	1145	1st Marines Regimental Frag Order 84-68.
S-3	1st Mar	1600	Spot Report DTG 111505H Golf at 111505H at 778469, 790464 Unit while moving in search and destroy mission received approximately 30 rounds 60MM fire resulting in 6 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 10 rounds of 60MM 10 LAWS, 2 rounds 3.5 W.P., and approximately 1500 to 2000 rounds of M-60. 2 Huey's armed with 2.75 rockets fired with excellent coverage of target. Enemy fire ceased, unit currently consolidating as Foxtrot observed target area and called in artillery mission.
S-3	1st Mar	1630	Position Report
1st Mar	S-3	1645	Change in 1st Marines Regimental Frag Order 84-68.
S-3	1st Mar	1710	Check points for route in to C.P.

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1st Mar	S-3	0415	Weather Report
S-3	1st Mar	0710	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	0755	Position Report
H	S-3	0900	Hotel entering C.P.
E	S-3	1000	Echo and C.P. group entering C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1001	2/1 has assumed the defense of Khe Sanh Combat Base.
F	S-3	1030	Foxtrot entering C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1120	Spot Report DTG 121105H Golf at 121105H at 818431. Marine while returning along march route suffered heat exhaustion and fell 15 feet down slope. Man believed to have suffered broken neck. Also HST man suffering from heat exhaustion.
G	S-3	1200	Golf entering C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1335	Spot Report DTG 121210H Golf at 121210H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received three rounds incoming of unknown caliber from the Northeast.
S-3	1st Mar	1602	Helo-lift for Echo Company completed at 1600.
S-3	1st Mar	1800	Night activities
S-3	1st Mar	1940	Day activities for 13 May 1968.

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To: 132400H May 1968

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
S-3	1st Mar	0650	Road sweep departed Khe Sanh Combat Base at 0645.
S-3	1st Mar	0815	Spot Report DTG 130700H Golf at 130700H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Marine while cleaning a .45 Cal. pistol had an accidental discharge. Round struck right knee Corpsman treated wound. 0710 taken to C-Med by Mule.
S-3	Company	0820	Word was passed to the Companies to hold class on weapons and grenade safety.
S-3	1st Mar	1000	Road sweep completed and back in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1st Mar	1045	Spot Report DTG 131040H Golf at 131040H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Report of CS Gas in their lines. Gas coming from a westerly direction. After checking area believes it was a CS Gas grenade thrown accidentally into a fire.
E	S-3	1049	1 man from 1/11 is on hill mission to establish a flash O.P. Does not have a PRC-25. Echo/C loaning him a PRC-25. Request radio re-supplied by 1/11.
S-3	1st Mar	1245	Spot Report DTG 131225H Hotel at Khe Sanh Combat Base at 131225H Received 2 rounds incoming artillery. Rounds coming from a South West direction.
S-3	1st Mar	1345	Spot Report DTG 13335H Golf at 131335H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received 4 rounds incoming estimated to be 130MM or 152MM Artillery. Two rounds impacted near Golf Battery. Two rounds impacted near the front of FOB area. Azimuth of 4000 Mills taken from Golf C.P. Unable to time the sound from gun or howit- izer being fired and the impact. Negative casuali- ties.
S-3	1st Mar	1412	Spot Report Dtg 131345H Echo at 131345H at Hill 5471. Received 28 rounds light artillery from West azimuth of 4300 mills range approximately 12,000 meters. Called counter battery fire and called A.O. to check out area. Enemy ceased fire at 1345H.
S-3	1st Mar	1415	Operational Plans for 14 May 1968.
81's	S-3	1430	81's to hold a practice firing.
81's	S-3	1530	81's secured firing.
S-3	1st Mar	1615	Golf 3 departed Khe Sanh Combat Base on convoy security.
S-3	1st Mar	1705	Golf Company and COC receiving incoming rounds.

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S-3	1st Mar	1825	Spot Report DTG 131815H Golf at 131815H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 20 rounds incoming Medium artillery, (approximately 130MM) and rockets, impacting in the vicinity of Golf Battery and Tango Battery resulting in no friendly casualties. Enemy direction determined by sound. Distance factor was not able to be determined.
S-3	1st Mar	1822	Sparrow Hawk standing by for Regimental COC.
S-3	1st Mar	1830	Sent one platoon from Hotel to guard downed helicopter at east end of air strip.
S-3	1st Mar	2105	Lost radio contact with Hotel platoon, sending out relay team to make contact with platoon.
1st Mar	S-3	2010	Received recon inserts.
S-3	1st Mar	2142	Hotel platoon now setting up around downed chopper.
S-3	1st Mar	2305	Change to plans for 14 May 1968.

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H	S-3	0800	H/3 on recon.
H	S-3	0825	Hotel has set up around helicopter at grid 863417.
S-3	1st Mar	0904	2/1 plans for 15 May 1968, IAW 1st Marine Regimental Frag Order 85-68.
H	S-3	0935	H/3 at check point #3.
G	S-3	1005	Golf convoy departing C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1055	Spot Report DTG 141030H Golf at 141030H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received 8 rounds incoming light artillery from a direction of 4000 mills.
S-3	1st Mar	1100	Spot Report DTG 141045H Golf at 141045H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 6 incoming artillery rounds from a direction of 4000 mills.
S-3	1st Mar	1135	Spot Report DTG 141135H Golf at 141135H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 3 rounds incoming artillery from a direction of 4000 mills.
S-3	1st Mar	1145	Spot Report DTG 141145H Golf Convoy at 141145H at Friendly 875395, Enemy 870397. Convoy was taken under fire by approximately a squad size enemy unit. Believed to be a harassing unit. Enemy employed 6 to 8 rounds of 60mm mortar and 200 rounds to 300 rounds of small arms and automatic fire. Returned fire and saw one NVA fall. Had 2 USMC WIA's.
1st Mar	S-3	1207	Intelligence received indicates artillery attack on Khe Sanh Combat Base between 1100 and 1330.
S-3	1st Mar	1234	Spot Report DTG 141130H 2/1 at 141130H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Between 1030 and 1130 received 24 rounds incoming artillery and rocket fire from a direction of 4000 mills.
S-3	1st Mar	1240	Spot Report DTG 141230H Golf at 141230H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received two incoming artillery rounds.
S-3	1st Mar	1435	Spot Report DTG 141435H Echo at 141435H at Hill 471. Received 4 rounds incoming medium artillery from the Co Roc area.
S-3	1st Mar	1649	Spot Report DTG 141615H Echo at 141615H at 850392 While conducting search of area found 1 cartridge belt complete, 2 drums of light machine gun ammo, 4 chi-oom grenades with pouch, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 3 B-40 rockets, and 1-B-40 booster.

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G	S-3	1832	Golf Convoy in C.P.
H	S-3	2130	Hotel departed downed Helicopter and starting back for G.P.
H	S-3	2145	Hotel has now returned to Khe Sanh Combat Base.
1st Mar	S-3	2150	Received message concerning recon teams.
S-3	1st Mar	2200	Sent day activities for 15 May to Regiment.

