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0605	Queen reports that 7 U.S. ground FACs at Quang Tri require evacuation due to tactical situation
0610	Queen advises Army has 2 UH-1 slicks and 3 gunships that will pickup advisors
0616	Paris advises that Tiger 701 is down 5 miles south of Phu Lo 009/10/102
0620	Pedros from TSN and Bien Hoa launched
0630	Queen advises that 20 th TASS/CC and the local commander at Quang Tri are discussing if to evacuate or not. Queen will keep up advised.
0727	From Blue Chip: Mike 81 an O-2 is down in the water near the mouth of Dong Ha River. Note: JG SAR mission report identifies this aircraft as Nail 81.
0740	Mike 81 crew rescued by USN destroyer
0915	Decision made to leave TACP team at Quang Tri by General Bolan (USA) and General Slay. SAR forces ordered to RTB
1004	From Blue Chip: Bat 21 an EB-66 down at 308/11/103
1005	King 22 diverted to scene. Launched JG's and Sandy's from CH 77
1015	King 27 launched from CH 125 to tank for JGs
1056	Blue Ghost 28 down on beach east of CH 103
1100	Bat 21 SAR: Sandy 07 requests any ordnance in area ASAP
1102	JG 67 picked up two survivors from Blue Ghost 28
1107	Blue Ghost 39 down at YD210620. Area extremely hostile
1115	Bat 21 position YD142610
1116	Covey 270 in Bat 21 area
1119	Bilk 34 has voice contact with Bat 21 "Bravo"
1145	JGs ordered to RTB. Sandy trying to pinpoint Bat 21 "Bravo" for "Baby" drop
1146	JG 67 dropped off Blue Ghost 28 survivors at Phu Bai. They had no injuries.
1210	Nail 59 on station near Bat 21 "Bravo." Iron Hand and ELINT in area.

	Sandy's ordered to RTB
1255	Blue Ghost 39 update from USA: Chopper with 4 POB crashed out of control near hostile gun site.
1300	10 mile radius no bomb line established around Bat 21 "Bravo"
1320	Bat 21 "Bravo" authentication data received
1545	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" at 16°41'N 107°04'E
1825	From Queen: King has contact with Bat 21 "Bravo." Bravo reports his area is quiet
1955	Bat 21 "Bravo" position YD202451
0210	From Queen: SAM launched from 16°50'N 106°50'E
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0150	Bat 21 SAR: FAC in and out of clouds. Ordnance being delivered by LORAN
0215	Bat 21 "Bravo" position YD17246091
0245	Nail 39 making a weather recon
0300	Sandy 05 & 06 going into area
0310	4 VNAF A-1s enroute with Snake
0320	JG 65 inbound to Bat 21 "Bravo" Phase "B"
0330	JG 65 took groundfire and has 1 WIA. Jolly heading feet wet with battle damage.
0337	JG 65 is feet wet and heading to CH 69
0400	JG 65 landed at CH 69. WIA was the photographer. His injury is minor. Battle damage is lost 1 st stage hydraulics, 2 nd stage tail rotor servo, and minor electrical malfunctions
0512	JG 66 in for Bat 21 "Bravo"
0517	JG 66 taking groundfire and egressing the area
0535	JG 66 and 60 will land at CH 69 to check battle damage.
0640	JG 66 and 60 at CH 69. JG 66 was hit in rotors. They will leave damaged

