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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, FEBRUARY 1968I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA.

A. Location: 1-3 February 1968, PHU BAI, RVN  
3-29 February 1968, HUE, RVN

B. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers and Company Commanders:

Commanding Officer	LtCol E. C. CHEATHAM JR.	1-29	Feb68
Executive Officer	Maj R. J. SALVATI	1-10	Feb68
	Maj O. K. STEEL	11-29	Feb68
S-1	Capt R. E. STONER	1-29	Feb68
S-2	1stLt W. Z. MOORE	1-14	Feb68
	GySgt W. H. JAYNE	15-29	Feb68
S-3	Maj T. L. YOUNGMAN	1-29	Feb68
S-3A	1stLt J. W. NEWTON	1-5	Feb68
	1stLt W. L. HARVEY	6-13	Feb68
	Capt H. F. PYLE, JR.	14-29	Feb68
S-3B	1stLt T. D. MARTIN	1-29	Feb68
S-4	2ndLt G. R. HOFFMANN	1-13	Feb68
	1stLt J. R. ALLEN	13-26	Feb68
	1stLt T. D. LEE	26-29	Feb68
S-5	1stLt R. J. LONG JR.	1-6	Feb68
CommO	Capt D. J. POWERS	1-29	Feb68
SupplyO	1stLt T. D. LEE	1-29	Feb68
MTO	1stLt J. L. MEYERS	1-14	Feb68
	1stLt G. A. ZURENDA	15-29	Feb68
ALO	Capt H. F. PYLE, JR.	1-29	Feb68
FAC	Capt T. M. FINE III	1-29	Feb68
CO H&S Co	1stLt J. R. ALLEN	1-26	Feb68
CO Co E	Capt P. A. DUFFY	1-29	Feb68
CO Co F	Capt M. P. DOWNS	1-29	Feb68
CO Co G	Capt C. L. MEADOWS	1-29	Feb68
CO Co H	Capt G. R. CHRISTMAS	1-13	Feb68
	1stLt W. L. HARVEY	14-29	Feb68

C. Average Monthly Strength.

<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
33	1008

<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	55

II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

The Battalion carried out its primary mission of closing with and destroying NVA/VC forces in and around the city of HUE, RVN during 27 of the 29 days in February 1968.

Second Battalion, Fifth Marines moved to HUE, RVN from the PHU BAI/PHU LOC Area of Operations. The transition from rice paddy

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and jungle fighting to a new environment of house to house combat and combat in built up areas was accomplished in a matter of hours.

Small unit leadership, professional attitude and a competitive spirit to defeat a determined enemy played a major part in the months successful activities.

Because of inclimate weather and the close proximity of forward units to the enemy, air and artillery support could not be employed for any immediate tactical advantages.

This situation caused an ever increasing dependance on weapons organic to the infantry battalion. The 81mm mortar, 106mm recoilless rifle and 3.5 rocket launcher proved invaluable in house to house combat.

### III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

#### A. Personnel and Administration.

##### 1. Casualties.

KIA	WIA	BATTLE		MIA	SERIOUS	NON-BATTLE		TOTAL
		DOW				NON-SERIOUS	DEATH	
61	421	4		0	5	2	0	493

##### 2. Joined during February.

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
4	280	1	12

##### 3. Transferred during February.

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
8	288	0	4

4. Narrative Summary: Chargeable strength remained above 90% of the manning level until the 28th of February when it dropped to 87% of the manning level.

##### 5. Problem Areas.

a. Administrative supplies continue to be unavailable. The Battalion presently has a limited supply of fitness reports, VA Insurance Forms for SGLI, unit diary pads, page 15 of the SRB and AA Forms.

b. Office machines, especially typewriters and all

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the addressographs are in poor condition or do not work at all and the time required for repair is excessive.

B. Discipline, Law and Order.

1. Courts-Martial; Tried 0, Pending 0
2. Non-Judicial Punishment 0
  - a. By Battalion Commander 0
  - b. By Company Commander 0

C. Morale, PX and Chaplain's Activities.

1. Of particular note was the high morale of the individual Marine, and the entire Battalion which progressed higher and higher in direct proportion to the success of the Battalion in defeating the NVA/VC.
2. PX facilities were not available for the Marines of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines due to combat operations. Necessary items were made available through SP Packs and consolidated PX runs for limited items in the MACV Compound.
3. Chaplain's Activities: February activities centered around divine services, administration of sacraments, general prayer services, and memorial services. Five memorial services for Marines killed in action were promptly conducted on the Company level. There were 19 Masses in which 717 men took part. These Masses were offered at the C.P. and each of the letter companies. The Protestant Chaplain from 1st Marines conducted 6 services in which 181 men took part. The Battalion Chaplain conducted 3 services for 1st Battalion 1st Marines and one religious service for the HUE MACV Compound. Two general prayer services were offered and attended by 140 men. Prayers and the Sacrament of the Anointing were administered to the dead and seriously wounded. When possible Communion was administered to the wounded, and when divine services were not feasible. Under these circumstances, Communion was given 150 times. The Battalion Chaplain was available when possible at the BAS to aid and comfort the wounded. Services were conducted on an as available basis due to the continual commitment of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines units in Operation HUE CITY.

D. Intelligence.

1. General. Intelligence collection was accomplished during the month of February by processing information from various sources including: 1st MarDiv G-2, Task Force X-Ray G-2, 5th Mar Regt S-2, 1st Mar Regt S-2, 3rd ITT,

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1st CIT, 1st ARVN Engineer Bn, THUA THIEN Province Hq,  
Recon Inserts and the local population of the city of HUE.

a. Frequent liaison visits were made to the MACV Hq and 1st Mar Regt Hq in HUE to supplement the above information.

b. A careful and continuous study of all incidents and spot reports and A/O reports resulted in the adjustment of nightly H&I's and TPQ-10's. The S-2 section plotted targets from information received and deemed most accurate.

2. The S-2 scouts and Kit Carson Scouts were utilized in various intelligence collection gathering roles. The scouts were assigned to the companies in the field to assist the Company Commanders in the handling of captured personnel, documents, and equipment. A Vietnamese Interpreter was assigned to each Company. A sub-team of the 13th ITT with a Vietnamese interpreter was also assigned to the Battalion.

3. An intelligence briefing was prepared and presented daily at the Battalion Commander's Briefings, where intelligence information was disseminated to unit leaders.

4. Statistics of Casualties and Equipment:

NVA/VC KIA(CONF)	717
AK-47	32 CAPTURED
SKS	23 CAPTURED
K-50 SMG	6 CAPTURED
PPS SMG	1 CAPTURED
PPSH SMG	1 CAPTURED
DPM MG	1 CAPTURED
RPD LMG	10 CAPTURED
B-40 Rocket Launchers	11 CAPTURED
MAT 49 SMG	4 CAPTURED
M45B SMG	2 CAPTURED
US M-1	42 CAPTURED
US M-14	1 CAPTURED

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US M-16	2 CAPTURED
US CARBINES	47 CAPTURED
US M3A1	52 CAPTURED
US THOMPSON SMG	2 CAPTURED
US .30 Cal MG	3 CAPTURED
US .50 Cal MG	2 CAPTURED
US M-60 MG	1 CAPTURED
US .45 Cal Pistol	1 CAPTURED
US Flare Pistol	4 CAPTURED
ChiCom 60mm mortar w/sight	1 CAPTURED
.50 Cal Ammo	1,300 rds CAPTURED
AK-47 Ammo	5,850 rds CAPTURED
7.62 NATO Ammo	11,340 rds CAPTURED
RPD Link Ammo	7,000 rds CAPTURED
.30 Cal Carbine Ammo	10,000 rds CAPTURED
.45 Cal Ammo	2,000 rds CAPTURED
.38 Cal Ammo	100 rds CAPTURED
B-40 Rounds	67 CAPTURED
B-41 Rounds	1 CAPTURED
ChiCom 60mm Ammo	28 rds CAPTURED
ChiCom 82mm Ammo	3 rds CAPTURED
ChiCom Stick Grenades	38 CAPTURED
M-26 Fragmentation Grenades	13 CAPTURED
US CS Gas Grenades	14 CAPTURED
French Frag Grenades	30 CAPTURED
TNT	34.5 lbs CAPTURED

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B-40 Propellant	37 CAPTURED
US Trip Flares	1 CAPTURED
Elasting Caps	27 CAPTURED
AK-47 Magazines	37 CAPTURED
RPD Drums	21 CAPTURED
Carbine Magazines	58 CAPTURED
BAR Magazines	45 CAPTURED
THOMPSON SMG Magazines	21 CAPTURED
M3A1 Magazines	9 CAPTURED
K-50 SMG Magazines	12 CAPTURED
M-14 Magazines	7 CAPTURED
M-16 Magazines	5 CAPTURED
.45 Cal Pistol Magazines	2 CAPTURED
NVA PACKS	31 CAPTURED
ARVN PACKS	7 CAPTURED
US HAVERSACKS	1 CAPTURED
CARRYING SACKS	29 CAPTURED
US Cartridge Belts	34 CAPTURED
NVA Leather Belts	10 CAPTURED
AK-47 Magazine Pouches	13 CAPTURED
M-16 Magazine Pouches	9 CAPTURED
NVA Ammo Pouches	10 CAPTURED
ChiCom Grenade Pouches	16 CAPTURED
NVA Canteen Pouches	10 CAPTURED
US Canteen Pouches	12 CAPTURED
NVA Canteens	32 CAPTURED

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US Canteens	15 CAPTURED
NVA E-Tools	44 CAPTURED
NVA Picks	2 CAPTURED
M-14 Bayonets	2 CAPTURED
Pistol Holsters	5 CAPTURED
NVA Helmet	1 CAPTURED
NVA Soft Cover	1 CAPTURED
US Field Jackets	4 CAPTURED
US Gas Masks	1 CAPTURED
NVA Gas Masks	10 CAPTURED
NVA Goggles	4 CAPTURED
Medical Bag	1 CAPTURED
Individual First Aid Kits	24 CAPTURED
Battle Dressings	31 CAPTURED
Green Trousers	29 CAPTURED
Green Shirts	25 CAPTURED
Khaki Trousers	8 CAPTURED
Khaki Shirts	9 CAPTURED
Khaki T-Shirts	7 CAPTURED
Transistor Walkie-Talkies	3 CAPTURED
US Field Phones	3 CAPTURED
Rice	600 tons CAPTURED
Assorted Documents	15 lbs CAPTURED
1500 Assorted Small Arms	LIBERATED
100 LMG	LIBERATED

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4 57mm RR	LIBERATED
8 Tanks	LIBERATED
15 APC	LIBERATED
2 .30 Cal MG	LIBERATED
6 US Carbines	LIBERATED

E. Training.

1. During the month of February, 307 personnel completed the Battalion/Regiment Indoctrination Course. Training emphasis was placed on weapons safety and the danger of using Marihuana.

2. Use of the MACV firing ranges, enhanced the training and allowed a number of personnel to fam fire with every weapon they may be called upon to use during their tour in VIETNAM.

3. During the month of February, personnel of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines attended the following formal schools:

a. S/NCO Leadership School	1
b. Embarkation School	2
c. Basic Inf Wpns Repair School	2
d. NCO Leadership School	4

F. Special Operations.

1. Security of the MSR between PHU LOC and PHU BAI, and the Rock Crusher site located vicinity (ZD021021), was effectively provided by Company E.

2. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Company G to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 31 January 1968.

3. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Company F to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 1 February 1968.

4. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Company H to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 2 February 1968.

5. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Company E to 5th Marine Regiment 3-29 February 1968.

6. Second Battalion (-), Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON from 5th Marine Regiment to 1st Marine Regiment for

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participation in Operation HUE CITY 3-29 February 1968.

7. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Companies F, G and H from 1st Battalion, 1st Marines at 031300H February 1968, for participation in Operation HUE CITY.

8. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Chopped OPCON of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines for participation in Operation HUE CITY 12-14 February 1968.

9. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines conducted house to house combat and conventional ground warfare against NVA/VC forces in and around the city of HUE, RVN 3-29 February 1968.

G. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Warfare and Defense.

1. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines carried M-72 and CS-1 Gas Grenades for use in clearing enemy bunkers and fortified positions during Operation HUE CITY. To facilitate rapid search of objectives, protective masks were carried by every man in the command.

2. The 35MM Cartridge, 16 Tube, E-8 CS Gas Launcher was effectively used in the city of HUE, RVN. It was employed as an offensive weapon during the seizure of the Treasury Building, Province Headquarters, and building complex in the vicinity of (YD76602164).

H. Command and Control. LtCol E. C. CHEATHAM JR. commanded the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of February. The Battalion remained under the administrative control of the 5th Marine Regiment during the month, and on 3 February 1968, was Chopped to the OPCON of 1st Marine Regiment.

I. Close Combat.

1. The Second Battalion, Fifth Marines participated in Operation HUE CITY from 3-29 February 1967. During this time the Battalion was constantly engaged with a tenacious and professionally competent enemy. Close combat consisted of combat in a built up area and conventional land warfare.

a. On 3 February, contact was as follows: At 031545H, Companies F and H commenced the first attack for the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in Operation HUE CITY. Company F located at (YD76972193) commenced the attack on the Treasury Building (#70) (YD76972183). Company H, located on the southwest side of the HUE University Building (#187), commenced the attack on the Public

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Health Building Complex (#52) (YD76902195). Company F received intense automatic/small arms fire and 4 B-40 rocket rounds from their direct front and heavy automatic/small arms fire from the left flank in the LI LOI Primary School (#192) (YD77052180). In addition Company F received 20 rounds 60mm mortar during the afternoon. Two tanks in D/S of Company F received 2 B-40 rocket rounds each and one also received 1 RPG round rendering both tanks inoperable and destroying the XEON light on one. In the attack Company F fired 35 3.5 rounds, 15 LAAWS, 50 M-79, 3000 rounds M-60, 5000 rounds M-16, 20 rounds 90mm, 400 rounds .50 Cal and 20 rounds HE 81mm mortar. At 031956H, Company F moved back to their original position to set in a night defense and prepare for the next days assault on the same objective. Company H received heavy automatic/small arms fire and 3 B-40 rocket rounds from their objective. By 031758H, 1st Platoon of Company H had reached its objective by the effective employment of automatic/small arms, 3.5 rocket launchers, 106mm RR, and 81mm mortars. Results were: 13 USMC WIA, 11 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 B-40 rocket launcher w/firing device.

b. On 4 February, contact was as follows: At 040700H, Company H moved out in the attack of the Public Health Building Complex from the HUE University Building. Company H received intense automatic weapons and machine-gun grazing fire from the LI LOI Primary School and sniper fire from (YD76852200) and (YD76812199). Company G provided suppressive fire with 3.5, M-60 and small arms from their position on the southeast corner of the HUE University Building. Company F, located (YD76952196), called in 20 rounds 81mm mortar HE on Building #192. The 106mm RR was employed at (YD7695219) for direct fire on the enemy machine-gun position. Result were 2 USMC WIA.

At 041030H, Company F received small arms sniper fire from their left flank during their attack on the Treasury Building. Under a heavy volume of suppressive fire a squad from Company F successfully assaulted the position. Results were: 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 B-40 rocket launcher.

At 041141H, Company H, located (YD76842193), commenced the attack on a building at (YD76802195) and started receiving small arms fire and 7 rifle grenades. Returned 18 106mm RR rounds, 12 3.5 rounds, and a heavy volume of small arms and machine-gun fire causing the enemy to flee the building. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA and 5 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

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At 041200H, Company F received small arms fire and 2 B-40 rocket rounds from their objective (Treasury Building). Company F returned small arms, M-60 and 3.5 rounds. Fired 4 B-8 CS Gas Launchers and seized the building under the cover of gas. The left flank was protected by 31 HE rounds of 81mm mortar fire. Once elements of Company F entered the heavily defended building, Marine occupants received 10 ChiCom grenades in close combat. Two NVA/VC were killed by Marines inside the building at close range with .45 Cal Pistols. The building was secured at 041345H. Results: 8 USMC WIA, 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 M-1 Carbine, 7 RPG rounds and 400 rounds .50 Cal ammo plus ammo for the captured weapons.

At 041755H, Company H, located (YD76782186), received intense automatic/small arms fire from (YD76742183). Returned a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire and 3.5 rocket rounds. One platoon secured building at (YD76792182). Company G secured a building located (YD76722188) and provided suppressive fires from the right flank. Under the cover of suppressive fire, one platoon of Company H secured the objective at (YD76742183). Approximately 175 civilians were liberated from the building including 2 male Americans. Results were: 5 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and the capture of 1 BAR, 13 BAR magazines, 200 rounds of .50 Cal ammo, 4 packs, 3 cartridge belts, and 1 pr of khaki shorts.

At 041825H, Company H, located (YD76732182), observed enemy with weapons at (YD76722181), crossing the street. Fired 20 rounds of small arms fire. Results: 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 041904H, Company F, located (YD77952179), received small arms fire from a protection type bunker at (YD77002180). Returned small arms, 5 rounds of 3.5, and 2 CS gas grenades. One enemy came out with his hands up. (Later learned from S-2 that the individual was a NVA Warrant Officer). Company F tried to take the remaining occupants as POW's without success. As the enemy opened the door of the shelter to fire a Company F Marine fired 1 LAAW into the bunker resulting in numerous secondary explosions and a fire. Results: 22 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), 1 POW and the capture of 5 AK-47, 2 SKS, 2 M-1 Carbines, 1 ChiCom LMG, 5 B-40 rocket launchers and 3 satchel charges. The enemy being in a shelter type bunker in lieu of a fighting type was believed to be caused by the heavy volume of 81mm mortar fire delivered by the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Mortar Platoon.

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c. On 5 February at 050532H, Company F heard movement in a concrete bunker in the vicinity of the previous night contact, (YD77002180). Two CS gas grenades were thrown in an effort to bring the enemy out. When this failed an additional two M-26 fragmentation grenades were thrown resulting in 3 enemy killed. Results: 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and the capture of 1 SKS rifle and 6 ChiCom grenades.

At 050855H, Companies G and H seized and secured their respective objectives, Company G - HUE Sports Club and Company H - HUE University Library, both located vicinity (YD765217). After securing their objectives, Companies G and H began moving southwest towards their next objectives, the hospital complex in the vicinity of Building #83. Company G received three 60mm mortar rounds, and Company H received a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire and five B-40 rocket rounds. Companies G and H returned fire and requested an artillery mission. Under the cover of artillery, they assaulted the enemy positions, vicinity (YD764216). Results: 13 USMC WIA and 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 051030H, Company G, vicinity (YD76612181), and Company H, vicinity (YD76672175), received an intense volume of fire and B-40 rockets from enemy positions, vicinity (YD76682168). Company H called in artillery and 81mm mortar missions on the Hospital Complex. Company H, under the cover of suppressive fire by Company G, assaulted across the street into a building at (YD76642165). Results: 8 USMC WIA and 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 051240H, Company G, vicinity (YD76612181), received five B-40 rocket rounds and machine-gun fire from enemy bunkers, vicinity (YD76622168). Company G employed 3.5 rocket fire and small arms, assaulted and seized the enemy bunkers resulting in 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 051245H, Company H seized a building, vicinity (YD76642165), and received intensive automatic weapons fire and eight B-40 rocket rounds from bunkers to the southwest of the building. Company H returned small arms and 3.5 rockets into the bunkers and seized the same. Results: 10 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 051251H, Company F, vicinity (YD76802148), received 200 rounds of automatic weapons fire and two B-40 rocket rounds. Company F returned fire and brought ONTO to assist in seizing the enemy position. Company F neutralized the enemy fire and seized the position. Results: 5 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

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At 051600H, Company H, vicinity (YD76602165), received small arms and B-40 rocket rounds from an enemy force in building across the street. Under the cover of fire by 106mm RR and 3.5 rockets, Company F Marines assaulted the enemy killing eight. Results: 7 USMC WIA, 8 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and the capture of 2 AK-47, 3 carbines, 2 B-40 rocket launchers, and 1 NVA POW.

At 051600H, Company F, vicinity (YD767215), received small arms/automatic weapons fire from an enemy force in a building at (YD76742146). ONTOS, 3.5 rockets, and 81mm mortar fires were employed to suppress the enemy fire, at which time Company F assaulted and secured the building. Results: 2 USMC WIA and 7 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 051632H, Company G assaulted the northern end of the hospital complex, vicinity (YD76722164), under heavy enemy fire, employing tanks, 106mm RR, 3.5 rockets and small arms/automatic weapons fire to secure entrance to the hospital. Once inside Company G found 4 enemy dead and 30 enemy wounded. Results: 5 USMC WIA, 4 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and 30 NVA/VC POW.

At 051645H, Company H gained entrance to a building, vicinity (YD76652168), and found it to be a main defensive position, being encircled by bunkers on three sides. Company H Marines methodically threw CS gas and M-26 fragmentation grenades into each bunker. The NVA/VC tried to flee the area and were killed by small arms, 90mm and .50 Cal machine-gun fire from a tank as they attempted to cross a street at (YD76482165). Results: 3 USMC WIA, 25 NVA/VC KIA(CONF), and the capture of numerous weapons.

At 051816H, the 2nd Platoon from Company F entered the southern portion of a building, vicinity (YD7673-2154), killing 5 enemy and liberating LtCol KHOA, THUA THIEN Province Chief and Mayor of HUE, and his body guard. Results: 5 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

d. On 6 February, Company F Command Post, located at (YD768214), received 9 rounds of B-40 rockets from (YD767214). Results: 1 USMC WIA.

At 060741H, Company H and Company G moved in the attack to seize the Hospital Complex at (YD767216). Friendly units began receiving automatic weapons fire from an enemy force at (YD767216). The Marines returned fire with LAWS, 3.5 rockets and M-79's and maneuvered

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around the right flank to a position where CS gas could be employed. The battle resulted in 2 USMC WIA and 10 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 060950H, Company H was temporarily halted by intensive automatic weapons/small arms fire while trying to seize the Provincial Headquarters. Tanks, 106mm RR and ONTOS were called in to break the enemy defenses. One tank moving into a firing position received two B-40 rocket rounds with minor damage. The attack continued and met with heavy enemy resistance from the front and flanks. Positions were consolidated and an 81mm mortar mission in conjunction with E-8 CS Gas Launchers were fired, silencing the enemy weapons and allowing the Marines to enter the complex. Results: 4 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA and 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

On the afternoon of 6 February at 061305H, Company F, moving in the attack, vicinity of (YD765211), received heavy small arms/automatic weapons fire from an enemy force located at (YD764213). An 81mm mortar mission was called in directly on the enemy positions with outstanding coverage. Results: 5 USMC WIA and 15 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 061415H, Company G launched an attack on the prison complex located in the vicinity of (YD765214). The Marines employed 81mm mortars, 106mm RR, ONTOS, and satchel charges to break a hole in the three walls surrounding the complex. A search of the area revealed 36 enemy dead. Results: 1 USMC WIA, 36 NVA/VC KIA (CONF). The capture of numerous weapons, individual and crew served, grenades and 2 NVA/VC POW. Also 5 ARVN military prisoners and 2 prison officials were liberated.

e. On 7 February at 070930H, Company H seized Buildings #179 and #221, located vicinity of (YD76402131), with negative contact, however a search of the area revealed numerous graves and weapons indicating the enemy had taken heavy casualties.