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S-3	1st Mar	0630	Road Sweep departed C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	0815	Road Sweep Completed.
S-3	1st Mar	0845	A 12 man working party dispatched to 1st Mar C.O.C.
# 9	S-3	0945	Hotel in position on Hill 471.
1st Mar	S-3	1000	Message from 1st Marine Regiment.
S-3	1st Mar	1001	Road sweep for 1/1 departed C. P.
S-3	1st Mar	1020	Golf convoy departed C.P. The Bn. Commander left with them.
S-3	1st Mar	1123	Spot Report DTG 151015H Hotel at 151015H at 845395 Received 21 rounds of incoming 105MM artillery in LZ and North side of Hill 471. Air and artillery directed at enemy position in Co Roc area.
S-3	1st Mar	1130	Bulldozer security departed C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1220	Bulldozer security back in C.P.
Bn CO	S-3	1223	Bn Commander at 2/3 C.P.
G	S-3	1310	Golf FAM Firing in grid 841425
Bn CO	S-3	1329	Bn Commander returning to C.P.
Bn CO	S-3	1405	Bn Commander in C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1430	Spot Report DTG 151335H 2/1 at 151335H to 151410H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Golf Company received 4 rounds of light artillery that landed near Golf Battery, also two rounds that landed near their C.P. Echo Company received 5 rounds and the C.O.C. received 18 rounds. Direction of 4000 Mills called to FSCG.
S-3	1st Mar	1528	Spot Report DTG 151400H Hotel at 151400H at 855396 Found 15 living type bunkers made of timber and earth. 6 bunkers were destroyed when found. 9 were intact. Opening generally facing a Northwesterly direction. Dimensions 6'x3'x3'. Found 4 cans of 50 Caliber ammunition, 2 Chi-Com grenades. No evidence of occupancy for at least one month. Destroyed bunkers and ammunition.
S-3	1st Mar	1529	Spot Report DTG 151455H 2/1 at 151435H to 151455H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Golf received 14 rounds light artillery. One round landed in ASP. Looked like a WP round. C.O.C. received 16 rounds of light artillery. Gun direction called to FSCG.

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1st Mar	S-3	1530	Convoy at check point 57.
S-3	1st Mar	1610	Spot Report DTG 151530H S-4 at 151530H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 1 or 2 rounds in ASP. Possible contents 152 rounds of 3.5 WP rocket ammunition. ASP was burning. Personnel alerted to stay clear of area, fire was put out at 1600.
S-3	1st Mar	1615	Spot Report DTG 151500H Hotel at 151500H at 855393. Found six bunkers and gun pit that was 6 foot in diameter, with a living bunker connected. Found 1 anti-aircraft type gun complete with sight, sight case, tripod, and tripod mount. Found 5 boxes of ammunition, estimated to be .50 caliber. Bunker dimensions 4'x4'x4' with two entrances one facing North and one facing South. Found 2 home made extremely large grenades resembling German potato mashers, found 2 belts with magazines, 1 circular type magazine and pouch, 2 chi-coms grenades, 1 diary and 1 wallet. Will blow bunkers as soon as small unit procures necessary demolitions.
S-3	1st Mar	1623	Spot Report DTG 151600H Hotel at 151600H at 847393 Received 7 rounds of 105mm artillery impact at LZ and side of Hill 471. Enemy position Co Roc.
1st Mar	S-3	1630	Convoy at check point #90.
H	S-3	1635	H/1 now back in C.P.
G	S-3	1636	Golf FAM Firing secured.
1st Mar	S-3	1800	Golf convoy now in C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	2125	Spot Report DTG Follow up to 141100H Golf Convoy at 151100H at Ambush site. Convoy security upon moving through site of previous ambush site spotted one NVA body. Investigation revealed 3 additional bodies all dressed in green colored utilities, all equipment and weapons had been removed from area. It was noted that the enemy had been victims of small arms fire. Unit markings were missing from uniforms. No documents or papers were found. Continued mission to Ca Lu. Reported incident upon return.
1st Mar	S-3	2135	Recon inserts.
1st Mar	S-3	2245	Intelligence report.
G	S-3	2302	Golf ambush in position.

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1stMar	S-3	0313	Weather Report
S-3	1stMar	0700	Road Sweep departing CP.
S-3	1stMar	0820	Road Sweep completed and returning to CP.
S-3	1stMar	0830	Road Sweep in CP.
S-3	G-6	0852	Golf sent 6 men to "C" Med for stretcher barriers.
1stMar	S-3	0852	Received word fixed wing coming in. Units notified to stay off air strip.
H	S-3	1115	Spot Report DTG 160945H Hotel at 160945H at 855390 Found approximately 25 living bunkers 3'x3'x3', room for 2 men. Constructed timbers, dirt and some sandbags. It would take a 105 to destroy. Found fighting holes sufficient for NVA platoon. The bunkers were facing in a Southwest direction toward Hill 471. Bunkers not recently occupied. Destroyed all bunkers by hand.
G	S-3	1230	Golf 2 at check point #1.
H	S-3	1300	Hotel patrol back on Hill 471.
S-3	1stMar	1308	Spot Report DTG 161140H 2/1 units at 161140H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf received 5 rounds incoming heavy artillery, 132 or 152mm. Rounds impacted near Golf battery. Hotel received 5 rounds medium or heavy artillery. Tango battery had 4 rounds light artillery. Enemy gun direction 4000 to 4200 mills, reported as coming from Co Roc area. Direction determined by sound.
1stMar	S-3	1354	Convoy at 943423 on way back.
S-3	1stMar	1411	Spot Report DTG 160910H Hotel at 160910H at 855401 Found anti air-craft position 10' diameter, 5' deep. Reported destroyed.
S-3	1stMar	1413	Spot Report DTG 161055H Hotel at 161055H at 845403 Found AK-47 rounds, clothes, 2 pair of boots, 2 canteens, a blow-gun and gas mask. All items destroyed by arc-light except gas mask and blow-gun.
S-3	1stMar	1415	Spot Report DTG 161200H Hotel at 161200H at 840408 Found 1000 pounds of rice. Destroyed rice.
G	S-3	1435	Golf 2 Bravo at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1500	Convoy back
S-3	1stMar	1510	Golf 2 Bravo at CP.

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F	S-3	1825	Foxtrot in except for 1 platoon.
F	S-3	1840	Foxtrot in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
H	S-3	1900	Hotel LP's in position.
G	S-3	1905	Golf 1 LP departing CP.
1stMar	S-3	1955	Recon Inserts message.
G	S-3	2001	Golf 3 departing CP.
G	S-3	2006	Golf 3 in position.
G	S-3	2009	Golf 2 departing CP.
H	S-3	2100	Ambush in position.
G	S-3	2100	Golf 1 LP in CP.
G	S-3	2200	Golf 2 LP in CP.

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G	S-3	0010	Golf ambush in C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	0025	Spot Report DTG 170020H 2/1 at 170020H at 842418 Received 2 rounds incoming rockets in vicinity of "A" Co, 3rd AT's. Was unable to determine enemy position.
S-3	1st Mar	0035	Spot Report DTG 170035H Golf at 170035H at 834418 and 839424. Received 1 round at first coordinates and 2 rounds at second coordinates. All rounds hit outside of perimeter and could not determine enemy position.
H	S-3	0100	LP's and ambush in C.P.
1st Mar	S-3	0355	Weather Report
S-3	1st Mar	0650	Road sweep departed Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1st Mar	0816	Spot Report DTG 170750H. 2/1 at 170750H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received 5 rounds light artillery or mortar fire. Impact north flank Red Sector. COC took 2 rounds. Will conduct crater analysis.
S-3	1st Mar	0819	Road Sweep complete.
S-3	1st Mar	0900	Echo convoy departed Khe Sanh Combat Base.
F	S-3	1230	Foxtrot 2 patrol at check point #4.
S-3	1st Mar	1245	Spot Report DTG 171000H Hotel at 171000H at 807380 Spotted five NVA with helmets, flack jackets and M-79, well camouflaged. Enemy position at 840380. Appeared to the squad to be USMC at first glance. Man beckoned to them and then ran into heavy tree line. Squad swept tree line to west of Khe Sanh ville with negative results. NVA believed to be FO team. Escape route probably along stream bed.
F	S-3	1246	Foxtrot 2 patrol in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
F	S-3	1516	Foxtrot found LAW propellant in road. Contacted engineers to destroy.
S-3	1st Mar	1520	Convoy back to Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1st Mar	1530	Spot Report DTG 171510H Golf at 171510H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 4 rounds incoming medium type artillery. Two rounds impacting in vicinity of rock quarry. Two minutes later, two rounds impacted south edge of Golf perimeter. Rounds were from direction of 4300 to 4600 mills. It was noticed that approximately 6-8 second delay occurred between the sound

