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CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

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1 February. An enemy force of 40-50 men attacked the Special Forces Camp in KONTUM City. Gunships and artillery broke the attack and the enemy fled at 0700 hours. At YB885290 the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB exchanged mortar and SA fire with an enemy force NW of its perimeter. A later sweep revealed four NVA KIA by grenades 30 feet outside of the perimeter. Also found were one LMG, three AK-47's, one carbine, seven 75mm RR rounds, eleven 82mm mortar rounds, 40 B-40 rocket rounds, 23 CHICOM hand grenades, three satchel charges, two bamboo charges, and 13 AK-47 magazines. At ZA236881 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry received AW fire; four NVA and two VC were killed by return fire. In KONTUM City 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry remained in contact throughout the day resulting in 12 US WIA, 87 enemy KIA. PLEIKU continued to receive sporadic mortar attacks and US and GVN forces continued operations to clear the city of enemy elements infiltrated during the TET offensive. At YB944245 one US was wounded when elements of Company B, 1st Battalion, 9th Armor received 75mm RR and B-40 rocket fire. THANH AN District Headquarters came under heavy attack shortly before noon. Contact was broken off by the enemy at 1406 hours, but artillery and gunships were employed against the enemy units as they retreated. Before nightfall 39 enemy bodies were counted. At ZB004217 a convoy preparing to depart DAK TO received an unknown number of M-79 rounds, one US WIA. A north-bound convoy from KONTUM to DAK TO received sporadic SA and mortar fire from 1400-1600 hours, two US WIA. At YB838212 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found one US body, previously MIA. The 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received two rounds of 60mm mortar fire, resulting in one US WIA.

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2 February. At AR777895 Company B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry observed mortar firing on KONTUM City. The mortar was destroyed, and one US WIA. At YB875316 Companies A and C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar and two rounds of 75mm RR fire, resulting in four US WIA. At ZA149245 Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found 64 additional enemy KIA resulting from the 1 February battle near THANH AN. From 1150 to 1400 hours Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry was in contact with an unknown size force at AR895435, results 13 VC KIA, five PW, one US WIA. At 1130293 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found a VMC with his leg blown off; individual was evacuated. At AR870434 50 enemy were killed in an airstrike. At YB830209 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry exchanged fire with five NVA; three US WIA, one NVA KIA. At ZB003249 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, two NVA KIA, two US WIA. At YB875315 Companies A and C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA platoon and killed one NVA. At 1900 hours the companies' night location received four 75mm RR Rounds, one US WIA. At AR823403 a 4th Aviation Battalion aircraft engaged and killed four enemy. Heavy fighting continued throughout the day in KONTUM City, resulting in three US KIA, 20 US WIA, 75 NVA KIA, and eight NVA PW.

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South of PLEIKU City the 4th Battalion, 3d ARVN Armored Cavalry and elements of the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor fixed an estimated NVA battalion and called in gunships and artillery, resulting in 130 NVA KIA. At YB911121 a 4th Aviation aircraft received SA fire, one US WIA. TF Powerhouse with one battalion minus conducted an airlift to BAN ME THUOT for further redisposition. At YB944245 one US was wounded when elements of Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor received 75mm RR and B-40 rocket fire.

3 February. At YB952239 Bridge #3 was attacked by an enemy force using hand grenades, three US WIA. In the vicinity of ZA2087 an ARVN unit with TF 22 made contact with a battalion size force and reported finding 150 NVA bodies in the sweep after the battle. At AP798887 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry heard movement near their night location and killed one NVA. At ZA004217 the 1st Brigade FSB received two rounds of 82mm mortar fire, one US WIA. At YB838223 the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received five rounds of 82mm mortar and one round of 75mm RR fire, wounding two US and damaging the command and control ship. At ZA013214 the Special Forces camp received three rounds of 82mm mortar fire, one US WIA, one CSF KIA, two CSF WIA. At ZB004221 an OH-23 aircraft from the 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery received MG fire, killing the pilot, wounding the artillery aerial observer and destroying the aircraft. Three NVA were killed and the machine gun destroyed by artillery directed against the enemy position. In the vicinity of AP7897 Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company using SA, AW, and mortar fire. The company was supported with gunships and artillery, and Company D linked up to provide assistance. The enemy broke contact after four hours of fighting. One US KIA, eight US WIA. At YB004217 DAK TO received 29 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Four US were killed and six wounded when one of the rounds hit a 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry bunker.