At 071158H, Company H, located in the vicinity of (YD756208), received sniper fire from an enemy force located at (YD756209). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, silencing the enemy fire. Results: 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 071315H, Company G, located vicinity (YD759221), received 4 60mm mortar rounds. The Marines continued on to their objective. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

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At 070930H, a fire team from H&S Company searched an area in the vicinity of (YD764212) and discovered 6 graves of which 3 were empty and 3 contained enemy dead. Results: 3 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 071530H, Company G, located at (YD76452078), received small arms/automatic weapons fire and hand grenades, from an enemy force located at (YD76562078). The Marines returned small arms and M-79 fire. Results: 2 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 071530H, Company G, vicinity (YD765208), received automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of Building #102, (YD766209). The Marines displaced to attack the enemy position and received 4 rounds of 60mm mortar. An 81mm mortar mission was called and two machine-guns were set up as a base of fire. Company G Marines assaulted and overran the enemy position. Results: 11 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 071730H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted a search in the vicinity of Buildings #65, (YD76412149), #51, (YD76022132), #179, (YD76492130), #136, (YD7625-2144), #137, (YD76172137), #268, (YD76302139), #221, (YD76252130), #67, (YD76202105), and #180, (YD76022112) and found 60 NVA/VC KIA(CONF), numerous individual weapons, machine guns, grenades and misc. gear.

At 071746H, Company H, located at (YD762210) Building #67, received 4 rounds 82mm mortar. A counter mortar mission was immediately fired on an suspected enemy positions. Results: 10 USMC WIA.

At 072229H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post, located at (YD761212), received 3 rounds sniper fire from a sniper located to the southeast. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

f. On 8 February, at 080705H, Company H, vicinity (YD76252088), was taken under heavy machine-gun fire from an enemy force located at (YD76462089). Company H suppressed fire with small arms and M-79 fire, and assaulted and seized the enemy position. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 080710H, Company F came under sniper fire from an enemy force located at (YD76302076). Company F silenced the enemy fire with small arms/automatic weapons fire. Results: 2 USMC WIA, 2 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and 1 NVA/VC POW.

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At 081005H, Engineers attached to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines were taken under fire while setting charges to destroy a bridge, vicinity (YD75752092), wounding three Marines. Dispatched tanks and covered evacuation of the wounded with smoke and suppressed fire with .50 Cal and .30 Cal machine-gun fire. Results: 3 USMC WIA.

At 081045H, Company F, vicinity (YD76222076), came under small arms/automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD76202069). Company F brought the enemy under small arms fire as they attempted to flee their position. Results: 4 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 081315H, Company G found 20 hastily constructed graves, blood soaked rags, and medical supplies, vicinity (YD77112140). Graves were dug up and found to contain 25 enemy dead. Results: 25 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 081345H, Company H searched the area in the vicinity of (YD76452095) and found 4 graves which contained 4 enemy bodies. Results: 4 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 081830H, Company H received sniper fire from the ARVN armory, vicinity (YD76622090). The armory was assaulted by the Marines causing the enemy to break contact. Once inside, the armory was found to contain 1500 individual weapons, 100 light machine-guns, 4 57mm RR, 8 tanks and 15 APC. Company H turned the armory over to ARVN control.

At 081905H, the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post, vicinity (YD76822158), received 3 60mm mortar rounds. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

g. On 9 February at 090821H, Company G, located at (YD773212), while searching the area found the following gear; 1 tank with .50 Cal machine-gun, 1 M3A1, 12 ChiCom grenades and 600 tons of rice. All weapons were turned over to the Battalion S-2.

At 091005H, Company G, vicinity (YD780208), encountered automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD781208) and at the same time received incoming 82mm mortars from an unknown position. The enemy fire was suppressed with small arms/automatic weapons fire. Company G called in 2 twin 40mm self-propelled guns and fired an 81mm mortar mission. The attack was continued resulting in 3 NVA/VC KIA(CONF), 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA.

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At 091035H, Company F, located at (YD754210), received 5 rounds sniper fire from an enemy across the river in the vicinity of (YD757209). Small arms and 106mm RR fire was returned by the Marines suppressing the enemy fire. Results: 1 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and 1 USMC WIA.

At 091051H, Company H, located at (YD763207), received intensive small arms fire from across the river in the vicinity of (YD762206). A return of small arms/automatic weapons fire, 106mm RR, and an 81mm mortar mission silenced the enemy fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

At 091210H, Company G, vicinity (YD760210), with 2 twin 40mm self-propelled guns in support received small arms fire from an enemy force located in the vicinity of (YD781208). The twin 40mm's pulled back because of holes in the gas tanks from enemy small arms and Company G called for an artillery mission. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

At 091220H, Company F conducting a search of the area, vicinity (YD770215), discovered 3 Vietnamese males in a building and 1 carbine, 1 ChiCom submachine-gun, and 1 RPG round. The detainees and gear were turned over to the Battalion S-2.

At 091720H, Company H, located at (YD766208), received a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire from an enemy force in the vicinity of (YD766205). The Marines returned fire with ONTOS, 106mm RR, small arms and requested an artillery mission. Initial rounds of the artillery mission set off two large secondary explosions and the enemy were observed fleeing the area. Results: 8 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 091820H, Engineers working with Company G in an effort to destroy a bridge, vicinity (YD772209), received a intensive volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire from the enemy in the vicinity of (YD772208). The Company G Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire causing the enemy to break contact and flee. Results: 2 USMC WIA and 1 USMC KIA.

On the morning of 9 February, Company G, during a sweep of the area in the vicinity (YD778209), discovered 15 enemy dead, numerous weapons and ammunition. The Marines suffered 3 minor casualties during the initial portion of the sweep from small arms fire. Results: 3 USMC WIA, 15 NVA/VC KIA(CONF), and the capture of numerous weapons.

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h. On 10 February at 100846H, Company G, located at (YD779211), received 4 rounds WP from an unknown location. At the same time they received 20 rounds small arms fire from 12 NVA/VC in the vicinity of (YD783213). Twenty rounds of 81mm mortar and small arms/automatic weapons fire were returned by the Marines resulting in 5 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and 2 USMC WIA and the capture of 1 carbine and 1 M3A1.

At 101155H, Engineers attempting to place charges at a bridge in the vicinity of (YD76252070), received small arms fire and 2 B-40 rounds from (YD762206). Company H returned small arms and machine-gun fire and requested 81mm WP to cover the engineers working on the bridge. Results: 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 101400H, a Scout Sniper attached to Company H, vicinity (YD76232076), observed 2 enemy running down a street at (YD762206). The sniper opened fire with small arms and the enemy returned fire. Results: 1 USMC WIA and 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

i. On 11 February at 110930H, Company H, vicinity (YD77202085), observed 6 enemy with weapons moving in a southerly direction, vicinity (YD77202078). Company H opened fire with small arms/automatic weapons fire killing three. Results: 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 111200H, a Company F platoon strong point, vicinity (YD75822097), received 1 B-40 rocket round and sporadically heavy small arms fire from a building located at (YD75722088). The strong point returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 40 rounds 81mm mortar. The action resulted in 1 USMC KIA.

At 111330H, Company H, located at (YD77202065), received heavy small arms fire and 2 B-40 rocket rounds from an enemy force located at (YD77202061). Company H returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 20 rounds 81mm mortar resulting in 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and the capture of 1 carbine, 1 M3A1, 1 Thompson sub-machine-gun, 1 M-1 and 1 .50 Cal machine-gun.

At 111745H, Company F snipers, vicinity (YD75802102), observed two enemy fleeing from a building, (YD75702088), during an 81mm mortar fire for effect. Snipers opened fire killing both. Results: 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 111950H, Company H, vicinity (YD77102075), received 14 B-40 rounds, 6 rifle grenades and 5 hand grenades

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wounding 4 Marines. Company H requested artillery and an 81mm mortar missions on enemy positions located at (YD770207) and (YD768205). Sixteen rounds HE 81mm mortar and 49 rounds 155mm artillery were fired silencing the enemy activity. The artillery fires resulted in 1 large secondary explosion plus a multitude of smaller ones. Company H, at 112350H, again received B-40 rocket rounds and hand grenades. Company H returned small arms fire and fragmentation grenades at the enemy in close proximity to their perimeter. The following morning a search of the area was conducted. Results: 4 USMC WIA, 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 5 B-40 rounds, 7 satchel charges, 4 ChiCom grenades, and 5 powder charges.

j. On 12 February at 120856H, Company F, vicinity (YD76102095), received 1 incoming B-40 rocket round while enroute to an assembly area. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

At 121005H, Company H received 5 60mm mortar rounds from an unknown position and small arms/automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD76902061). The Marine returned small arms/automatic weapons fire on the enemy position. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA.

At 121144H, Company F, located at (YD756209), received 12 rounds 60mm mortar from the vicinity of (YD75582060). Also received small arms fire from (YD76602091). Fired 30 HE rounds of 81mm mortar on the suspected enemy mortar position and small arms/automatic weapons fire and 10 rounds 90mm at enemy small arms position. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

At 121540H, Company F, located at (YD75702088), received 10 rounds 60mm mortar from (YD755207) and automatic weapons/small arms fire and 2 B-40 rocket rounds from and enemy force at (YD75642095). Fired 12 HE rounds on the suspected mortar position at (YD755207). With an M-48 tank in support, Company F returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, 10 rounds 90mm and 30 M-79 rounds. Company F assaulted the enemy position at (YD75642095), and secured the same. Results: 4 USMC WIA and 9 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 121725H, Company G, located at (YD76202073), received a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire from building and trees at (YD766206). The Marines, with two HULE gunships in support, returned fire killing six. Results: 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

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At 121805H, Company F, vicinity (YD75772087), while setting in a night defensive position, received 8 incoming grenades from an enemy force in spider holes. The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, 30 M-79 rounds, and assaulted the enemy held positions. Results: 3 USMC WIA, 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 SKS and 6 ChiCom grenades.

k. On 13 February at 130845H, Company F, located at (YD752207), searched the area of the previous nights contact and found the following weapons: 1 ChiCom light machine-gun, 1 AK-47 and 1 shotgun.

At 130930H, The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-2 section discovered 12 enemy bodies in numerous graves in the vicinity of (YD758212). Results: 12 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 130950H, Command G OP located at (YD769999) received 5 rounds sniper fire from an enemy located in the vicinity of (YD768198). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 3.5 rocket fire suppressing the enemy fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

At 131030H, Company H reported a downed helicopter in the vicinity of (YD751207). A search of the area was conducted and two bodies, believed to be from 1st Air Cav, were found. MACV notified of the incident and the bodies were forwarded to MACV by the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines BAS.

At 131120H, the leading elements of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, located at (YD752207), received 1 round of B-40 rocket fire and small arms from an enemy force, vicinity (YD744206). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, 3.5 rockets, LAWS and an 81mm mortar mission on the enemy position. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

At 131131H, Company F secured the Building Complex #162, vicinity (YD758206). The leading elements commenced the attack to the next objective and began receiving 60mm mortars and small arms fire from an enemy force located in the vicinity of (YD759205). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and requested an 81mm mortar mission on the suspected enemy mortar site. The attack was continued and the objective secured. Results: 2 USMC WIA and 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

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At 131341H, Company H, vicinity (YD755204), received 4 B-40 rocket rounds and 15 60mm mortar rounds, wounding the Company Commander and several other Marines. During the evacuation of the wounded another 35 rounds of 60mm mortar were received. Returned 60mm and 81mm mortar missions on the suspected enemy mortar sites. The S-3A was dispatched to assume command of Company H. Results: 23 USMC WIA.

At 131351H, Company F, located at (YD759207), received small arms fire from the vicinity of (YD762206). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and three enemy were observed to fall. Results: 2 USMC WIA and 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 131600H, Company F, located at (YD759207), once again received small arms/automatic weapons fire and 4 rounds of 60mm mortar from the enemy in the vicinity of (YD760205). Small arms/automatic weapons fire and 20 rounds of 81mm mortar were returned suppressing the enemy fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

1. On 14 February at 140735H, a Company G platoon combat patrol, vicinity (YD750208), made contact with an enemy force located at (YD744206). Under the cover of an 81mm mortar mission, the Marines assaulted the enemy position causing the enemy to break contact. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

At 140900H, a Company H platoon combat patrol received small arms/automatic weapons fire and 9 rounds of 60mm mortar from an enemy force located at (YD756204), wounding 3 Marines. The patrol returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 60 rounds of 81mm mortar silencing the enemy fire. Results: 3 USMC WIA.