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			of shot to impact of round. The sound of projectile indicated flat trajectory of an artillery gun rather than a high angle fire or a howitzer. Will attempt to locate crater for analysis.
S-3	1stMar	1650	Spot Report DTG 171610H 2/1 at 171610H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 18 rounds heavy artillery possibly 132mm or 152mm. Impacting front and rear of Golf lines north of Golf Battery. Echo received 4 rounds estimated to be 152mm. COC received 22 rounds heavy artillery. Azimuth noted to be at 260 degrees, however unable to distance guns. Weapons firing arc flat trajectory and high velocity.
E	S-3	2007	Echo concluded firing.
G	S-3	2040	Golf 2 ambush in position.
S-3	1stMar	2105	Spot Report DTG 171800H 2/1 at 171800H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received 2 rounds of small arms fire from unknown direction. Quads and Dusters fired at suspected location of sniper.
E	S-3	2131	Echo LP 1 set in.
1stMar	S-3	2325	Regiment MF reported being fired upon by automatic fire within perimeter. Alerting all companies.

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S-3	1st Mar	0107	Spot Report DTG 171230H Hotel at 171230H at 826387 Spotted 5 NVA moving East to West along route #9, grid coordinates 826387, with flack jackets, packs M-79 ect. Took enemy under fire with negative results. Pursued enemy to above location, came under extensive enemy small arms fire. Ran into enemy bunker complex, interlocking bunkers with connecting trench line running Northwest to Southeast. Bunkers had room for 2 men and would take direct 105MM hit to destroy. Got AO on section, directed 60MM mortars in area. Hit area with two fixed wing air strikes had bombs and napalm. At completion of air strikes had 2 units sweep East to West on line through objective area. Enemy was still active. Took enemy under extensive small arms fire, grenade and M-79. Had artillery sweep forward of friendly units and completed sweep. Retrieved all casualties. Friendly KIA's 6, friendly WIA's 6 enemy KIA's confirmed 27.
1st Mar	S-3	0200	Will be no TPQ.
S-3	1st Mar	0635	Road sweep departed Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1st Mar	0700	C.P. group departing Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	2/3	0710	Notified 2/3 that Foxtrot will be by bridge #35.
G	S-3	0931	Golf units FAM firing at grid 844424 in North-east direction away from Hill 950.
S-3	1st Mar	1003	Spot Report DTG 180945H 2/1 at 180945H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received 3 rounds light artillery impacting near FOB compound. Rounds coming from direction of 4000 mills.
81's	S-3	1010	81's to prep fire from Echo lines at grids 842377 and 847375.
1st Mar	S-3	1011	FOB intercepted message. Air field to be hit sometime today.
S-4	S-3	1012	S-4 FAM firing M-60 machine gun.
S-3	1st Mar	1140	Spot Report DTG 181015H 2/1 at 181015H at 853396. Received 11 rounds medium or heavy artillery in volleys of 6 and 5. Two rounds impacted South of Hill 471. All others hit between 471 and Khe Sanh. Rounds came from direction of Co Roc.
F & 2/3	S-3	1300	Foxtrot Companies from 2/1 and 2/3 at 1100 made contact at bridge. Turn around in back-up position. Report recieved via land line.

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S-3	1st Mar	1400	Spot Report DTG 180930H Echo at 180930H at 8443 Found 10 rounds of 60MM rounds on bamboo pole. Returning to C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1514	Alpha Battery had premature air burst outside of our lines.
1st Mar	S-3	1555	Received word convoy leaves C-2 on 19 May 1968. Boat sweep must go earlier.
S-3	1st Mar	1605	Spot Report DTG 181555H Echo at 181555H at 840438 While in route to Khe Sanh Combat Base found 1 12 gauge shotgun. Will bring same back to Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1st Mar	1615	Foxtrot elements in C.P.
H	S-3	1620	Hotel cleared for FAN firing.
S-3	1st Mar	1621	Spot Report DTG 181620H 2/1 at 181620H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Received two rounds incoming, impact behind Post Office. Direction of 4000 mills.
E	S-3	1635	Echo has two complete elements in C.P.
F	S-3	1636	Foxtrot going onto road.
106's	S-3	1830	106's cleared for firing at impact area in grid 855415. Firing point 851414. Small arms and one 50 caliber machine gun firing.
S-3	1st Mar	1831	Spot Report DTG 171130H Hotel at 171130H at 831385 Found approximately 25 living bunkers 3'x4'x6' reinforced with timber and dirt, room for three men. Entrances at two sides, connecting trenches. Also found 5 NVA bodies approximately one month old. Found small cups and utensils, clothing, clothing was ripped and burned. Also found about 15 Chi-Com grenades which were used in later infantry contact. Area had been hit by napalm at one time. Could not destroy bunkers due to mission.
81's	S-3	2015	81's noticed bright light at 858935. Could not determine what it was.
E	S-3	2100	Echo ambush on way to night position.
S-3	1st Mar	2245	Update Spot Report DTG 171230H Hotel at 171230H at 826387. Upon vacating battle area after recovering bodies, heard groans and cries of wounded up to 500 meters. Also heard shouts such as "Die Marine" as unit departed. Sounds did not come from area swept by unit. No wounded were discovered during sweep.

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			Unable to search thoroughly or evacuate enemy wounded due to time considerations and necessity to carry own dead and wounded. Unit had been ordered to break contact immediately.
E	S-3	2305	Echo has set in.
1st Mar	S-3	2359	Received new thrust points.

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G	S-3	0010	Both LP's have returned to C.P.
F	S-3	0100	Foxtrot ambush has returned to C.P.
H	S-3	0110	Hotel LP's have returned to C.P.
H	S-3	0115	Hotel ambush has returned to C.P.
1st Mar	S-3	0415	Weather Report
F	S-3	0530	Both LP's have returned to C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	0600	New thrust points, reference times and reference numbers went into effect.
S-3	1st Mar	0601	Road sweep departed C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	0650	Road sweep detected movement and received fire from NVA/VC. Resulting in 1 WIA USMC.
H	S-3	0839	Hotel test firing .50 Cal. machine gun, impact at 855415, firing point 851414.
S-3	1st Mar	0840	Convoy receiving grenades.
S-3	1st Mar	0907	Battalion Commander and Golf (-) departing C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	0930	Receiving incoming.
S-3	1st Mar	1000	Spot Report DTG 190935E Golf at 190935H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received between 4 and 5 rounds of light artillery impacting near airfield.
S-3	1st Mar	1320	Spot Report DTG 191000H Echo at 191000H at 855420 Found small complex of positions, two completed bunkers and one unfinished. 4'x3'x2 ¹ / ₂ '. Roofed with 3" logs with 10" of dirt on top. 3 one man fighting holes, 3 open fighting positions 3'x4'x3'. Complex built within last 10 Days. Destroyed bunkers and positions, took azimuth to Echo lines for use by direct fire supporting weapons in placing fire on complex at a later time.
S-3	1st Mar	1323	Spbt Report DTG 191230H Echo at 191230H at 848423 Received 8 rounds of 152MM artillery from the Co noc area. Called in counter battery fire on areas in vicinity of 845445. Returned from patrol to C.P.
S-3	1st Mar	1325	Spot Report DTG 191230H 2/1 at 191230H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf Battery received 16 rounds of medium artillery, Golf 2/1 received 16 rounds, and 2/1 C.O.C. received 15 rounds. Fired counter Battery fire.