4 February. In three separate attacks prior to dawn DAK TO received 68 rounds of 82mm mortar and 122mm rocket fire, two US WIA. At YB889291 an OP at the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB made contact with two NVA, resulting in one US KIA, four US WIA. At BEN HET two CSF were wounded when the FSB received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. At ZB095382 a Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry gunship received several hits from ground fire and returned fire, killing two NVA. At AR777896 Company B, 299th Engineer found 27 bodies in KONTUM City. At AP795975 Companies C and D, 1st Battalion, (Abn), 503d Infantry killed three NVA and captured one. They also found 10 NVA bodies killed in the contact of 3 February. At YB880328 three US were wounded when an aircraft supporting a 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry airlift received ground fire. At YB889929 Company C, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry received sniper fire, one US WIA. At ZB095389 Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an enemy force and received SA and 60mm mortar fire. Company A and two platoons of the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry reinforced. The enemy position was hit by gunships, artillery and airstrikes, and at 1450 hours Company B assaulted, penetrated the enemy perimeter and engaged in close combat. While in the perimeter they observed at least 30 enemy dead. The company withdrew, and at 1830 hours disengaged to set up blocking positions prior to darkness. Results

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of the contact were one US KIA, 27 US WIA, 16 NVA dead by body count, one NVAC, two machine guns, 11 AK-47's, two SKS, one B-40 rocket launcher, and two 60mm mortars CIA.

5 February. At BRO42328 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry observed four VC and killed three. At ZB018259 a 52d Aviation Battalion aircraft crashed as a result of a broken tail rotor, nine US WIA. At the same location a 4th Aviation aircraft crashed for unknown reasons and exploded, four US WIA. BEN HET received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, two US WIA, one CSF WIA. Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry swept battlefield of 4 February contact and found 19 NVA bodies and captured one wounded NVA. At BRO15387 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry conducted reconnaissance by fire and killed one VC. Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry killed one VC at AP809923.

6 February. At ZB004216 two unknown type rounds landed in the tent area at DAK TO, wounding three US. At AR802933 the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made contact with a dug-in company size force, resulting in four US KIA, 17 US WIA, one US MIA, 11 NVA KIA. At 1121 hours BEN HET received 39 rounds of 82mm mortar and 75mm RR fire, five US WIA, four CSF WIA. At 1630 hours BEN HET received an unknown number of 82mm mortar and 75mm RR fire, seven CSF WIA. At ZA155357 Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with a company size force employing SA and B-40 rocket fire, two US KIA, five US WIA. At ZB004214 DAK TO received three 122mm rocket rounds, four US WIA. At YB926203 Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found three NVA bodies killed by air or artillery. The 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received 10-12 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, three US WIA. At AR810528 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire impacted at the 937th Engineer location northeast of PLEIKU City, resulting in 19 US WIA.

7 February. At YB886290 the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received four rounds of 82mm mortar fire, two US WIA. At AR985503 a convoy was ambushed by an estimated 50 NVA, three US WIA, seven NVA KIA. Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found one US body reported as MIA on 6 February. At AR985465 Company D, 2d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with five NVA, killing two and capturing one. At ZA155357 Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found one NVA body. At AR813944 Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an estimated platoon, resulting in 40 NVA KIA, six NVAC, three US KIA, one US WIA. At AR813936 a dustoff aircraft was shot down. At BRO06461 Company D, 2d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry exchanged fire with four NVA, three NVA KIA. At 1836 hours the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received 12 rounds 60mm and 82mm mortar fire, wounding three US.