At 140915H, a Company F platoon combat patrol, vicinity (YD762206), received 4 B-40 rocket rounds from an enemy force located at (YD762204). The patrol requested an 81mm mortar mission which fired 20 rounds HE into the enemy position. The Company F unit continued their mission and swept through the enemy position. Results: 3 USMC WIA and 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 141056H, a platoon from Company H on patrol, vicinity (YD757203), received 11 60mm mortar rounds, wounding 9 Marines. The platoon point spotted smoke from the mortar tubes at grid (YD760200). Forty rounds HE 105mm artillery were fired with outstanding coverage enabling the patrol to continue its mission. Results: 9 USMC WIA.

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At 141110H, a Scout Sniper attached to Company G, vicinity (YD749210), observed an enemy at (YD743213). The sniper fired one round of small arms resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 141210H, a Company H platoon returning from a patrol, vicinity (YD75642036), received 10 rounds 60mm mortar from grid (YD748202), wounding 5 Marines. Fifteen rounds of 155mm artillery was returned on the enemy position. The Company H platoon continued its patrol and Benchmark 20, A/O, in support of the unit spotted 3 enemy in the open at (YD755203). An 81mm mortar mission was fired, killing one enemy. Results: 5 USMC WIA and 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 141320H, Company G snipers at (YD749210) spotted 20 enemy in a rice paddy at grid (YD752202). Snipers opened fire with small arms resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA. At the same time, a Company G platoon, vicinity (YD751209), dropped 30 rounds HE 60mm mortar onto the enemy position resulting in 6 NVA/VC KIA. Results: 10 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 141320H, a Company F platoon on patrol, vicinity (YD758207), received automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD759207). The patrol fired 20 rounds HE 81mm mortar onto the enemy position. The unit swept through the enemy and found 2 enemy dead. Results: 1 USMC WIA and 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 141425H, the Company F Command Post, vicinity (YD75952085), received 1 incoming mortar round from an unknown position, wounding 6 Marines.

m. On 15 February, a Company G sniper, vicinity (YD74952100), observed one NVA/VC with weapon escaping the city to the west, (YD745213). Fired 1 round small arms resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 150915H, a Company G platoon combat patrol, located at (YD747206), advancing in a southwesterly direction came under small arms and automatic weapons fire from a platoon size enemy force. The enemy occupied fortified positions on the high ground to the direct front, from (YD745203) to (YD749201), across an open rice paddy. The platoon returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, 50 rounds HE 81mm mortar, and 32 rounds HE 105mm artillery. An A/O and fixed wing were requested. Two air strikes controlled by FAC were conducted. Ordnance dropped included 10 MK-81 Snake Eyes, 76

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2.75inch FFAR, 4 MK-77 Napalm, 1600 rounds of 20mm cannon fire. There was 90% ordnance on target with 100% coverage resulting in 5 secondary explosions in the vicinity of suspected enemy mortar sites. A search of the objective area was not conducted due to a second air strike being conducted late in the day. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA.

At 151250H, an Army soldier from MACV reported to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post that another soldier, vicinity (YD766209), was wounded and unable to move due to enemy sniper fire from (YD762205). A Company H squad evacuated the WIA and received small arms/automatic weapons fire. The Marines returned the fire and brought two ONTOS forward in support silencing the enemy fire. Results: 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 151418H, a Company F platoon combat patrol located at (YD759206), received intense small arms/automatic weapons fire and 2 B-40 rocket rounds from (YD76052053). The platoon returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, employed 81mm mortar and 3.5 rockets against the enemy. As the patrol returned 8 incoming 60mm rounds were received. The patrol continued towards Company F CP and found 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) that had been left on the battlefield as a result of the previous days contact. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 10 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 2 ChiCom grenades.

n. At 160732H, a Company F squad returning from a night ambush spotted 3 enemy with weapons, vicinity (YD75822063). The squad opened fire with small arms/automatic weapons fire resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 161048H, a platoon patrol from Company G, vicinity (YD754204), received automatic weapons fire wounding 3 Marines, and also observed 6 automatic weapons firing at aircraft from (YD754201). The Marines brought 106mm RR and 81mm mortar fire upon the enemy position to suppress the enemy fire. Under the cover of the supporting arms, they then assaulted the enemy resulting in 5 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 161605H, a Company H platoon strong point, on a bridge located at (YD76212073), received 1 round sniper fire wounding 1 Marine.

At 161635H, a Scout Sniper attached to Company G, vicinity (YD749210), observed 10 enemy moving in a southwesterly

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direction at (YD744213). The sniper immediately opened fire resulting in 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 161637H, a Company G platoon defensive position at (YD752209) received 4 60mm mortar rounds wounding 4 Marines. Forty rounds HE 81mm mortar were fired silencing the enemy mortar site, (YD748202). Results: 4 USMC WIA.

At 162025H, a Company H strong point, vicinity (YD763207), received a heavy volume of small arms fire from their direct front, wounding 1 Marine. The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 106mm RR fire to silence the enemy position at (YD764205). Results: 1 USMC WIA.

o. At 171030H, a Company F platoon on a combat patrol located at (YD759206) received small arms fire from the vicinity of (YD762204). The return fire consisted of small arms/automatic weapons fire, 81mm mortars, and the employment of flame throwers to destroy the enemy positions. Results: 3 USMC WIA.

From 171047H until 171705H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines units located in the vicinity of (YD761205), (YD763207), (YD748207) and (YD759206), were plagued with incidents involving sniper fire, automatic weapons fire, several rounds of B-40 rockets, 60mm mortars and 82 mortars. A 120 rounds of 81mm mortar was returned on suspected enemy mortar positions. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 20 USMC WIA and 10 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 172130H, a Company G squad ambush, vicinity (YD751208), received 60mm mortars, small arms fire and hand grenades from an enemy force located in close proximity to the Marine position. The squad held fast and returned a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire and hand grenades and fired 81mm mortars on enemy routes of egress. Results: 1 USMC WIA and 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

p. At 180504H, Company H, vicinity (YD76282074) and (YD760208), came under 82mm mortar attack. At 180520H, the Company H platoon, vicinity (YD76282074), began receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire. The Marines returned fire and employed supporting arms to the enemy fire. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

At 180805H, a squad from Company H, vicinity (YD762206),

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observed 6 enemy moving in a southwesterly direction. The patrol quickly opened fire resulting in 3 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 180955H, a H&S Company platoon providing security for a convoy from HUE to PHU BAI was hit from both sides of Highway Rt #1, vicinity (YD821181), by enemy small arms fire. The unit returned fire and the convoy continued to PHU BAI. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIA.

At 181146H, snipers from Company G, vicinity (YD749211), observed 10 enemy moving in a southwesterly direction, vicinity (YD748214). The snipers accurately opened fire with small arms resulting in 4 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

From 181207H until 182101H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines units received intermittent harrassing fire from enemy 60mm mortars, wounding 4 Marines.

At 181325H, a Company G platoon patrol received 1 round 57mm RR and 1 B-40 rocket round. Returned 40 rounds 81mm mortars, 24 rounds 155mm artillery, and 20 rounds 106mm RR fire and assaulted the enemy position resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

q. On 19 February at 191030H, Company G, located at (YD766209), received sniper fire from across the PHU CAM River, vicinity (YD766207). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

At 191055H, a Company G platoon combat patrol, located at (YD763208), advancing towards a bridge, received a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD766206). The Marines returned 40 rounds 60mm mortars, small arms/automatic weapons fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

At 191330H, a Company G bridge security platoon, located at (YD766209), received 12 rounds of 82mm mortars from the vicinity of (YD778194). Thirty rounds of 155mm HE artillery and 10 rounds of 81mm mortar counter-mortar fire was returned with excellent coverage of target. Results: 6 USMC WIA.

At 191500H, a Scout Sniper team with Company F, vicinity (YD75602114)), observed 1 enemy with a weapon at (YD 753215). The sniper team fired 5 rounds small arms resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

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At 191731H, Company F and H&S Company both received sniper fire from the south across the PHU CAM River resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Travel along the road north of the PHU CAM River in the vicinity of (YD76582095) was impeded due to the continual sniper fire. Sixty rounds of 81mm mortars and 40 rounds of 106mm RR were fired during the afternoon to surpress the enemy sniper fire.

r. On 20 February at 200800H, Company H, located at (YD772206), received small arms/automatic weapons fire and 1 B-40 rocket round from the vicinity of (YD771205) in the movement to their objective. The Company H Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and continued towards the objective. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

At 201000H, Company H located at (YD772206) received 3 rounds of 82mm mortars from an unknown position resulting in 3 USMC WIA and 1 USMC KIA.

At 201031H, a Company F blocking position, vicinity (YD762207), searched the area and found 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and 1 AK-47 in a spider hole.

At 201110H, Company H, vicinity (YD770206), received 30 rounds 82mm/60mm mortars and a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from an enemy force located at (YD769206) and (YD771206). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire, and 20 rounds HE 81mm mortars and 16 rounds HE 105mm artillery on suspected enemy mortar positions and routes of egress. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

At 202359H, a Company G squad OP, vicinity (YD764209), observed 3 enemy moving in the vicinity of (YD764209). The alert Marines opened fire with small arms/automatic weapons fire resulting in 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

s. On 21 February at 210004H, a Company H LP, vicinity (YD77152079), received a burst of automatic weapons fire wounding 1 Marine. The unit returned fire killing 1 enemy. Results: 1 USMC WIA and 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 211134H, a Company G squad enroute to an OP site received small arms/automatic weapons fire, 57mm RR fire and 60mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of (YD 75152090). Under the cover of supporting arms the unit withdrew to a more tentative position. Results: 2 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIA.

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From 211614H until 212152H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines units, vicinity (YD766208) and (YD77132067), received intermittent small arms and mortar fire throughout the evening wounding 4 Marines.

At 211800H, a Company F sniper, vicinity (YD757209), spotted an enemy sniper at (YD757208). The sniper fired 1 round small arms resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF)

t. On 22 February at 221130H, a Company H platoon combat patrol found two NVA/VC KIA (CONF) at (YD773206). The enemy dead were a result of the previous night's activity.

At 221144H, a Company F platoon combat patrol at (YD760217) received small arms fire from the vicinity of (YD760208). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

At 221351H, Company G located at (YD76122130), received 2 82mm mortar rounds from the vicinity of (YD75852047). Ten rounds 81mm mortars were returned on suspected enemy mortar positions. The action resulted in 3 USMC WIA.

At 221430H, Scout Snipers with Company F spotted 13 enemy. Snipers opened fire with small arms and called in 30 rounds HE 81mm mortars. The results were 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 221805H, a Company H platoon located at (YD77152075), sighted 5 enemy with weapons at (YD77102070). The alert Marines opened fire with small arms and called in 20 rounds HE 81mm mortars resulting in one NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 222240H, Company H, vicinity (YD77292061), received 1 incoming grenade resulting in 2 USMC WIA. The Marines returned 10 rounds M-79.

u. On 23 February, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines units received intermittent fire from 60mm mortars and B-40 rockets. In each instance supporting arms were employed to neutralize the enemy fire. During the day 10 Marines were wounded.

v. On 24 February at 240730H, a tank escorting a convoy to resupply the Battalion in the field detonated

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a mine at (YD778204). The damaged vehicle was towed to an assembly area and escorted to the Battalion's rear area.

At 240736H, Companies G and H, located at (YD774183), received 10 rounds 60mm mortars from the enemy in the vicinity of (YD751193). Return fire consisted of 12 rounds HE 105mm artillery with good coverage of the suspected enemy position. Results: 2 USMC WIA

At 240846H, Company H, vicinity (YD774183), received 6 rounds of 60mm mortars and 250 rounds of small arms fire from an enemy force in the vicinity of (YD751194). The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and called in 12 rounds of 155mm artillery. The action resulted in 8 USMC WIA.