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S-4	S-3	1330	Hotel has been requesting emergency resupply on Hill 471. Regimental S-4 says it is not an emergency due to the contact 2/1 is presently involved in.
H	S-3	1435	Position Report
S-3	1stMar	1525	Spot Report DTG 191200H Hotel at 191200H at 846384, enemy 850384 Spotted 5 NVA coming down trail, enemy moved off trail into vicinity of grid 857388. Seemed to be coming from 2/1 Foxtro contact. Fired 60mm, 81mm and artillery into area, along with small arms. Spotted enemy again at 850384 attempting to escape to the southwest. Took enemy under small arms fire along with 60mm, 81mm and artillery HE quick and VT. Good coverage of target area. Have not seen any movement since, will sweep area at direction of Battalion Commander. Presently occupying blocking position in the vicinity of Khe Sanh Ville.
S-3	1stMar	1715	Spot Report DTG 191655H Echo at 191655H at 852403 Received 30 rounds stray small arms fire.
S-3	1stMar	1730	CP group departing Khe Sanh Combat Base.
1stMar	S-3	1815	Recon inserts.
S-3	1stMar	1830	Spot Report DTG 191830H Hotel at 191830H at 846385 Follow up to Spot Report DTG 191230H Swept area and found drag marks and blood trails confirming one mans report that he saw NVA dragging off 1 body. He also saw one man that appeared to be carrying mortar tube. Did not sweep area of artillery concentration at direction of Battalion Commander, and lateness in day. On sweeping back to CP captured one NVA with negative resistance. He was laying down in area and was wearing utilities, and cartridge belt. He had 2 Chi-Com grenades, medical kit, ID card, new gas mask. He was clean and neatly groomed. Returned to CP at Hill 471 and flew POW to Regimental CP.
S-3	1stMar	2325	Spot Report DTG 190700H to 191830H 2/1 at 190700H to 191830H at 857398 Mine sweep team accompanied by reinforced platoon from Company "F" and two tanks triggered enemy ambush at initial range of approximately 25 meters. Contact subsequently revealed reinforced NVA company and prepared bunkers. Road sweep element immediately reinforced by remainder Company "F", standing by at Khe Sanh Combat Base as convoy security. Company assaulted enemy position and later repulsed counter attack. Company "G" was

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			dispatched to reinforce Company "F" and killed 3 NVA at rear of Company "F" while linking up. Company "E" 2/3 with two tanks dispatched from bridge 3 to reinforce Company "G" and Company "F". After link up of forces, contact was broken and intensive air, artillery, mortars, grenades and small arms fire was brought upon enemy positions. "F" and "G" Companies established blocking position in direction of enemy attack. Echo 2/3 swept through enemy position from rear driving enemy into blocking force. Sweep and blocking force units engaged enemy by fire. Echo reported 16 NVA KIA. Company "H" patrolling south of contact area, contacted 1 NVA fleeing area. Captured 13 AK-47's, 1 AK-50, 7 Chi-Com light machine guns, 2 U. S. Carbines, 5 RPG's, 1 60mm mortar, miscellaneous NVA 782 gear and documents. Total casualties 8 friendly KIA, 34 friendly WIA and 66 NVA KIA.

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TPB3	TP6	0015	Foxtrot strength report. Effective 92, WIA 33, KIA 8. Message sent by relay from Foxtrot to Golf to TP due to poor communication.
E	S-3	0700	Casualty Report.
S-3	1stMar	0745	Echo personnel report. Officer Green (5), Enlisted Red-3, USN Green-1 and attachments Green-1.
S-3	1stMar	0830	Lt LANG, Foxtrot XO arrived at Khe Sanh Combat Base and was sent out to the Company at 0900H.
2/1 For S-3		0910	Position Report DTG 200910H.
2/1 For 2/1 Rear		1140 ⁰⁶³	2/1 CP moving.
S-3	1stMar	1157	Spot Report DTG 200800H to 201120H Golf at 853402 at 200800H/201120H While sweeping area of yesterdays contact, unit discovered bodies of 31 NVA killed in yesterdays contact. Also found 7 additional individual weapons, 2 AK-44's, 1 missing stock, 4 AK-50's, 782 gear (packs, magazines and documents). Buried bodies, forwarded weapons and documents to S-3.
TP6	S-3	1218	Sent 6x6 to pick up water buffalo and captured gear. Taking HST Team to TP CP.
S-3	1stMar	1325	Follow up of Spot Report DTG 200800H/201120H Golf at 853402 at 200800H/201120H Found 1 more AK-47, 34 Chi-com grenades, 782 gear and some medical supplies.
S-3	1stMar	1335	Spot Report DTG 201220H Hotel at 845384 at 201220H Spotted 3 NVA moving toward Grid 844387. Persued and apprehended. Indicated they came from Northwest of Khe Sanh, also indicated that there are many NVA South of Khe Sanh Ville. Also NVA killed 2 others that tried to come over to our lines. Called Chopper to lift POW's to Eanworth CP. Captured 2 M-16 rifles and 13,500 peasters.
S-3	1stMar	1350	Spot Report DTG 201330H Echo at 857391 at 201330H While sweeping found 2 NVA sitting under tree. Offered no resistance when captured. Interpreters questioned them and they said they were new in the RVN and said they were lost since 19-20May68 and very tired. One had severe burns on hand approximately 3 days old. POW's evacuated by mighty-mite to Khe Sanh Combat Base. Captured 1 Chi-com grenade, 1 pack w/rice and 1 poncho.
S-3	1stMar	1445	Spot Report DTG 201400H Echo at 854390 at 201400H Found 11, 1 man fighting holes camouflaged with natural foliage about 24 hours old. Bunkers were destroyed.
2/1 For S-3		1955	Position Report
1stMar S-3		2015	Anti-mechinized message.

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S-3	1stMar	2100 Turned OPSUM PLANSUM.

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1st Mar	S-3	0555	Weather Report
S-3	1st Mar	0928	Secured Objective "Alpha"
S-3	1st Mar	1205	Secured Objective "Bravo"
S-3	1st Mar	1250	Spot Report DTG 211000H Echo at 211000H at 849375 While searching area found 8 living bunkers. Dimensions as follows 5'x4'x5½' Bunkers estimated to be between 2 weeks and 1 month old. Tops were covered with logs, dirt, and elephant grass. Destroyed all bunkers.
S-3	1st Mar	1326	Spot Report DTG 211230H Golf at 211230H at 833376 After securing Objective "Bravo" unit discovered cardboard box filled with what is believed to be South Vietnamese Army documents, rosters, photographs, and personal correspondence. Will hold with 3 captured M-16's for resupply pickup.
S-3	1st Mar	1335	Spot Report DTG 210945H Golf at 210945H at 837376 Unit while moving in attack to seize objective "Bravo", found in vicinity what appears to be an assembly area. Found in this area 1 M-16 plus a well used trail intersecting Route 9. Trail heads in a northeast direction from the main road. It has been heavily used in the last 24 hours. At side of road found 2½ 2 pound rice balls. Position appears to have been left in a hurry as the rice was still moist in the inner part of the balls. There were 15 one man fighting holes 3'x4'x2' in the vicinity. Will carry weapons and ammo back to patrol base. Rice has already been destroyed as already cooked. Found 22 60mm rounds with out fuzes, 1 NVA cartridge belt with 80 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, one set of NVA utilities, a pair of NVA boots, 3 ½ pound blocks of NVA TNT, 1 lighter, and one M-16 rifle serial number 638606.
S-3	1st Mar	1400	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	1401	Recommendations for emplacement of anti-tank assets.
S-3	1st Mar	1430	Spot Report DTG 211430H Golf at 211430H at 828385 Point elements on sweep came across NVA pack next to fighting holes. Unit immediately withdrew for artillery preparation of approximately 60 rounds 105mm. After preparation conducted recon by fire

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			with small arms and assault weapons however contact was not made with enemy. Search of area revealed 3 NVA packs and approximately 3 two man fighting holes set in circular defense perimeter. Fighting holes were 3'x4'x4'. Found 5 M-26 grenades, 8 chi-com grenades, mess gear, assorted pieces of clothing, and some documents indicating one pack belong to NCO.
S-3	1st Mar	1455	Night activities
S-3	1st Mar	1800	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	1900	Position Report
S-3	1st Mar	1947	Change in night activities
S-3	1st Mar	2008	Position Report
1st Mar	S-3	2124	Recon inserts
S-3	1st Mar	2140	Spot Report DTG 211500H Hotel at 211500H at 827386 Conducted sweep of bunker complex and found 5 bodies and remains of about 6 others, many bunkers destroyed by artillery and air strikes. Bunker area contained stench of dead, blood trails, drag marks leading from area. Destroyed ammo and some bunkers will finish destroying bunkers tomorrow. NVA KIA confirmed 11, found 2 AK-47's, 7 82mm rounds, gas mask, Chi-Com grenades, 2 cases and 248 AK-47 rounds, 2 old type pineapple grenades 2 grenades with launcher, and 1 B-40 rocket.