8 February. A rescue party from Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found the dustoff aircraft shot down on 7 February, one US KIA, three US WIA. Camp Enari received 30 rounds of 122mm rocket fire from the west, one US KIA, nine US WIA. At AR813942 Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed movement to its flank and fired, killing one NVA. The company also found seven NVA bodies. At ZB006256 Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated enemy squad in bunkers. The company attacked twice with air, artillery and gunship support. The company broke off the attack to prepare its night location with the Air Force pilots still reporting heavy AW fire. Results, one US KIA, 11 US WIA one US MIA. At ZA197345 IRP H4B took two individuals under fire,

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one NVA KIA. At YB911121 the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received four rounds of 75mm RR fire and an unknown number of 82mm mortar rounds, one US KIA, two US WIA. BEN HET received seven or eight rounds of B-40 rocket fire and 10 rounds of 75mm RR fire, one CSF WIA. At ZB077179 a Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry aircraft observed an unknown size NVA force apparently establishing a road block. Gunships took them under fire and killed 12.

9 February. At AR922478 the bridge site received 15 rounds of mortar fire, and 10 NVA were killed when the security element returned fire. At YB955175 a patrol from Company C, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, resulting in one NVA KIA, one US WIA. At YB913312 the 1st NVA Division surgeon surrendered as a HOI CHANH to Company C, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry. At ZB010261 a company size enemy force attacked the Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry patrol base. Artillery, airstrikes and gunships were employed in support. The fighting continued for two hours, resulting in 20 NVA KIA, six AK-47's, one CHICOM carbine, one B-40 rocket launcher, one heavy machine gun and three light machine guns captured; two US KIA, 25 US WIA.

10 February. Camp Holloway received 35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, one US KIA, 38 US WIA. At AR817946 northeast of KONTUM City Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry repelled probes against its perimeter during the early morning hours. A morning sweep revealed nine NVA KIA and one NVAC (WIA). At YB953174 Company C, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an entrenched squad size force. After two hours of fighting, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. Results, two NVA KIA, one US KIA, three US WIA. At AP754885 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company, resulting in 15 NVA KIA, one US KIA, five US WIA. At AR829956 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, four US WIA, one US MIA. The 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received 30 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, six US WIA.

11 February. At AR825949 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry received 11 rounds of 82mm mortar and SA fire, one US KIA, 13 US WIA, one US MIA. At ZA208960 a 3/4 ton truck from Company B, 299th Engineer hit a mine, six US WIA. At ZB097175 one individual from the 4th Engineer minesweep team was wounded by a sniper. At ZU248887 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry killed one NVA. At AR827952 Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire wounding three US. At AP741870 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with four to eight NVA, one NVA KIA, one US KIA, one US WIA.

12 February. At YB880294 the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB OP received sniper fire, one US WIA. At YB878294 Company C, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an estimated platoon, four US WIA, 12 NVA KIA, one NVAC. At ZA089389 Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found three NVA bodies in graves. At YB975269 Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, one US KIA, 14 US WIA. At ZU247853 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with a reinforced NVA company, results two US KIA, 20 US WIA, six US MIA. At AP740870 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry engaged and killed two snipers. At ZU253876 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry ambushed and killed three NVA.

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13 February. At YA995420 Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry fired on two individuals taking evasive action, one VC KIA. At ZB003261 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found five NVA bodies, estimated dead for three days. At BRO86552 a 1/4 ton truck from Troop E, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry hit a command-detonated mine, killing one US and wounding two. At BRO73375 Company A, 2d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry observed two VC and killed one. At YA982434 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry observed three NVA and killed one. At YA982434 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry observed three NVA and killed one. The aerial rifle platoon was inserted and one NVA, two AK-47's, one MAS 36, and one 9mm pistol were captured.

14 February. At ZU259936 the 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry FSB was attacked by an estimated reinforced NVA company employing SA, AW, B-40 rocket and mortar fire. Results of the contact were 15 NVA KIA, one US KIA, seven US WIA. At YA875652 IFFV LRP Team 23 made contact with seven armed individuals, resulting in two NVA KIA.