At 241000H, a Corpsman attached to the Battalion Command Post tripped a mine at (YD761195), resulting in 1 USN WIA.

At 241125H, 2 personnel carriers being used for medical evacuation both hit 25 lb box mines in the vicinity of (YD779204). Both trucks were heavily damaged, resulting in 5 USMC WIA.

At 241154H, the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Post located at (YD761195) observed an enemy OP bunker in the vicinity of (YD756194). An artillery mission was requested and 12 rounds HE 8" and 12 rounds HE 155mm artillery were fired. Six enemy were observed running from the bunker. Automatic weapons were fired and one enemy was observed to fall at which time a 8" round impacted at the same position. Results: 1 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 241330E, Company F Scout Snipers, vicinity (YD764-190), spotted 2 enemy with weapons in the vicinity of (YD759193). The Marines fired 5 rounds small arms resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 241330H, Company H, vicinity (YD761193), received small arms/automatic weapons fire, 6 rounds 90mm and 20 rounds 81mm mortars. A search of the area revealed 8 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), 3 AK-47 rifles, and numerous uniforms and military equipment.

At 241505H, Company F snipers, vicinity (YD764190), observed two enemy with weapons vicinity (YD756190).

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The alert Marines fired 6 rounds small arms resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 carbine.

At 241622H, Company H, located at (YD762192), received 10 82mm rounds from an enemy force located at an unknown position, resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

w. On 25 February at 250530H, a Company F LP, vicinity (YD76251930), received a B-40 round from an unknown source wounding 3 Marines.

At 251307H, Company G, vicinity (YD754188), received 15 82mm mortar rounds from an enemy force located at (YD751187). Twenty rounds HE 81mm mortars fire was delivered on the enemy mortar site, and the Company maneuvered through the area and secured it's objective. The action resulted in 8 USMC WIA, 3 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and 1 NVA/VC POW.

At 251340H, Company F came under intensive small arms/automatic weapons fire from an enemy position at (YD754195). The Company moved in the attack under covering fire by 81mm mortars and seized the enemy position. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA.

At 251430H, Company H, vicinity (YD764185), began receiving a heavy volume of small arms fire from an enemy force located in spider holes, vicinity (YD764183). The unit assaulted under suppressive fire by tanks resulting in 4 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) and the capture of 1 AK-47.

x. On the 26 of February at 260833H, Companies F and G received 13 rounds 82mm mortar fire while relieving an OP, vicinity (YD758195). Sixty rounds HE 81mm mortars were returned on a suspected enemy mortar site, vicinity (YD758198). Results: 2 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA.

At 261018H, Company F, vicinity (YD754198), received small arms/automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of (YD754194) and 20 rounds of 60mm mortar. The Marines returned small arms/automatic weapons fire on the enemy position. Twenty rounds HE 81mm, 40 rounds HE NGF and 20 rounds HE 155mm were fired on a suspected enemy mortar location as the unit continued to advance. Results: 3 USMC WIA, 12 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 M-1 and 2 B-40 rounds.

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At 261035H, Company G, vicinity (YD758195), received heavy small arms/automatic weapons fire from an enemy force located at (YD757194). Company G pursued the enemy and returned small arms/automatic weapons fire and 40 rounds HE 81mm mortars. The ensuing action resulted in 3 USMC WIA and 7 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 261210H, one USMC wrecker detonated a 20 lb box mine and minutes later a Vietnamese truck hit another 20 lb box mine in the vicinity of (YD777194).

At 261335H, Company H, vicinity (YD758206), received small arms fire from (YD757198). Small arms/automatic weapons, 3.5 rocket fire, and M-79 was returned as the unit advanced through the enemy position. Results: 8 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 261424H, Company G, vicinity (YD754195), received 10 rounds 60mm mortars, 2 rounds 57mm RR, and a heavy volume of small arms/automatic weapons fire. Automatic weapons fire and 40 rounds HE 81mm mortars were returned on the enemy position. Trail 30, A/O, controlled air strikes on the enemy position. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA and 6 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 261553H, Company F, located at (YD753191), received automatic weapons/small arms fire and 20 rounds HE 60mm mortars from (YD752190). Thirty rounds HE 81mm mortar and small arms/automatic weapons fire was returned as the unit continued to sweep the area. The action resulted in 4 USMC WIA, 4 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and the capture of 1 carbine, 1 .45 Cal Pistol, and assorted small arms ammo.

At 261620H, Company H, vicinity (YD757197), received automatic weapons/small arms fire and 30 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from the vicinity of (YD756197). Automatic weapons/small arms fire and 40 rounds HE 81mm mortars were returned, and air strikes were conducted. Trail 30 came on station and controlled 2 flights of A-4, Helberno 532 and 533, dropping a total of 20 D-1A's near Company H's position causing the below listed casualties. There was excellent coverage of target. Company H continued to assault the position. Air destroyed 2 machine-gun and 2 mortar positions. Air Strikes resulted in 4 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA and 21 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

y. On 27 February at 270242H, Company F, vicinity

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(YD754194), received 1 82mm mortar round from an unknown position resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

From 280815H until 270945H, TAC(A) controlled air strikes on the objective area, vicinity (YD755199), (YD744196), (YD745196) and (YD745199), resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF).

At 271000H, Company F, vicinity (YD755196), conducted sweep of objective area finding two NVA/VC KIA (CONF). The bodies were badly mutilated indicating they had been killed by the artillery prep of the objective.

At 271300H, Trail 30, A/O, observed 15 enemy fleeing in a northerly direction, vicinity (YD744187). Company H moved to intercept the enemy at (YD744206). At 271500H, the 1st platoon came in contact with the enemy resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA and 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF). Tanks in an attempt to find a suitable position for support discovered 13 NVA/VC KIA (CONF) in shallow graves. As darkness set in, Company H began employing artillery, 81mm and 106mm RR to cover the evacuation of U.S. casualties. Under the cover of WP and CS gas Company H again attempted to evacuate their casualties, and as night fell succeeded in doing so while suffering an additional 4 USMC WIA.

z. On 29 February, Company F on two separate occasions received sniper fire during their advance. On both occasions small arms silenced the enemy fire resulting in 2 NVA/VC KIA (CONF), and 1 USMC WIA.

#### J. Fire Support.

1. Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, located 5000 meters north of PHU LOC near Highway Rt #1, supported units responsible for the security of Highway Rt #1 during the month of February.
2. Second Platoon, 3rd 8" Howitzer Battery, and 2nd Platoon 3rd 155 Gun Battery, both of the 1st FAG, 11th Marines, also provided fire support throughout the month.
3. During Operation HUE CITY, additional artillery units supported 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. They were Battery D, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, located in the YD7513 grid square, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery W,

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(155 Howitzers), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, both located at the GIA LE Outpost, Grid YD8116. Also, a detachment of two 4.2" mortars from Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines supported 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in the HUE CITY area, with the effective use of CS gas rounds.

4. Significant Fire Support Events. During the month of February, Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines displaced two 155 Howitzers to the YD8129 grid area to fulfill its mission of providing close and continuous fire support to the units of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

K. Air Support:

1. Tactical Air Support:

a. For February 12 air strikes were run in support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines consisting of 21 sorties. Of these 21 sorties, 8 were controlled by the FAC of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and 13 were controlled by an airborne FAC.

b. Fourteen aerial observation missions were flown despite the consistently bad weather. The A/O's logged approximately 50 hours on station with Trail aircraft (USAF) lending invaluable assistance. Trail 31 is being cited for his contribution to the HUE operation.

c. Five HULE gunship missions were flown consisting of 10 sorties.

d. Two Helo Visual Recon missions (4 sorties) were flown for the Commanding Officer and his Company Commanders.

e. A total of 32 tactical air support missions consisting of 61 sorties were flown in support of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

2. Logistical and Administrative Support. Helo support was limited due to inclement weather. Med-evacs and critical type items were transported during marginal flying conditions.

3. Med-evacs. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines had one emergency medical evacuation controlled by the TACP. The Helicopter Support Team in conjunction with TAC(A), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines who controlled the LZ completed the majority of the med-evacs in the HUE operation.

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L. Logistics.1. General.

a. The major logistical efforts of the S-4 office during the month were directed toward the support of the Battalion in Operation HUE CITY. The Battalion was under the operational control of the First Marine Regiment and, therefore, all support was coordinated with the 1st Marines S-4. Once the operation was initiated a Logistical Support Unit for all classes of supplies was established adjacent to the MACV compound in HE. LCU's launched from DANANG traveled up to the coast to HUE where they entered and steamed down the PERFUME River to the LCU ramp. There the supplies were off loaded and taken to the LSU. It was from this LSU that the Battalion drew the majority of its supplies. Supplies required on an emergency basis were flown from FLSG(A) in PHU BAI to a landing zone established adjacent to the LSU in HUE.

b. A shower unit was installed at the forward battalion command post on 15 February. Companies were rotated in from the field so that the Marines of the Battalion could avail themselves of the shower unit.

c. A field mess was established at the Battalion's forward Command Post on 17 February. One hot meal was prepared each day. Those companies in close proximity to the command post came to the mess area for their meals. Those far removed from the command post had their meals delivered to them in insulated containers.

2. Supply.

a. Major emphasis during the month of February was placed on the support of Operation HUE CITY.

b. A supply team was sent forward with the command group to better support the immediate needs of the Battalion. An armorer was sent forward with the supply team to provide a second echelon repair capability for organic crew served and individual weapons.

c. The supply team, in addition to issuing equipment, collected and evacuated the equipment and weapons of casualties. All evacuated items were returned to PHU BAI. Weapons were repaired and re-issued. Equipment was sorted, cleaned and re-issued. As a result

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of this coordinated effort between the forward and rear supply sections many weapons and pieces of equipment that would have been lost were salvaged and re-issued to replacements.

3. Motor Transport.

a. Early in February the motor transport section relocated in the PHU BAI area. Tents were erected for offices and billeting, records were brought up to date for all vehicles, and a second echelon maintenance program was established. Although improvements to the motor pool were made during the month, efforts continue for much is still to be accomplished.

b. A syllabus for a drivers' school is currently being prepared. The course of instruction will not only teach proper and safe driving methods, but will also instruct drivers in the performance of first echelon maintenance and the proper filling out of trip tickets.

c. The motor transport section played a minor role in Operation HUE CITY. The participating companies used their Mighty Mites (M-422A1) with trailers for re-supply missions. The communications vehicles were used extensively. Some minor repairs were performed to these vehicles during the operation. In addition, two M-37 trucks were employed- and subsequently lost to mines - to transport medical evacuees from forward areas to the Battalion Aid Station.

4. Communications.

a. Message Center - The message center did not operate its teletype circuits while the Battalion was on Operation HUE CITY. Its operations were limited to make courier runs. Copies of all messages were carried immediately to the Battalion S-1 office with a "hard copy" being retained for the message center's files. All classified materials were stored in a CONEX Container adjacent to the S-1 office.

b. Radio Section - The radio section gained a great deal of knowledge during Operation HUE CITY. The Command Group displaced nine times during the operation and the requirement for rapidly establishing communications as well as maintaining communications enroute was strongly impressed upon all members of the radio section.

c. Tech Shop - The technicians effectively kept the

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Battalion supplied with communications equipment throughout the operation. Most radios were repaired and returned to companies on the same day they were received. The whip antenna proved to be of critical importance in city fighting. At times buildings restricted communications to the point where the whip antenna made the difference between effective comm and none at all.

d. Wire Section - Because of the Battalion Command Group's frequent displacements, in excess of twenty miles of communications wire was laid during the operation. The section's wiremen worked continually, operating the switchboard, trouble-shooting lines, and installing telephones.

e. Generator Section - The generator section was assigned the dual mission of providing power to operate a MRC-62 radio relay shot to the 1st Marines and of providing electricity for the operation of the Combat Operations Center and the Battalion Aid Station. Both tasks were accomplished with only minor problems.

5. Battalion Aid Station.

a. Significant Events.