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S-3	1stMar	0700	Position Report
S-3	1stMar	0800	Position Report
S-3	1stMar	0900	Position Report
S-3	1stMar	1045	Spot Report DTG 220900H Echo at 220900H at 846376 and 846364 While conducting search of area found 100 fighting holes at 846376 and 43 fighting holes at 846364. Holes were in 360 degree circle. Also found 782 gear, 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher, 2 AK-47 magazines, 50 AK-47 rounds, 4 cartridge belts w/grenades, canteens and bayonets and knives, 3 gas masks, 4 NVA helmets and 5 shelter half. Will destroy fighting holes and will turn in 782 gear.
S-3	1stMar	1100	Position Report
1stMar	S-3	1155	Message concerning imminent attack, unknown position.
S-3	1stMar	1440	Hotel and Golf in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1500	2/1 took over Khe Sanh Combat Base Defense.
S-3	1stMar	1520	Echo and CP back at CP. Foxtrot moving to Hill 471.
S-3	1stMar	2115	Echo LP out.
S-3	1stMar	2230	Called in night activity for 22 May 1968 and day and night activity for 23 May 1968.
S-3	1stMar	2330	Spot Report DTG 220800H to 221200H Hotel at 220800H to 221200H at 827386 Follow up to Spot Report 211500H Continued sweep, located 5 more bodies and several graves. Located approximately 50 bunkers, some of which appeared to be hospital and CP bunkers due to size and central location within the complex. It appears that the area between 827385 and 832385, at one time housed one Battalion of NVA. The bunkers were well built, supported by tree stumps as beams. Would take a direct hit from a 105mm to destroy. Four bunkers were destroyed by artillery, 3 trench lines were collapsed by artillery or air strikes. Found 10 entrenching tools, 10 Chi-com grenades, 2 82mm mortar rounds, 1 60mm mortar round, set of tripods for 82mm mortar and 5 NVA helmets. Destroyed as many bunkers as time and demo would allow. Approximately 20 bunkers were destroyed today.

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1stMar	S-3	0610	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0630	Road sweep departed CP.
S-3	1stMar	0807	Foxtrot departed on daytime activities.
3/4	S-3	0900	Patrol route from 2/3.
S-3	1stMar	1000	Convoy left Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1040	Foxtrot at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1100	Spot Report DTG 231030H Golf at 231030H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 8 incoming rounds, heavy artillery impacting Northeast of Golf battery. Artillery personnel conducting crater analysis.
S-3	1stMar	1105	Spot Report DTG 230955H to 231010H Echo at 230955H to 231010H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received approximately 7 rounds heavy artillery impacting in and in front of Echo lines. Rounds coming in from due west direction. FSCC given gun direction. Crater analysis can not be made because rounds hit in minefield.
S-3	1stMar	1110	Foxtrot at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1120	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1152	Foxtrot back at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1210	Echo 2 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1300	Echo 2 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1330	Golf patrol departing CP.
S-3	1stMar	1331	Echo 2 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1348	Echo 2 at CP #4.
S-3	1stMar	1413	Echo 2 back in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1525	Golf 2 at Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1720	Hotel convoy back at Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1900	Bushmaster report turned in.
S-3	1stMar	2019	Foxtrot activities out.
S-3	1stMar	2107	Echo activities in position.
1stMar	S-3	2115	Recon Inserts.
S-3	1stMar	2229	Foxtrot Scorpion is 1/4 way to Scorpion site. Are observing movement before resuming to Scorpion site.
F	S-3	2300	Foxtrot ambush still observing movement. LE also reports movement to their front. Will keep COC informed.
G	S-3	2329	Golf activity now in CP.
F	S-3	2330	Foxtrot observing movement in their area.

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F	S-3	0600	Foxtrot 3 LP from Horn R 1.6, U 1.2 from 2000 to 0700. Foxtrot 1 ambush from Horn R 3.0, U 1.8 from 2100 to 0500. Foxtrot 3 OP from Bugle R 1.7, U 1.0 from 0800 to 1700. Foxtrot (-) patrol from 1100 to 1600.
1stMar	S-3	0630	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0630	Road sweep has departed.
F	S-3	0725	Foxtrot at check point #2.
G	S-3	0750	Golf past check point #2 on road sweep.
S-3	1stMar	0807	Road sweep complete.
S-3	1stMar	0850	TP6 at 2/3 position.
S-3	1stMar	0900	Foxtrot at check point #4.
G	S-3	0930	Golf 1 at check point #2 for rest of day.
G	S-3	1007	Golf minus unit is back in CP.
TP6	S-3	1025	Left 2/3 position.
TP6	S-3	1038	Back at Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1057	Spot Report DTG 232300H Foxtrot at 232300H at 853389 enemy at 854387 Elements detecting movement in the form of moving brush and sounds. Could not visibly spot personnel moving, however element heard something drop and noise sounding like bolt hitting home. Patrol leader estimates 3 to 4 enemy moving in area. Patrol route was off trail and possible enemy ambush was averted. Speculate enemy tried to shift ambush position and then left area. Tried to ambush movement, but movement did not come close enough. Element then proceeded to Scorpion objective.
S-3	1stMar	1100	Spot Report DTG 240100H Foxtrot at 240100H at 845393 Detected movement on wire. Threw M-26 grenade at movement. Checked out area in morning, found 1 dog KIA.
S-3	1stMar	1103	Spot Report DTG 240800H Foxtrot at 240800H at 845380 Found fresh foot prints in area of patrol route at following coordinates; 840379, 845375, 848383. Foot prints indicated movement of squad size or less. Foot prints were of the tennis shoe type and fresh. The foot prints indicated movement in northeast direction. Searched out area for suspected enemy activity with negative results.
E	S-3	1105	Echo departing CP.
E	S-3	1136	Echo at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1245	Spot Report DTG 241250H to 241304H 2/1 at 241250H to 241304H at Khe Sanh Combat Base COC took 2 rounds incoming. Golf received 5 rounds