	aircraft at CH 69. JG 66 crew will RTB with JG 60
0645	Col Muirhead requests 37 th inform him of plans for JG 66 & 65
0730	Nail 53 OSC requests Pave Nail all night. Consider Stinger and Spectre
0745	King requests "Baby" ASAP
0755	Nail 38 an OV-10 down with 2 good chutes that landed 1 click west of Bat 21 "Bravo". One Nail 38 crewmember possibly in enemy area
0805	Voice contact with Nail 28 "Bravo"
0817	Voice contact with Nail 38 "Alpha." He is located 300 meters south of Bat 21 "Bravo"
0820	Nail 38 authentication data received
0940	Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" SAR: ARVN has an armored column close by and will attempt to send an APC into the SAR area
0936	Joker requests an additional HC-130 from 41 st ARRW
1045	From 41 st ARRW: HC-130 from Clark will launch ASAP
1120	Bat 21 "Bravo" can see enemy forces searching in his area
1252	Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" SAR: Joker ordered Queen not to launch SAR forces for 1 st light effort
1405	Voice contact with "Bat 21 Bravo" and "Nail 38 Alpha & Bravo"
1515	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" reports tanks on a road 1 mile west of his position that are moving from west to east
1700	Voice contact with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo." No contact with "Nail 38 Alpha"
2000	From Queen: Voice contact with all three survivors
2305	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" position YD16326133 Nail 38 "Alpha" YD16456125 Nail 38 "Bravo" YD16556080
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0015	From King 21: Greasy flight expending CBU-54. There is a friendly ground team within 300 meters of survivors but are in contact with enemy forces
0121	From Queen: OSC is Bilk 17. He has radio contact with "Bravo"

0140	From King 21: FAC reports on scene weather delta sierra. Ordnance being laid around survivors. According to survivor ordnance is very effective. From General Marshall: OKs SAR when weather is OK
0215	From King 21: Bilk 17 reports weather in breaking up. Should be OK in 2 hours. Cleared pickup attempt with General Marshall (note: General Winton W. Marshall is the Vice Commander, 7 th AF)
0405	From Blue Chip: Nail 25 had 2 SAMs fired at him. He was at 8000' and 12 miles from SAR area. Took evasive action to 1500'. SAMs detonated at 2000' 2 miles away
0600	Sandy 01 & 02 in SAR area and putting ordnance in
0630	Sandy 01 & 02 pinpointing survivors and putting "Baby" around all 3
0655	From Queen: Weather has improved enough to work fast movers. Requested CBU-42 and "Baby" ASAP. Sandy 01 hit in pod. Dropped pod and remaining in area
0745	Voice contact with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo"
0840	King and Sandy request JGs
0856	Both survivors on radio and in good shape. They report area is quieting down
0905	4 Jolly's and Sandy 09 & 10 are holding at 325/25/69
1005	Sandy 07 took hits in wing with minor damage. Sandy 05 now OSC
1030	Sandy 03 took minor battle damage but is remaining in area. JG's and Sandy 09 & 10 move hold point closer in
1040	Sandy 03 hit. Right wing on fire. Heading feet wet
1045	Sandy 03 is feet wet. Heading for CH 77 with an escort. All slow movers directed out of SAR area
1050	Nail requests CBU-52 & CBU-42 on pathfinder aircraft conducting continuous flow all night
1125	Sandy 03 on final approach at CH 77
1140	Sandy 03 landed gear up at CH 77. Pilot is uninjured
2315	Nail 38 "Bravo" radios that people are crossing the river towards him. They

	are men, women and children.
2325	Queen requests 2 flights of "Baby" on pave equipped aircraft
2328	To Queen: Hockey flight of 2 F-4's with "Baby" scrambled
2330	From Nail 38 "Bravo": People earlier reported are now moving away from him
5 April 72	
0130	Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" checked in and said they were OK
0405	From Queen: OSC talked with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo." Survivors OK and last strike was positioned good
0730	Weather is deteriorating
0805	Weather is completely unworkable
0830	Blue Ghost 39 mission suspended
0900	Nail 25 talked with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo"
1045	Weather is improving. FACs requesting MK-82's or any kind of hard ordnance
1115	Weather is bad again
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0015	From King 21: Reports weather clear. Requests ordnance
0230	Strikes going in on preplanned targets. "Baby" dropped around survivors
0405	Chippy 505 (USN A-7) down feet wet. Navy working that SAR
0445	From Queen: Beef Eater 311 (USN A-7) hit by a SAM at 17°23'N 106°38'E. Aircraft exploded in air. No parachutes observed.
0647	From Queen: VNAF A-1 down at YD0968. No beeper or voice contact.
0825	Sandy 01 attempted Madden Kit drop to Bat 21 "Bravo. Kit hung up on his aircraft
0835	JG's and Sandy's moving to IP 300/35/69 for possible pickup attempt
0920	Moving JG to YD211165
0926	JG 67 inbound for pickup attempt