(1) On 31 January the Battalion moved from PHU BAI to the CAO DOI area southeast of PHU BAI. A Battalion Aid Station was established at the Railroad Tunnel, vicinity (ZD054026), to receive and treat casualties.

(2) At 031300H February, the Battalion Command Group moved to HUE, RVN for participation in Operation HUE CITY. A forward BAS was established with the Command Group to treat and evacuate casualties.

(3) On 3 February, a BAS was established at the Rock Crusher site, vicinity (ZD026024), to support Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

(4) On 4 February, a 40 bed Holding Ward was established at the BAS rear in PHU BAI to care for all returned walking wounded.

(5) On 12 February, the forward BAS at HUE, RVN was reinforced with BAS personnel to receive, treat and evacuate casualties.

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(6) On 24 February, a jump BAS was established to support a Search and Destroy mission.

b. New Developments.

(1) For the period 31 January to 29 February, 3 B.S.'s were established and operated for the treatment of casualties. Three evacuation and two holding wards were established and were still in operation at the end of the month.

(2) During Operation HUE CITY, casualties were returned to C Med, 1st Marine Division, and A Med, 3rd Marine Division, for treatment and disposition. Due to the heavy increase of casualties the walking wounded were given as required medical treatment and returned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines rear where they were admitted to the Holding Ward for follow up care. After 24 to 48 hours they were returned to their respective companies.

c. Average number of military patients seen daily..37  
 Number of military patients seen this month.....1073  
 Number of referrals to out patients clinics.....11

d. Routine Medical Complaints.

(1) Diarrhea.....54  
 (2) URI.....7  
 (3) Dermatitis.....5  
 (4) Stomach Disorders.....38  
 (5) Ear Infections.....7  
 (6) Immersion Foot.....8

M. Civil Affairs/Civic Action.

1. Civic Action.

a. General. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-5 operated out of PHU BAI, (YD877136), the Rock Crusher, (ZD026024) and HUE, (YD760211). The S-5 concentrated its civic action program in HUE due to the Battalion's commitment in Operation HUE CITY.

b. Due to the extensive combat commitments of the Battalion, little civic action was accomplished by the S-5, however, there was a great need for a civil affairs group.

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c. The S-5 coordinating with 1st Marines, at MACV, were able to interview many refugees and hired 5 Vietnamese barbers to cut hair for the Battalion.

2. Psychological Operations.

a. General. The S-5 operating out of PHU BAI, the Rock Crusher, vicinity (ZD026024), and HUE, RVN concentrated its psychological operations near the Rock Crusher due to the 1st Marines work in psychological operations in HUE and the combat operational commitments

b. The S-5 has begun a gradual process of instituting Psy Ops on the company level.

c. During this reporting period the S-5 has coordinated directly with Company E, and is in the process of indoctrinating the officers in the importance of Psychological Operations and its effectiveness with combat operations.

d. The S-5, coordinating with the Commanding Officer of Company E, had directed 14 leaflet drops and aerial broadcast over the area in the vicinity of the Rock Crusher, vicinity (ZD026024), during the month of February. The target audiences and themes of the propaganda were as follows:

<u>TARGET AUDIENCE</u>	<u>THEMES</u>
(1) Civilians	Better living conditions under GVN Don't harbor NVA/VC What the GVN is doing for you
(2) NVA	Go back to your families in the north Chieu Hoi
(3) VC	You have been misled and lied to Chieu Hoi
(4) VC Sympathizers	The GVN is the true government

e. Company E has suggested various leaflets be printed and posters be made and hand disseminated throughout Highway Rt #1. This being done at the present time.

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0608	2	S-3	Bn CO briefing in COC
1112	3	Bn CP	Convoy arriving
1300	4	Bn CP	1 Arvn company moving south on highway 1
1520	5	Bn CP	1 WIA
1510	6	F	Starting Attack
1700	7	F	In contact with 2 snipers.
1701	8	H & S	1 WIA in COC area
1720	9	Bn CP	CP spotted movement, security opened up
1720	10	F	Receiving fire from front.
1725	11	Bn CP	CP taking sniper fire
1744	12	F	Tank hit by enemy fire.
1758	13	H	Sending 1 squad across road from CP
1801	14	F	Left flank receiving fire
1805	15	H	2 WIA
1811	16	F	Receiving fire "B-40"
1820	17	F	Receiving all kind of incoming
1825	18	H	Pushing civilians out into street S-2 sending Itt.
1841	19	H	3 WIA
1848	20	G	Moving into their position
1852	21	H	1 WIA
1852	22	F	Taking heavy sniper fire, will need support.
1855	23	H	1 WIA

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0710	2	F	Received mortars and small arms fire from left flank,
∅	∅	∅	possible friendly.
0801	3	MB	Met some resistance at building 191
0815	4	F	1 KIA will be brought to BAS
0828	5	H	Getting fire from treasury building.
0840	6	H	Taking heavy fire
0845	7	H	Have taken one building, however an enemy gun
∅	∅	∅	has Co. pinned down.
0853	7	F	Wants arty mission.
0920	8	Bn CP	Moving 106 to second floor of university.
0945	9	Bn CP	Everone alerted to have gas masks ready
0955	10	Tango	Ready to fire 106
1010	11	Tango	Fired 106
1030	12	Bn CP	Will Co. ordinate E-8 Launcher attack
1030	13	F	Receiving small arms fire
1056	14	G	1 WIA
1110	15	H	Starting gas attack
1120	16	H	Seized building (YD76822199)
1141	17	H	Taking small arms and mortars fire. 1 WIA
1200	18	H	1 KIA
1200	19	F	2 WIA

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Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
1221	20	G	1 WIA
1225	21	Bn CP	1st Marines under attack
1237	22	G	Returning to CP threat to BF ans ceased.
1250	23	F	Launched gas attack
1254	24	F	Squad in treasury building
1325	25	G	Launched attack 770220
1329	26	F	1 st platoon in treasury
1350	27	CP	Took incoming B-40
1350	28	F	6 WIA's
1402	29	G	2 WIA's
1407	30	F	F-6 reports finding some AK-47, B-40 launchers.
1432	31	F	2 WIA's
1447	32	F	10 WIA's
1448	33	H	1 KIA
1459	34	H	Starting attack
1528	35	H	Have taken objective at 76852190
1538	36	G	Took 3 incoming mortar rounds.
1545	37	H	Have taken automatic rifle fire.
1545	38	F	Taken post office
1549	39	H	1 WIA
1600	40	F	1 WIA
1616	41	H & S	1 WIA
1620	42	F	Taken Objective 76902183

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400 H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0700	2	F	F-1 in front of CP and F-3 leading attack
0705	3	G	Co advancing in attack
0710	4	S-3	Advised units to stop
0716	5	G	Boat under bridge firing at G position
0721	6	H	Has seized 1 part of building and taking sniper fire.
0728	7	F	75892176 Building complex taken
0735	8	F	1 WIA
0814	9	H	Have seized building 189
0817	10	F	1 confirmed and captured 1 SKS
0848	11	G	Yacht club 143 seized and secured
0855	12	G	Received incoming mortars.
0858	13	G	Received 3 more incoming.
0910	14	G	Can see people running down road.
0912	15	G	Call 81 mission 764216
0925	16	H & G	Both consolidating at cross road will call in arty -
Ø	Ø	Ø	both are receiving B-40, M-79, and 60mm mortars.
0946	17	F	Unit at 76862160
1014	18	H	8" started firing 764215
1028	19	G	Received 1 incoming B-40
1048	20	F	Observed VC running in vicinity of building 200.
1049	21	G	7 WIA
1056	22	Y-6	Tank left in support of H

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Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
1100	23	CP	2 rounds of incoming, possible 60mm
1129	24	F	In Hospital complex
1151	25	H	Moving across street 76642165
1158	26	H	In building and received rockets.
1201	27	H	Seized building
1204	28	F	Received 1 B-40 round 2 WIA
1216	29	H	1 confirmed NVA
1220	30	H	Took 1 incoming rocket round.
1235	31	F	6 KIA reported after sweep
1240	32	G	6 KIA reported after sweep
1245	33	H	10 KIA reported after sweep
1251	34	F	Received fire (2 B-40 rounds) also 4 confirmed VC
1300	35	H	1 confirmed VC
1331	36	H	Assuacting building (76602164)
1403	37	H	Using E-8 CS gas launchers on building.
1422	38	G	1 squad in Hospital
1425	39	G	9 civilians in Hospital
1505	40	F	1 confirmed
1551	41	H	1 confirmed NVA
1552	42	F	1 dead VC
1600	43	F	6 Confirmed
1601	44	F	1 POW and 3 more confirmed
1619	45	F	1 more confirmed

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0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0649	2	F	Received 10 incoming rockets. 1 WIA
04449	3	G	Can see 8 VC in grass creeping around
0705	4	F,G,H	Commencing Attack
0741	5	H	Enemy contact at Hospital complex. 2 WIA
0750	6	G	Was receiving fire from flank, killed 2 enemy
0754	7	G	2 WIA's
0755	8	H	2 Confirmed
0800	9	G	Captured A-PRC-6 and rocket pack
0815	10	H	2 Confirmed and captured a pile of sachel charges
0828	11	F	Captured 1 SKS and 2 sachel charges
0838	12	H	1 Confirmed
0902	13	G	1 WIA
0914	14	H	2 WIA's
0916	15	Bn CP	Liberated 300 NV residence
0918	16	H	Receiving fire from province H.Q. Building 65
1025	17	F	Reports having casualties and enemy running in front
∅ ∅	∅	∅/	of his objective
1102	18	F	4 WIA and 3 KIA near building 51
1110	19	H	Tank took direct hit from B-40 rocket.
1120	20	F	1 KIA
1134	21	H	Meeting resistance from bunkers
1135	22	G	Starting aggressive action at prison.

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0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0533	2	F	Bridge at 768223 has been seyered by VC
0705	3	H	Will start to blow holes in next objective at 0730H
0815	4	H	Has 1 platoon in little building
0838	5	H	Half way through big building and found 3 weapons and
Ø	Ø	Ø	many packs.
0858	6	H	Has seized intire big building and moving up to
Ø	Ø	Ø	building 179 area.
0910	7	H	Have seized entire building number 179.
0912	8	F	Have reached first building no. 136
0915	9	G	Moving out of prison and will go into building 179.
0929	10	F	Have seized building 137.
0930	11	H	Have moved into building 221. G has moved into the
Ø	Ø	Ø	same building and found gear and fresh dug graves.
0938	12	H	Found 30 calibre machine guns.
0951	13	F	Has a South Vietmamses Major and some gear.
1000	14	F	Have found many weapons and gear.
1045	15	H	Province Chief's house destroyed by NVA.
1058	16	G	Have found province chief's wife and children.
1105	17	H	Found more gear and supplies
1130	18	F	Have seized building 43
1138	19	H	Have seized building 180
1142	20	G	Have seized building 38

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Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
1151	21	H	Have seized building 188
1155	22	H	Have found many weapons
1158	23	H	1 Confirmed NVA
1200	24	Bn CP	Fox will come to COC with all found gear.
1214	25	G	Found 2 americans killed
1215	26	H	Moving into building 163
1225	27	H	Building 163 all secured
1233	28	F	Has found maps and overlays with USMC markings
1240	29	H	Sweep to 33
1315	30	H	Received 4 incoming mortars. 4 WIA's
1400	31	G	Receiving sniper fire from across river
1449	32	G	Captured 1 .30 Cal. and 1 .50 Cal. machine gun
1530	33	G	2 Confirmed
1535	34	G	Receiving incoming mortars and machine gun fire
1542	35	H	Receiving incoming mortars 2 WIA
1543	36	G	4 WIA
1702	37	G	3 Confirmed
1746	38	H	incoming mortars 5 WIA
1843	39	Bn CP	Receiving incoming mortars. 2 WIA
2228	40	H & S	1 WIA from sniper fire.