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			heavy artillery. Golf 1 took 4 rounds of medium artillery impacting approximately 25 meters from positions. Rounds came from direction of 4200 mills. FSCC given gun direction.
E	S-3	1300	Echo at check point #2.
E	S-3	1340	Echo at check point #3.
1stMar	S-3	1342	Flash, message indicates crippled CH53 to divert to Khe Sanh Combat Base. All units notified to keep down.
S-3	1stMar	1355	Spot Report DFG 241340H 2/1 at 241340H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf received 2 estimated 122mm rockets. COC took 2 rounds. Will conduct crater analysis. FSCC given direction of fire which was 4000 mills.
E	S-3	1400	Echo patrol in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1410	Ontos to FAM fire on grid 4532.
H	S-3	1420	Hotel back in CP.
G	S-3	1425	Golf departing for their activities.
G	S-3	1500	Golf C/1 now in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1522	Position Report.
G	S-3	1542	Golf 3 at check point #2.
G	S-3	1610	Golf 3 at check point #3.
1stMar	S-3	1649	Suspected VC OP at 824390. FSCC working on fire mission.
S-3	1stMar	1718	Golf 3 back in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	2030	Bushmaster report turned in.
G	S-3	2031	Golf 2 departed Khe Sanh Combat Base.
E	S-3	2105 ³⁰	Echo 1 and 2 LP's set in.
S-3	1stMar	2110	Hotel outpost is set in.
S-3	1stMar	2115	Golf now departing CP for night activities.
G	S-3	2120	Golf 2 now at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	2130	Golf 3 now set in.
S-3	1stMar	2145	Golf is all secure.
S-3	1stMar	2220	Recon Inserts.
S-3	1stMar	2255	Echo all secure and negative contact.
S-3	1stMar	2300	Golf 3 at check point #2.
G	S-3	2300	Golf perimeter defense reported 3 rounds, to be 82 or 81mm mortars impacting at 840420 (3812).
S-3	1stMar	2335	Golf 1 set in, Golf 2 at check point #4.

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1stMar	S-3	0510	Weather Report
H	S-3	0600	All Hotel night activities in CP.
F	S-3	0607	All Foxtrot activities in CP.
S-3	1stMar	0630	Road sweep departed.
E	S-3	0643	Echo (-) patrol departed.
S-3	1stMar	0650	Road sweep at check point #1.
E	S-3	0710	E (-) at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0714	Road sweep at check point #2.
E	S-3	0723	Echo (-) at check point #2.
H	S-3	0733	Hotel departing CP.
H	S-3	0737	Hotel 3 at check point #1.
H	S-3	0755	Hotel 2 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0756	Road sweep complete.
E	S-3	0850	Echo position report.
H	S-3	0859	Hotel 3 at check point #3 and #4.
BnCO	S-3	0945	Departed 2/1 CP in route to 2/3 CP.
BnCO	S-3	1009	BnCO in 2/3 CP.
H	S-3	1035	Hotel at check point #6.
S-3	1stMar	1100	Echo back at Khe Sanh Combat Base turned in OPSUM FLANSUM for 26 May 1968.
BnCO	S-3	1126	BnCO departed 2/3 CP in route to 2/1 CP.
BnCO	S-3	1140	BnCO now in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1200	Echo blocking force on way to Khe Sanh Combat Base.
E	S-3	1215	Echo 2 at check point #4.
E	S-3	1230	Echo units in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1426	Echo 1 departed CP.
H	S-3	1450	Hotel returned to Khe Sanh Combat Base at 1200H.
F	S-3	1455	Foxtrot detected movement, called 1/1. None of their troops in area. Notified FSCC cleared to fire 857427.
F	S-3	1500	Foxtrot lead elements departed for day activities.
E	S-3	1505	Echo at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1520	Foxtrot at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1600	Echo 1 at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1610	Foxtrot at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1623	Echo 1 at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1635	Foxtrot at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1703	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1712	Golf convoy security entering Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1740	Foxtrot at check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	1800	Foxtrot at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1900	Spot Report DTG 251700H Foxtrot at 251700H at 855384 Found 1 NVA KIA approximately 2 weeks old, killed by scrapnel. Had in possession 1 diary and AK-47. Serial number 1953RXA0561, for semi-auto the following letters were listed OA and for automatic letters were AB. Believed to be Russian made. Returned documents to

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			S-2 at Foxtrot CP.
S-3	1stMar	2040	Echo 2 LP setting in.
S-3	1stMar	2040	Foxtrot LP posted.
1stMar	S-3	2105	Recon Inserts.
S-3	1stMar	2130	Echo 1 LP left Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	2135	Golf 3 night activities set in.
S-3	1stMar	2200	Golf 2 now departing CP.

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S-3	1stMar	0240	Echo spotted light at grid 852436. Checked with 1/1 and was none of their people. Echo FO called fire mission.
1stMar	S-3	0600	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0600	Foxtrot leaving for day activities.
S-3	1stMar	0630	Foxtrot at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0700	Foxtrot at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0745	Foxtrot at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	0758	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	0900	Hotel departed on road sweep. Golf departed on day activities.
S-3	1stMar	0907	Foxtrot at check point #6 and Hotel at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1005	Hotel at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1030	Hotel at check point #3, Golf at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1045	Road sweep completed.
S-3	1stMar	1045	Spot Report DTG 261045H Golf at 261045H at 823428 While on search and destroy Golf 1 found a pallet of sea rations, 30 cans of blasting caps, 40 caps per can and 12 cans 5.56 ammo. Harness remained intact for lift, request chopper to make pickup on above U. S. property.
S-3	1stMar	1222	Hotel at check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	1250	Hotel at check point #6.
S-3	1stMar	1256	Foxtrot at check point #7.
S-3	1stMar	1310	Hotel at check point #7.
S-3	1stMar	1325	Golf enroute to CP.
S-3	1stMar	1330	Hotel at check point #8.
S-3	1stMar	1355	Golf 3 back at CP, other elements still out.
S-3	1stMar	1356	Hotel at check point #9, TP6 and squad from H&SCo checking out tunnel complex by "C" Med.
S-3	1stMar	1400	Drill alert and muster of reaction force.
S-3	1stMar	1410	Foxtrot back at CP except OP.
S-3	1stMar	1413	Golf units back at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1610	Hotel back at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1855	Bushmaster report turned in.
S-3	1stMar	1955	All Echo Company back in CP.
S-3	1stMar	2037	Golf 2 departed for night activities.
S-3	1stMar	2050	Golf 2 night activities set in.
S-3	1stMar	2050	Foxtrot night activities left CP.
S-3	1stMar	2055	Golf night activities started.
S-3	1stMar	2105	Echo 3 night activities are set in.
S-3	1stMar	2135	Echo LP is set in.
S-3	1stMar	2200	Echo 2 departing for night activities

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1stMar	S-3	2310	Recon Inserts.
S-3	1stMar	2320	Echo night activities set in.
S-3	1stMar	2335	Spot Report DTG 262323H Echo at DTG 262323H at Khe Sanh Combat Base. FPSJ detected platoon size movement at 858434. Ontos fired 4 rounds, AP 26 rounds, Rept. Quad 50's fired 2700 rounds .50 caliber. Movement ceased.

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1stMar	S-3	0515	Weather Report
S-3	1stMar	0630	Road sweep commenced by Golf.
S-3	1stMar	0635	Road sweep at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0715	Road sweep at check point #2.
F	S-3	0720	Foxtrot received 1 round believed to be recoilless rifle, impacting on road.
S-3	1stMar	0736	Road sweep is completed.
S-3	1stMar	0810	Spot Report DTG 270720H Echo at 270720H at 850417 Received 2 rounds of rockets from a northwest direction, landing in a small arms ammo bunker and starting a small fire. Fire was extinguished, but could not make crater analysis. due to fire.
S-3	1stMar	0830	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	0845	Golf is in CP.
S-3	1stMar	0915	Hotel convoy getting ready to depart.
S-3	1stMar	0926	Foxtrot at check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	0940	OPSUM-PLANSUM for 28 May 1968 turned in.
TP6	S-3	0945	TP6 departing to check A0.
S-3	1stMar	0946	Foxtrot at check point #6.
S-3	1stMar	1005	Foxtrot in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1155	Echo 3 departing for day activities.
S-3	1stMar	1230	Echo at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1310	Echo 2 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1350	Echo 3 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1400	Golf 1 departing for day activities.
S-3	1stMar	1435	Echo 3 in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1540	Golf 2 now departing for day activities.
1stMar	S-3	1600	Convoy from Cameo to Khe Sanh include artillery battery. Link up at Cameo Army vehicle, return to Cameo.
S-3	1stMar	1600	Golf 2 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1625	Golf 2 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1655	Golf 2 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1700	Hotel in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1710	Golf 2 at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1715	Golf 1 back in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1740	Spot Report DTG 271750H Golf at 271750H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received two incoming rounds, medium to heavy artillery, impacting to the rear of Golf 3 lines. Gun direction, 4400 mills, was given to FSCC.
S-3	1stMar	1800	Spot Report DTG 271811H H&SCo at 271811H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Up date Spot Report DTG 271740H Marine was wounded in both legs while taking shower. Corporal treated man and is being taken to "C" Med.