0930	JG 67 taking ground fire
0931	JG 67 down at YD165606. Sandy's did not see anyone get out
1055	King 22 directing more ordnance in
1215	King 22 requests CDU-14, CBU-42, CBU-49, CBU-24 on LORAN equipped aircraft and Iron Hand
1515	JG 67 position YD170595
2200	From Queen: Covey 217 in contact with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" Both are OK
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0322	From Queen: Covey 282 down at YD2167
0335	From King 21: Nail 41 has radio contact with both Covey 282 survivors
0351	Nail 41 hit and heading feet wet
0400	Nail 41 looked over by Coachman UH-1. Found minor battle damage. Nail 41 is heading back into SAR area
0450	Sandy 01 & 02 airborne and enroute to Covey 282 SAR. Nail 41 directs 2 strike flights to Covey 282
0630	Nail 41 reports that Nail 38 "Bravo" is OK
0850	Covey 282 "Alpha & Bravo" position is YD195655
1400	Authentication data for Covey 282 received. 1 st Lt Bruce Walker
1635	From Queen: Bilk 34 in contact with Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo." No contact with Covey 282
1640	From Jack: Teepee requests 6 flights CBU-52, 4 flights Rockeye, 8 flights MK-82 / CBU-24. Plus any LORAN equipped ordnance they can get tonight
1830	JG 67 crew confirmed dead
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0330	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" reports 30 small arms rounds went off near him and a 37mm is firing to his west
0450	From Queen: King 21 talked with Covey 282 "Alpha." He was very excited &

	talking fast. King was unable to understand him
0500	Covey 282 "Alpha" has calmed down some. He reports a large concentration of heavy artillery is about 200 meters north of him
0825	Sandy's & Jolly's scrambled from CH 77. Sandy will attempt Madden Kit drop
0830	Updated survivor positions: Nail 38 "Bravo" YD16516082 Bat 21 "Bravo" YD15516111 Covey 282 "Alpha" YD195656
0930	JG 21 has a chip light and is RTB CH 77 with Sandy's and JG 66
0957	JG 21 lands OK at CH 77
1415	King 22 in radio contact with Bat 21 "Bravo" Nail 38 "Bravo" Covey 282 "Alpha" King instructed them all to bed down for the night. Bat 21 "Bravo" reports no enemy traffic on either the road or river
2230	Colonel Walker phoned from USA requesting information concerning his son (Covey 282 "Alpha.") No information was released
2250	From Blue Chip: Aqua 02 (B-52) with 6 POB has been hit and is diverting to CH 77 for emergency landing. Jolly's, Sandy's, and Pedro scrambled
2322	Aqua 02 lands safely at CH 77
9 April 72	
0400	Bat 21 "Bravo" reports 2 tanks south of him moving west
0652	Musket 01 down at 125/96/89
0701	From Jack: Gunsmoke 06 has spotted 2 chutes and has 2 beepers
0705	From Jack: Voice contact with 1 survivor. JG 52 & 53 airborne. "Alpha's" position is XD0522
0715	From Jack: Nail 18 has visual contact with Musket 01 "Bravo"
0719	JG holding point is 136/75/89
0721	Nail 18 has VID on both survivors. "Bravo" has a broken left arm and right leg
0750	Sandy 11 & 12 ETA 0815
0810	Sandy 01 & 02 laying smoke. Air America Hotel 15 is going to pickup