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0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0052	2	Bn CP	Received incoming mortars.
0321	3	Bn CP	Received incoming mortars
0708	4	F	Commencing attack
0709	5	H	Taking fire, 1 WIA
0749	6	H	1 KIA
0759	7	F	1 WIA
0759	8	F	Receiving sniper fire from building 33
0805	9	H	1 POW
0848	10	H	Lead units on the move
0916	11	F	Attacking building 102
0942	12	G	Moved into building 102
0947	13	Bn CP	Engrs. taking fire at bridge
0947	14	H	Assaulting building 102
1020	15	F	Ontos moving in support of H Co.
1020	16	F	1 VC wounded at 765208
1035	17	H	Building 102 is an Armory and have many weapons.
1045	18	F	Enemy movement across river from east to west.
1050	19	MB	2 WIA
1055	20	H	Completely through complex 67, and 62.
1141	21	H	Heading for building 259, and commencing attack
1141	22	G	Heading for building 269
1251	23	G	Found 8 Americans in 269

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0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0510	2	Bn CP	Taking incoming mortars.
0745	3	G	Moving out in attack
0805	4	H	Located 2 snipers at 259
0820	5	G	Found many articles of living, VC chow, clothes
ø	ø	ø	1 Grease gun, ChiCom grenades
0821	6	G	Found about 50 tons of Rice in building 228
0920	7	G	Found tank with 50cal. machine gun.
1005	8	G	In contact, 1 WIA
1020	9	G	At bridge received mortar fire
1035	10	F	1 WIA
1041	11	G	1 bridge is blown
1045	12	H	Blew bridge no. 3
1050	13	G	Called in 81mm mission
1050	14	H	In contact on bridge 3, asked for ontos
1110	15	G	2 KIA and " WIA
1200	16	H	1 KIA and 1 WIA
1251	17	H	4 POW's
1311	18	H	8" mission reports many secondary explosions.
1311	19	G	1 KIA
1420	20	H	4 confirmed NVA
1538	21	H	Bridge hit by Arty, still useable
1648	22	Bn CP	Bridge 4 and 5 blown

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0715	2	G	Received automatic weapons fire from east side
∅	∅	∅	of highway 1.
0720	3	G	Took 5 incoming mortars rounds
0958	4	G	Sending 1 platoon across river to provide sety for
∅	∅	∅	Bn x-ray.
1046	5	H	Taking sniper fire.
1102	6	G	Received 4 incoming mortars rounds.
1130	7	H	30 to 40 VC moving southeast.
1145	8	F	Platoon took 1 rocker round
1145	9	H	3 NVA Confirmed
1220	10	H	Bridge 5 will not hold vehicles
1229	11	Bn CP	Request support of our 81mm mortars.
1301	12	G	Have civilian traffic moving on bridge
1334	13	H	Are still trying to consolidate forces will be
∅	∅	∅	about 60 min. before unit will be set in.
1515	14	H	Taking incoming mortars
1745	15	F	1 VC confirmed from sniper at position F-3.
1950	16	H	Receiving incoming B-40 rocket rounds. 2 WIA
2128	17	H	Still receiving incoming rounds, 1 more WIA
2150	18	H	Still receiving incoming rounds, 1 more WIA
2310	19	H	Received 2 incoming grenades

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HBE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0026	2	H	2 more confirmed KIA's
0052	3	G	Received incoming mortars
0830	4	G	Relieved of bridge and moving to phase line deach
0856	5	F	Took 1 B-40 rocket 1 WIA
0911	6	H	Captured 1 AK-47, 1 B40 and rounds, 2 packs explosive
Ø	Ø	Ø	charges.
1005	7	H	Received 10 incoming mortar rounds 1 WIA
1005	8	F	Lead platoon received automatic weapons and small
Ø	Ø	Ø	arms fire. Sniper team has 1 confirmed
1128	9	H	Comensing attack with 106's.
1144	10	F	1 WIA
1210	11	F-3	Received incoming mortars.
1222	12	H	Spotted 3 NVA moving to front
1328	13	H	Taking automatic rifle fire.
1410	14	F	Received 10 incoming mortar rounds
1521	15	H	2 KIA
1540	16	F	1 KIA and 1 WIA
1552	17	H	Receiving incoming mortars.
1707	18	F-2	Taking 1 incoming rocket, 1 WIA
1729	19	G-1	1 Confirmed
1745	20	G	1 Confirmed
1750	21	G	1 Confirmed

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HUE CITY

0001H tp 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0800	2	F-3	On move
0807	3	H	Starting to move
0835	4	H	Received automatic weapons fire from 748206
0843	5	F	Captured 1 machine gun, 1 shot gun
0948	6	D	Moving out
0950	7	G	1 KIA from sniper fire
0955	8	H	Conducted air strike
1030	9	H	2 bodies in down chopper.
1115	10	F	Taking sniper fire
1120	11	D	Taking rockets and small arms fire at 746207
1131	12	F-3	Received 60mm mortars. 2 WIA's
1221	13	H	1 confirmed
1230	14	H	3 incoming rifle grenades.
1238	15	F	Captured 4 60mm mortars, 9 grease gun, 1 AK-47
∅	∅	∅	1 sniper rifle, 1 m-l rifle, and 1 carbine
1240	16	H	4 More incoming
1301	17	H	Found mortar site.
1303	18	H	Found many bunker with gear left behind.
1330	19	F-2	Received sniper fire
1335	20	H	2 Confirmed
1351	21	F	1 KIA 1 WIA
1400	22	G	Has ebent at 743203

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Date 14 February 1968

HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0735	2	G-1	Made contact at 750208
0814	3	H-1	Patrol at smokestack I
0817	4	G-1	In contact 1 WIA
0907	5	H-1	Taking Mortars 2 WIA's
0915	6	F	Received 4 B-40 Rockets 2 WIA's
1002	7	H-1	Receiving 5 more incoming mortars.
1056	8	H-1	Receiving more incoming mortars. 1 WIA
1106	9	G	Snipers have 1 confirmed
1110	10	H	H-1 well dug in.
1130	11	H	took 1 B-40 rocket pulling back.
1145	12	H-1	Pinned down by mortars.
1246	13	H-1	In CP
1301	14	F-3	Departing <sup>to</sup> alemate
1309	15	F-3	Took fire from left flank
1320	16	G-3	10 Confirmed
1130	17	G	took 2 mortars rounds, both duds.
1440	18	F	Took 1 6-mm mortar, 5 WIA's.
1545	19	F	2 confirmed in graveyard
2008	20	G	Sit in
2035	21	F-1	Took 1 incoming rocket.

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Date 15 February 1968

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	HUE CITY
			0001H to 2400H
			INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0830	2	G-3	Movint out
0855	3	G	Sniper have 1 confirmed
0915	4	G-3	In contact with enemy. 2WIA
1015	5	G	1 KIA, 3 WIA
1039	6	G	Received incoming mortars.
1130	7	G-3	Received 2 rounds of 60 mm mortars.
1300	8	F-3	Departing
1418	9	F-3	Received sniper fire from left flank 2WIA 1 Confirmed
1435	10	F	4 more confirmed
1530	11	F	Received 3 60mm mortars rounds
1545	12	F-3	Taking incoming mortars
1622	13	F	Returned to CP
1810	14	H	Leaving CP
1835	15	F	Back in CP, 1 dead VC, captured 1 AK-47, 4 Grenades
1842	16	H-3	Departing Stalemate
1858	17	H-3	Set in
1919	18	F-3	Departing Stalemate
1933	19	F-3	Set in
1959	20	G-3	Took 1 incoming grenade on way to ambush site.
2001	21	G	Blew away Hootch
2035	22	G-3	Back at CP
2044	23	G	Firing 60mm mortar mission

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0639	2	G	All Activities in
0653	3	F	Back in CP
0904	4	H	Departing CP
0937	5	G-2	Received 1 incoming 60mm mortar.
0941	6	H	1 squad across bridge, received automatic fire
1004	7	H	2nd squad across bridge, also received fire
1005	8	F	Moving out
1030	9	F-1	Received small arms fire 2 WIA
1047	10	H	2 Confirmed
1051	11	H	Received 2 incoming 60mm mortars.
1125	12	G-1	Received automatic fire and grenades. 1 KIA
1141	13	H	Received 60mm or B-40 round. 1 KIA 3WIA
1150	14	F	Receiving incoming mortars 1 WIA
1220	15	F	Received 10 incoming 60mm mortars. 2 WIA
1413	19	G	Took two WIA
1544	20	G	Sustained 2 WIA in process of bulling back
1858	21	F	81 mm mission, sniper fire at 762205
2103	22	G	Made contact, exchanged small arms fire, no WIA
2152	23	G	3 Confirmed

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0135	2	H-1	Set in
0504	3	Bn	Taking incoming mortars
0504	4	H-1	Taking incoming mortars
0520	5	H	Taking small arms fire.
0641	6	G	1 KIA from 155mm canister
0646	7	H	2 rounds incoming 82mm mortars
0650	8	H	Fired 5 rounds 106mm recoilless rifle at building where automatic weapons fire came from.
0742	9	F-1	Spotted VC opened fire with small arms fire.
0805	10	F-1	Received small arms fire 2 Confirmed
0850	11	F-1	Received 2 B-40 rockets and satchel charge
0934	12	Y-1	Departing (Convoy)
0955	13	Y-1	Pinned down at 821181, 1 KIA and 4 WIA
1014	14	Y-1	Proceeding to Pau Bai
1137	15	G-2	Received incoming 60mm mortar.
1146	16	G-3	Spotted enemy, 3 Confirmed
1222	17	G	Snipers kill 1 more
1320	18	F	1 more confirmed
1325	19	G-3	Received 1 round recoilless rifle fire 3 Confirmed
1327	20	F	Received 1 60mm Mortar round. 1 WIA
1434	21	G	2 Confirmed by 106's
2020	22	F-2	Taking small arms fire from left flank.

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Date 19 February 1968

HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0941	2	H-1	Departed
0941	3	G-2	taking sniper fire from southerly direction
1030	4	G	1 evac WIA from sniper fire across river
1035	5	G	WIA is KIA from 106
1040	6	H-1	In CP
1055	7	G-3	1 KIA from heavy automatic weapons fire.
1113	8	G-3	1 more WIA
1145	9	H-3	Departing
1158	10	H-3	Received 1 incoming Rifle Grenade, no casualties
1331	11	G-CP	Received 1 82mm mortar round.
1331	12	H-3	In CP
1335	13	G-2	5 WIA from 82mm mortar round.
1500	14	F	1 confirmed
1515	15	H-2	Received 1 Mortar round belived to fired by
∅	∅	∅	friendly troops.
1553	15	F-3	On way back, took heavy small arms fire.
1603	16	F-3	Back in stalemate
2250	17	G-1	Received 2 incoming 60mm rounds.
2330	18	G-2	Received 3 incoming 60mm rounds.

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Date 24 February 1968

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
		HULL CITY	0001H to 2400H
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0200	2	G	Have 81 Stop Fire On All H & I
0315	3	F	Moving Out Of C.P.
0330	4	F	Check Point 1
0335	5	F	Check Point 2
0340	6	G	Check Point 1
0340	7	F	Check Point 3
0342	8	Bn-CP	Check Point 3
0342	9	F	Check Point 4
0345	10	G	Check Point 4
0350	11	Bn-CP	Check Point 4
0359	12	H	In Trace Bn CP
0403	13	F	Check Point 5
0419	14	F	Check Point 6
0428	15	G	Starting To Move Toward Blue Line
0431	16	G	Stinger At Check Point 5
0438	17	G	Stinger At Check Point 6
0443	18	RM CP	Check Point 5
0450	19	G	Stopping and Pending Guide To Check Point 6
0451	20	RM CP	Check Point 6
0459	21	H	Moving Out
0504	22	RM 14	Linked Up With G CP group
0507	23	F	F-2 On Obj. 1

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0511	24	RMX	Moving Back To RM CP
0517	25	F	At Base Of Obj. 2
0528	26	G	At Check Point 8
0532	27	F	F Plat. At Obj 1, Jan see tow tents with ARVN
Ø	Ø	Ø	Flas Fling
0545	28	G	Ch Pt 9
0546	29	RM	Ch Pt 9
0550	30	G	Lead element at Ch Pt 10
0555	31	F	On Obj. 2 and checking it out
0609	32	G	Sit in from 3 to 9 O'clock facing North at Ch Pt 10
0615	33	F	Obj. 2 All Clear CP Set in
0623	34	H	At Ch Pt 10, Setting in fr. 9 O'clock to 12 O'clock
0627	35	RUCP	Get in around Ch Pt 10
0630	36	RM	RM-6 telling Bi, Flower 3 that Arvns are shooting
Ø	Ø	Ø	into Marines
0633	37	Y-1	Leaving RUCP
0645	38	F	Coming down Obj. 2, heading towards Ch Pt 10
0655	39	FGH	Moving Out
0659	40	Y	All units at Ch Pt 6 and holding
0707	L1	F-6	In State Down 0.6 light 0.3
0709	L2	C	Moving to H 3rd POSIT
0713	L3	G	Moving across open area
0721	L4	G-6	New Posit.