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S-3	1stMar	1935	Hotel firing M16 with Starlight scopes at grid 8541.
S-3	1stMar	2000	Golf departed for night activities.
S-3	1stMar	2005	Echo 2 LP set in.
S-3	1stMar	2015	Busmaster report turned in.
S-3	1stMar	2020	Golf 1 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	2023	Foxtrot 3 set in their LP.
S-3	1stMar	2031	Golf 1 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	2043	Echo 1 activities departed.
S-3	1stMar	2044	Golf 1 Bravo Scorpion is set in.
S-3	1stMar	2055	Golf 3 LP departing.
S-3	1stMar	2100	Golf 3 LP set in.
S-3	1stMar	2110	Echo 1 set in.
S-3	1stMar	2125	Foxtrot 1 set in.
S-3	1stMar	2200	Spot Report DTG 272200H Echo at 272200H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Spotted one light blinking or moving at coordinates 858434. Seemed to be moving up hill. Took movement under fire with organic and supporting weapons. Fired 11 rounds from Ontos, 40 rounds Duster, 400 rounds of 7.62 and 500 M16 rounds.

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S-3	1stMar	0530	Echo night activity back at CP.
S-3	1stMar	0618	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0636	Spot Report DTG 280625H to 280635H Golf at 280625H to 280635 at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 17 rounds medium artillery fired in rapid sequence. Rounds impacted in vicinity of 2/1 MT, COC and on northern perimeter sector. Gun direction which was 4400 mills, was given to FSOC.
S-3	1stMar	0642	Foxtrot at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0655	Foxtrot at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0710	Foxtrot at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	0738	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	0800	Echo started on road sweep, delay due to Engineer vehicle being hit by last incoming. Had to get another vehicle.
S-3	1stMar	0810	Road sweep at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0815	Road sweep at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0845	Spot Report DTG 280845H Foxtrot at 280845H at 844377 Spotted two NVA approximately 10 meters from Foxtrot 2. The rear element of Foxtrot 2 set an immediate ambush and Foxtrot 3 closed in flanks for possible contact. Marine who spotted NVA stated NVA did not spot our elements. Fired 60mm mortars into enemy area. Waited 15 minutes; no enemy movement. On order we pulled back and had artillery hit the area to our rear.
S-3	1stMar	0900	Road sweep complete.
S-3	1stMar	0910	Foxtrot at check point #6, had to bypass check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	0910	Hotel #1 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0930	Spot Report DTG 280930H Foxtrot at 280930H at 845383 Found one NVA KIA at above coordinates. Believed to be approximately 10 days old. Searched body and found one billfold and one dogtag. Will send billfold and dogtag to S-2 Rear.
S-3	1stMar	1030	OPSUM-PLANSUM turned in.
S-3	1stMar	1320	Spot Report DTG 281310H Golf at 281310H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf Battery received 2 incoming medium artillery rounds. Gun direction given to FSOC.

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S-3	1stMar	1450	Spot Report DTG 280245H Foxtrof at 280245H at Hill 471 Received 32 rounds artillery which hit on other side of road. Rounds were from 740300, returned fire mission.
S-3	1stMar	1510	Spot Report DTG 281330H to 281510H 2/1 at 281330H to 281510H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Golf received 19 rounds medium and heavy artillery. 4 rounds hit in area by 155 SP, 20 rounds hit by LSA, 30 rounds hit by Comm, AT's and Mt, 6 rounds by S-4 and 20 rounds by COC. Damaged one M37 PC in MI, cut 2/1 communication wire and generator wire. Received 99 rounds total. Had 1 friendly KIA from tanks position and 3 WIA, 1 from Comm and 2 from Shore Party LSA. FSOC notified of gun direction, battery conducted battery fire. Warned personnel to wear flak jackets and helmets when outside.
S-3	1stMar	1700	Convoy back at Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	1710	Echo back at Khe Sanh Combat Base.
1stMar	S-3	1800	Received word to chop Golf Co 2/1 to 2/3.
S-3	1stMar	2010	All TP Yankee units set in.
S-3	1stMar	2035	TP Yankee 1 departed for night activities. TP Yankee substituted for Golf ambush.
S-3	1stMar	2100	Fox LP set in.
S-3	1stMar	2115	Echo 3 set in.
S-3	1stMar	2205	Yankee "B" back in CP.

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S-3	1stMar	0555	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0800	Golf leaving Vesper Bells; headed for COC.
S-3	1stMar	0845	Spot Report DTG 290900H Foxtrot at 290900H at Hill 471 enemy at 837393 Spotted 9 NVA in open. Appeared to be checking village ruins taken moving west. Brought enemy under artillery and 81's fire. Heavy fog prevented good adjust and covering enemy movement. Had AO check area after fog lifted with negative results. Continuing to bring area under fire.
S-3	1stMar	0910	Road sweep complete.
S-3	1stMar	0950	All Golf units in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1045	Hotel is entering CP.
S-3	1stMar	1300	Spot Report DTG 291215H Golf at 291215H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 2 rounds incoming heavy artillery impact- ing near H&SCo and airstrip. Reported direction of fire which was 4000 mills, to FSCC.
S-3	1stMar	1330	Spot Report DTG 291328H Foxtrot at 291328H at Hill 471 Received 3 rounds artillery.
S-3	1stMar	1357	Golf 3 Bravo OP set in.
S-3	1stMar	1415	Golf 2 departing for day activities.
S-3	1stMar	1440	Hotel 2 departing for day activities.
S-3	1stMar	1507	Golf 2 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1530	Foxtrot leaving CP.
S-3	1stMar	1550	Golf 2 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1555	Golf 2 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1559	Foxtrot 3 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1630	Golf 2 set in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1645	Foxtrot 3 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1710	Foxtrot 3 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1730	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1830	Foxtrot 3 at check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	1900	Echo is in CP.
S-3	1stMar	1950	Bushmaster report turned in.
S-3	1stMar	2115	Night activities for Echo 3 now set in.
S-3	1stMar	2130	Night activities for Echo 1 now departing.
1stMar	S-3	2215	Recon Inserts.