	"Alpha"
0830	From Queen: Bilk 17 talked with Bat 21 "Bravo," Nail 38 "Bravo," and Covey 282 "Alpha." Covey 282 "Alpha" reports enemy artillery is firing towards our ships. Bat 21 "Bravo" report AAA 500 to 1000 meters east
0846	JG 53 inbound for Musket 01 "Alpha"
0901	JG 53 lowering a PJ
0907	Musket 01 "Bravo" on board JG 53. Jolly is moving to "Alpha"
0910	"Alpha" rescued by JG 53. Jolly's egressing area
0951	JG 53 lands at CH 89
1330	From Blue Chip: Bengal 505 a USN A-6 is overdue
1415	Moonbeam has voice contact with Bengal 505 "Alpha" who says he thinks "Bravo" also got out
1420	From King 22: Bengal 505 "Alpha" position is XD550508
1515	Bengal 505 authentication data received. "Alpha" Smith "Bravo" Ketchie
2330	Radio contact made with Bat 21 "Bravo," Nail 38 "Bravo" and Covey 282 "Alpha"
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0301	Bengal 505 "Alpha" position XD565474
0900	From Jack: King 22 says FACs report no groundfire. Area looks good for a pickup
0920	JG 33 & 52 airborne
0925	JG 30 & 63 airborne
0940	Sandy 03 & 04 airborne
0945	Holding point for JGs 123/78/89
1030	Sandy 01 & 02 on scene. Nail 46 reports AAA from ridges on each side of the survivor
1035	Joker orders SAR forces RTB

1440	Ground team for Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" are at YD197594. Nail 38 "Bravo" is in the river moving downstream. Bat 21 "Bravo" is heading to the river but has not arrived yet.
1850	Both Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" are in river and moving towards rendezvous point
1935	Bat 21 "Bravo" reported stopping at club house for gin & tonic before playing the back nine. Bat 21 "Bravo" and Nail 38 "Bravo" are doing fine
2320	Nail 38 "Bravo" in friendly hands
11 April 72	
0230	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" checked in on radio
0615	Nail 38 Bravo in hospital at DaNang
0705	Bengal 505 "Alpha" checked in with King
0712	Nail 25 took a hit working Bengal 505 SAR. Not serious and Nail is remaining in area
0840	Bat 21 SAR: Queen advised that ground team was under mortar attack and needed CAS
0915	Bat 21 SAR: Briefed General Marshall on situation. He ordered the ground team to pull back
1015	Bat 21 checked in
2115	From Queen: Bat 21 says he is hiding and waiting for the ballgame
2225	Covey 282 checked in and said he was in good shape but needs water
2240	Bat 21 SAR: From Queen – getting close. Golf cart ready to move
2245	Golfcart going in for pickup
2320	Bengal 505 radio contact and in good shape
12 April 72	
0035	Bengal 505 SAR: FACs report no groundfire and request Sandy's
0300	Bat 21 SAR: Survivor throwing up. Ground team does not have him
0440	Bat 21 "Bravo" not sick anymore. He has a broken arm and is too

	exhausted to make any further travel. Requests care package
0820	Bengal 505 SAR: RTB SAR forces. Sandy fired on by AAA that had not been spotted before.
0946	Bat 21 "Bravo" too weak to get care package. May try for it later but doubts it
1020	Bat 21 "Bravo" has injured his back and broken his arm. Radio weak. Madden Kit 50 yards away but too weak to get it. Told to hold his position
0835	JG at CH 77 will be late for take off. Possible rocket attack damage
2215	From Queen: Bat 21 "Bravo" standing on a river bank waiting for 2 men in a sampan. He will challenge them with his daughters middle name. They will pick him up and then exfiltrate the area.
2337	Launching Sandy 05 & 06. Bat 21 ground team taking machinegun fire
13 April 72	
0200	Bat 21 has linked up with sampan. Ground team attempting to get an APC or helo to get Bat 21 "Bravo" out. He is in poor shape with cuts and an infection
0215	JG 60 & 71 sustained minor battle damage from incoming last night at CH 77
0300	Bat 21 "Bravo" is in an APC moving east on Rt 9
0450	Bat 21 is on an Army helo enroute to hospital at DaNang
0458	Covey 282 "Alpha" check in. He is OK
0555	Bat 21 "Bravo" dropped off at DaNang Hospital