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0725	45	G	In contact with Aren
0750	46	F-13	Tank hit a mine at check point 9
0758	47	H-3 & G	Both under contact
0759	48	Bn CO.	8-10 snipers in tree line to Bn CP left rear.
0801	49	H-6	81 fire mission going (75501970)
0804	50	F-6	Tank going to air disabled one, at check point 7
0805	51	A-23	Tank damaged extensively, will pull tank back to
Ø	Ø	Ø	check point 6.
0809	52	G-6	759191 Pagoda has VC platoon in it 755195 Many VC in a
Ø	Ø	Ø	area and 766204 many vc well dug in..
0815	53	Bn CO.	Wants Hill 42 well preped with Arty.
0821	54	G	G will move 1 platoon into Arvn Compound.
0825	55	A 21	Tank fired 2 rounds at 3 story structure
0828	56	Bn CO.	Requests continuous mission with 60mm on Hill 42
0852	57	S-3	At Arvn compound
0857	58	A-21	A 23 and ontos moving up to CO's posits
0906	59	S-3	Bn CP in Arvn compound
0930	60	Bn	siezed objective 3
1015	61	F-6	Lead elements moving out
1070	62	Bn	Firing Arty on 758191
1025	63	Bn XO.	Vehicles at check point 10
1038	64	Bn XO.	Tank hit mine between Check point 7 and 10
1116	65	S-3	759191 Many VC at Pagoda - Right in front of H posit.

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Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	HOE CITY INFORMATION
1129	66	H	81mm mission spint at 760192
1135	67	81's	Short round at Bn CP
1140	68	S-3	fire mission for 81's 759191
1150	69	H	Has 5 med-evac's at Ch Pt. 10
1151	70	Bn XO	Engineers are sweeping road
1201	71	Bn CP	Received 3 incoming 60mm rounds
1210	72	Bn CO	Advises F-6 to move out
1210	73	Bn CO	Calling Arty on Hill 42
1245	74	H-2	has 2 med-evacs and 4 non-evac
1313	75	Bn	Will have air on Hill 42
1341	76	G	Two vehicles damage by anti tank mines
1505	77	F-2	Has 2 Enemy KIA's at 758190
1528	78	F	Captured 1 AK-47
1549	79	F-6	Sniper has 1 Confirmed
1623	80	F	Has made contact
1630	81	H	Received 10 rounds of 81mm Mortars. 3 WIA
1641	82	F-2	Has 1 Confirmed and capture 1 Carbine Rifle
1744	83	F	Stop firing of all ontos
1759	84	H	758174 Posable N.V.A. tank at that posit.
2010	85	G	G 2B Departing friendly lines
2026	86	G	G 2B Now set in
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TIME CITY

0001 to 2400

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0521	2	H-3	Received 1 Incoming Mortar Rd.
0532	3	F	F - LP Received 1 Incoming E-40
0554	4	RMZ	Received 1 Incoming Frag Grenade
0637	5	RM	Line No. WIA's 253, 192, 261, KIA 293
0822	6	H	Fm Girl Right 0.8 Down 1.2
1018	7	R	770189 En Mortar Posit, Army Will Fire At
1115	8	H	1 Enemy Confirmed Fm Spider Hole
1141	9	H-2	Found 1 AK-47
1250	10	R	Check Point 10 also Ran Into Stalled Vechiles On
Ø	Ø	Ø	Road, Can't Get By
1252	11	G	Arty Falling In Gulf's Posit.
1303	12	G	Took 1 Incoming Mortar Rd.
1306	13	G-	Took 2 More Incoming Mortars Rds. (2 WIA's)
1312	14	G	Believe Em Mortar Slight At 751187
1321	15	G	Still Received Mortar Rds.
1321	16	G	Has Taken 8 WIA's, Moving Down To 2 EFT Side of Hill
1321	17	F	Received Accurate Fire Fm Hill Masses it is Occupping
1401	18	F	Has 1 WIA and May Have 1 Probable KIA
1418	19	H	Taking Sniper Fire Fm Spinder Traps At
1426	20	F-2	Taking Incoming Rockets (1 WIA)
1455	21	H	1 AK-47
1523	22	H	Received Incoming 60's and MG Fire



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Date 26 February 1968

HIE CITY

0001E to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0130	2	RMZ	Trip Flair Went Off
0707	3	G	Received 5 incoming Mortar Eds.
0711	4	G	Received 40 More 82mm Mortar Eds.
0811	5	RM-5	At Check Point 6 Sweeping to Check Point 10
0811	6	G	Unit On Hill Took More Incoming
0825	7	G	Sending 106's Back To RMCP
0832	8	G-1A	OP Took Incoming (1 KIA)
0833	9	RM-5	Found Mine Route No. 1 Blowing
0843	10	G	Reports KIA & OP Position Took 3 Incoming Mortars
0902	11	H	Believed VC Are Holding Up At 766184
0906	12	H-1	Blockin' Force Right Flank Charles Left 0.6 Down
Ø	Ø	Ø	2.2 Left Flank Left 0.3 Down 2.4
0907	13	HCP & H-3	& Tigers fm Charles Left 0.8 Down 2.3
0917	14	H-2	Fm Boy Left Flank Left 0.8 Down 2.6 Right Flank
Ø	Ø	Ø	Left 0.9 Down 2.7
0922	15	F	In Vicinity Of Bunker F-Rm 60m Took 3 KIA's
0927	16	F	1 KIA
0920	17	F	2 KIA
0933	18	H	Taking Rounds Fm Friendly Unit (Arty)
0933	19	H-2	Dumping Arty On H-2 (Friendly)
0941	20	F	500 kete s On Northwest Flank From Friday Night
Ø	Ø	Ø	1.4 Down 1.7

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
1001	21	F	Has 2 Evacs and 1 Non Evac
1005	22	F	Line No. 184, 203, WIA's Evacs Line No. 216 Non Evac
1008	23	F-1	Located fm Tuesday Night 1.4 Down 1.6
1032	24	F	Line No 111
1035	25	G	2 WIA's From Grenade 1 Confirmed
1035	26	F	1 AK-47 and Many Dead Bodies and 1-M1 Rifle
1039	27	RT-5	In RM Forward C.P.
1107	28	C C.P.	Fm Firl Right 0.7 Down 0.5
1109	29	G	233 K/W - 1701 - 294 FK 0423 WIA
1230	30	G	Taking 60mm and 57TR
1249	31	F	Fm Monday Night 1.3 Down 1.6 Plat. Monday Night 1.4
Ø	Ø	Ø	Down 1.6
1301	32	F	Line No. 277 (WIA)
1447	33	G	Taking 60mm Mortars
1552	34	F	1 - Confirmed
1555	35	G	Air Strike
1619	36	H	2 WIA's - Fm Air Strike and 1 M1
1632	37	G	Fm Monday Night 1.25 Down 1.7 and also Taking
Ø	Ø	Ø	Incoming Mortars etc.
1655	38	F	Received incoming Mds Also Received Sniper Fire
Ø	Ø	Ø	4 WIA Taken
17150	39	G	1 KIA From Sniper Fire
2050	40	F	Non Evac Line No. 80, 216, 298, and 190

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0148	2	G	Received 2 Incoming Mortar Rds. (No Cas.)
0231	3	F	Received Incoming Mortar Rds. (No Cas.)
0241	4	F	Received 1 Incoming Mortar or Rocket Rd. (2 WIA)
0252	5	F	Line Numbers 14 and 82
0734	6	F	One More Confirmed
0911	7	RM	Units Moving Out
0935	8	RM	All Units Moving Ahead Quick
1010	9	G	Have Come Into An Area Filled With Many Spider Holes
Ø	Ø	Ø	And Evidence Of Heavy Troop Concentration.
1015	10	F	Fm Monday Right 1.5 Down 1.1
1016	11	G	Fm Tuesday Right 1.2 Down 1.2
1050	12	G	Fm Monday Right 1.0 Down 1.2
1130	13	F	Reached Objective
1240	14	H	2 Confirmed
1610	15	H	4 WIA's
1921	16	R-3	Returning To C.P.
1927	17	R-3	At Check Point No. 6
1930	18	R-3	At Check Point No. 4
1938	19	R-3	In C.P.
2050	20	H	Fm Friday Right 0.5 Down 2.3



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0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
0001	1	S-3	New Journal Opened
0355	2	CP	Moving Out
0457	3	F	By Bridge
0538	4	F	Across Golden Gate Bridge
0622	5	F	By Assambly Area
0630	6	RM	81's Setting In
0720	7	G	See Movement At 786225 (Friendly)
0745	8	F	Taking Fire From Both Sides Of River
0800	9	G	Taking Invoming (Possible 82) 6 Rd.
0825	10	RM	81's Ready to Fire
0827	11	R	Taking A/W Fire
0846	12	F	Taking Fire From Across Big River (Milbrooks)
Ø	Ø	Ø	And Canal
0905	13	W	81's Running Out of Ammo
0925	14	W	81 Ammo On Way
1010	15	W	81 Has Been Resupplied
1022	16	RM	4.2 & 81 Registered
1033	17	F	F-3 Across Bridge
1045	18	F	Co Across Bridge
1051	19	H	Moving Out
1114	20	W	PC In Ditch
1124	21	H	Across River
1132	22	RM	CO Will Work Independantly Till F&G Reach

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HUE CITY

0001H to 2400H

Journal Number	DTG	UNIT	INFORMATION
Ø	Ø	Ø	State Right 1.1 Down 0.4
1148	23	RM	CP Across Bridge, Took Hard Left
1151	24	F	F Location Fm Red Right 0.45 Up 0.4
1159	25	S-3	Position Report On F3H. F Fm State Left 0.55
Ø	Ø	Ø	Down 1.6 H Fm Fruit Right 0.3 Down 0.1
1206	26	RM	CP Fm Banana Up 0.3 Left 0.5
1216	27	G	Took WP Round 15 Meters Fm Forward Lines Check
Ø	Ø	Ø	Fire On All 81 Units
1230	28	F	F-3 Is At Bridge & Holding Up
1240	29	RM	RM CP Fm Banana Up 0.9 Left 0.4
1245	30	F-3	Incontact With A/W Fire (788242)
1300	31	H	Apple Left 4 Up 0.5
1320	32	S-3	Positions Nail Fm Apple Left 0.6 Up 0.8 Terripin
Ø	Ø	Ø	Lima Apple Left 1.2 Up 1.3
1330	33	RMCP	Fm Apple Up 0.9 Left 0.4
1331	34	S-3	All RM Units Were Hold Up To Await Arrval Of Units
Ø	Ø	Ø	On Left Flank
1525	35	F	Moving Out
1526	36	F	1 Confirmed
1660	37	H	H-1 Will Be On Regimental Push
1651	38	RM	Fm State Down 0.5 Right 0.6
1655	39	F	Moving Smoothly Along
1745	40	C	Fm State Right 0.3 Down 0.4