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1stMar	S-3	0433	No change in Command Chronology for May. Due at 1stMar Reat with documents by 8 June 1968.
1stMar	S-3	0434	Weather Report
S-3	1stMar	0603	Foxtrot lead elements now departing GP.
S-3	1stMar	0610	Spot Report DTG 300610H Golf at 300610H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 6 to 8 rounds appeared to be a salvo fire, from unknown enemy position, impacting in Rock Quarry and western portion of Golf lines; believed to be artillery. Will continue road sweep.
S-3	1stMar	0625	Foxtrot at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0642	Golf on road sweep.
S-3	1stMar	0652	Golf at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0654	Foxtrot at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	0741	Foxtrot at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	0746	Road sweep complete.
S-3	1stMar	0810	Foxtrot at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	0820	Foxtrot at check point #5.
S-3	1stMar	0835	Golf now in Khe Sanh Combat Base.
S-3	1stMar	0840	Foxtrot at check point #6.
S-3	1stMar	0850	Foxtrot at check point #7.
S-3	1stMar	0855	Foxtrot at CP.
1stMar	S-3	0955	5 day Weather Report
1stMar	S-3	0958	1stMar Frag Order 89-68.
1stMar	S-3	1030	TP6 and 3 departing to recon AO.
1stMar	S-3	1035	Golf 1 flame operations have been canceled.
S-3	1stMar	1045	OPSUM-PLANSUM turned in.
S-3	1stMar	1100	Echo 3 departing for day patrol.
S-3	1stMar	1125	Echo 3 at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	1215	Echo 3 at check point #2.
S-3	1stMar	1250	Echo 3 at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1305	Golf 1 is leaving CP.
S-3	1stMar	1315	Echo 3 at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	1400	TP6 and 3 on way to Hill 861.
S-3	1stMar	1500	Golf at check point #3.
S-3	1stMar	1530	Golf at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1815	Spot Report DTG 301815H - 301825H Golf at 301815H - 301825H at 843398 Road security received 4 rounds of incoming heavy artillery about 200-400 meters from friendly position.
S-3	1stMar	1830	Golf 2 back at CP.
S-3	1stMar	1831	Hotel back from convoy.
S-3	1stMar	2025	Bushmaster report turned in.

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S-3	1stMar	2030	Echo 1 LP leaving Khe Sanh Combat Base, Echo 2 set in.
S-3	1stMar	2055	Echo 1 LP set in.
S-3	1stMar	2112	Echo 3 leaving for night activities.
S-3	1stMar	2130	Echo 3 set in.
S-3	1stMar	2345	Foxtrot scorpion set in.

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S-3	1stMar	0425	Spot Report DTG 310425H Golf at 310425H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received 14 rounds heavy artillery in front of Golf CP about 25 meters across the road toward Rock Quarry and also near H&SCo and Golf lines. Rounds impacted 6 seconds after the shot.
S-3	1stMar	0530	Spot Report DTG 310435 to 0530H Echo at 310435 to 0530H at Khe Sanh Combat Base Received approximately 16 rounds of heavy artillery impacting in and around lines and around airstrip. Rounds coming from Co Roc direction.
S-3	1stMar	0639	Road sweep departing.
1stMar	S-3	0640	Weather Report.
S-3	1stMar	0700	Road sweep at check point #1.
S-3	1stMar	0735	Road sweep is complete.
S-3	1stMar	0828	Echo 3 at check point #4.
S-3	1stMar	0902	Foxtrot at grid 845398.
S-3	1stMar	0910	Echo will pass area Bridge 35.
S-3	1stMar	0925	Echo at Bridge 35.
1stMar	S-3	0955	No more troop lift until further word.
S-3	1stMar	1030	Spot Report DTG 310800H to 1000H Echo at 310800H to 1000H at 861397 to 861395 Received 8 rounds 152mm artillery. One WIA, received small frag wounds in right shoulder. Continued to move by small elements.
1stMar	S-3	1645	At 1800 assume new Frag Order 89-96.
S-3	1stMar	1800	Foxtrot at Khe Sanh Combat Base minus security element at Hill 471.
S-3	1stMar	1950	Bushmaster report turned in.
S-3	1stMar	1950	Golf 1 now in CP.
S-3	1stMar	2007	TP Alert all secure.
S-3	1stMar	2020	Spot Report DTG 311615H Echo at 311615H at 864383 While moving in the attack received light enemy small arms fire. Assaulted through to blocking position, moved forward to predetermined position and extracted as planned. One WIA, grazed over right eye, medevaced by Tiger tanks. Captured 1 AK-47 with magazine.
S-3	1stMar	2030	Spot Report DTG 312030H Hotel at 312030H at 852414 Hotel sighted 1 individual in vicinity of trash dump area, threw 1 grenade with negative results at this time. Later noticed 2 more individuals in the tree line forward of lines. Will keep area under close surveillance will have Scorpion

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S-3	1stMar	2056	checkout area on way to their position.
S-3	1stMar	2100	Fortrot night activities set in.
S-3	1stMar	2100	TP Alert all secure.
S-3	1stMar	2104	Golf 3 leaving CP.
S-3	1stMar	2110	Golf 3 is set in.
		2300	Battalion on 50% alert.
S-3	1stMar	2345	Golf 1 set in.

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2nd Battalion, 1st Marines

FROM: 010001H May 1968
TO: 012400H May 1968

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
S-4	S-3	13:45	81's rear moved from Ca Lu to Khe Sanh. FROM: 020001H May 1968 TO: 022400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:00	Resupply from Phu Bai to Khe Sanh via Ca Lu. Supplies went to Bn on operation in field. Encountered difficulty at LZ because of change in location. FROM: 030001H May 1968 TO: 032400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	16:30	S-4 and Supply moved from Ca LU to Khe Sanh. Golf and Echo returned to base camp, while Fox and Hotel remain in field. FROM: 040001H May 1968 TO: 042400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	18:00	Resupply to Fox and Hotel on operation in field. FROM: 050001H May 1968 TO: 052400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	16:00	Moved part of M. T. to Khe Sanh from Ca Lu by rough rider.
		15:10	Fox returned to Base Camp with captured. Resupply to Hotel was staged at LZ but never got out. FROM: 060001H May 1968 TO: 062400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:00	Resupplies went out to Hotel. FROM: 070001H May 1968 TO: 072400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	11:00	Releged new M-16 rifles. Issued out new M-16 to Echo. FROM: 080001H May 1968 TO: 082400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	10:00	Bn left to go on operation. 2/3 took over lines. FROM: 090001H May 1968 TO: 092400H May 1968
S-4	S-3	10:30	Took resupplies to LZ for Bn. on operation in field.

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S-4	S-3	18:00	Resupplies went out to Bn. from LZ Stud. 100001 H May 1968 102400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	18:00	Resupplies went out to Bri. from Kha Sanh. 110001 H May 1968 112400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	12:00	Received C-rats from LZ and sent 5 M-16 to rear 120001 H May 1968 122400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	10:00 13:00 18:00	Bn. returned from operation. Hotel received new M-16. Boho went to the field. 130001 H May 1968 132400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	12:00 14:00	Issued out new M-16 to Golf Received B-rats from Phu Bai via Lt. Pack 140001 H May 1968 142400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	12:00 17:00	Issued new M-16 to (Part) of H&S Co. Received C-rats from LZ. 150001 H May 1968 152400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	15:30 18:30	Received B-rats via Phu Bai. Received clothing and B-rats via convoy from Ca Lu. 160001 H May 1968 162400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	10:00	Received gear (mis) from Phu Bai via chopper. 170001 H May 1968 172400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	11:30 17:15	Received Supplies from Phu Bai and issued it to Co. Resupplies to Hotel via Ca Lu

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FROM: 180001 H May 1968
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S-4	S-3	14:30	Resupplied Senator Hotel from Ca Lu.
			190001 H May 1968
			192400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:30	Resupplied Fox with ammo.
			200001 H May 1968
			202400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:00	Resupplied Bn. with water and chow by P.C.
			210001 H May 1968
			212400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	15:00	Resupplies to Bn. via Khe Sanh by chopper.
			220001 H May 1968
			222400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	14:00	Bn. came in off operation Hotel replaced by Fox on 471
			230001 H May 1968
			232400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	16:00	Resupplies came up from Ca Lu via convoy for Bn.
			240001 H May 1968
			242400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	15:30	C-rats and B-rats came to Khe Sanh from Ca Lu and Phu Bai.
			250001 H May 1968
			252400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:00	Took gear to LZ to be choppered to Phu Bai. Received gear from Phu Bai.
			260001 H May 1968
			262400 H May 1968
			No entry
			270001 H May 1968
			272400 H May 1968
S-4	S-3	09:30	Redeived supplies from Phu Bai and Ca Lu.