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16 February. At ZA032382 Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry wounded and captured one VC and AK-47. At ZA150315 an APC from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry hit a mine, two US WIA. At YB911121 the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received three rounds 75mm RR, SA, and MG fire, two US KIA, three US WIA. At ZU236839 Company C, 2d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, two VC KIA, three VCC. At ZB009260 Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found nine NVA bodies, apparently killed by airstrike on night of 15-16 February. At AR922479 the Company C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry bridge security element received 10 mortar rounds, B-40 rocket and SA fire. One mortar round landed inside an APC. Results were two US KIA, two US WIA, one PF WIA.

17 February. At ZA208342 a duster from the 4th Battalion, 42d Artillery hit a mine, resulting in one US WIA. At BRO32543 a 1/4 ton truck from 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine, one US KIA, one US WIA. At AP758878 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry killed one NVA. At ZA235886 an RF outpost was partially overrun by an unknown size VC force, 12 RF KIA, four RF WIA.

18 February. At AR881817 an RF outpost was overrun by a multi-company VC force, 15 RF KIA. Shortly after midnight an unknown size attacked the KONTUM City jail, six VC KIA, one ARVN WIA. At YA877657 IFFV LRP Team 32 killed one NVA. At YA962309 Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received one fragmentation hand grenade and heavy SA fire, resulting in one US WIA.

19 February. At AR829924 an OH-6A from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry crashed for unknown reasons. Two platoons from Troop D were inserted and found three US KIA. At ZB032262 Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found eight NVA bodies in graves. At YA851652 LRP 44 made contact with an estimated 20-40 NVA, resulting in four US WIA, 12 NVA KIA.

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20 February. POLEI BRENG at ZA140915 and POLEI DRONG at ZA105914 were overrun by an estimated 200-300 VC at each location. The VC withdrew after destroying class V supplies in the villages. At ZA068309 a 2½ ton truck from Company A, 20th Engineer hit a mine, two US WIA. At YB847138 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry made contact with an unknown size force in bunkers. The enemy broke contact and fled. Results were one US KIA, one US WIA, three NVA KIA.

21 February. At ZA115673 PLEI MRONG received a ground attack supported by mortar, rocket and AW fire, two CSF WIA. At ZA075397 Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry killed one NVA. At ZA192652 a ½ ton truck from the 4th MP hit a mine wounding three US. At AR873531 an RF element from LE TRUNG made contact and killed one VC. At YB925208 Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with an unknown size enemy force, two US WIA. At ZA015282 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated squad size force, six US WIA, one VC KIA, one B-40 rocket launcher CIA. The aerial rifle platoon of Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry made contact with an unknown size force, two NVA KIA. At ZA192652 Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed one VC and captured one.

22 February. At ZA185337 a PF platoon at CATECKA Plantation was attacked by an estimated company size force resulting in 13 PF KIA, six PF WIA, five PF MIA. At ZA167337 a civilian Lambretta hit a mine as it was passing an APC that had also hit a mine, three civilian KIA, one civilian WIA, two US WIA. At YB925208 Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found five NVA bodies. At YA843712 LRP 27 observed four VC chopping a tree near a bunker. The patrol took them under fire, killing two and wounding and capturing another. At ZA162750 an aircraft from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry killed two NVA observed taking evasive action. At YA885682 LRP 34 killed one VC.

23 February. At ZA171767 Company A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry observed bunkers and one NVA. The aircraft fired on the NVA and received return fire. The aerial rifle platoon was moved to the area and immediately made contact. Troop D and the aerial rifle platoon from Troop B made a heliborne assault to ZA173770. After several hours of fighting the enemy withdrew with US ground elements in pursuit. Results were 24 NVA KIA and six wounded and captured. At AR813944 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry killed one NVA. At YB914205 Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with four NVA and killed two. At AR802943 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry killed an NVA officer. At ZA184754 Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received SA fire from a bunker complex, resulting in one US KIA. At YA974291 Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received sniper fire, one US WIA.

24 February. At ZA179759 an LOH from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry received heavy AW fire. The aircraft exploded and crashed into the enemy bunker position. One US KIA, two US WIA. The second aircraft began firing suppressive fires and Troop D began moving to the crash site. When the rescue force reached the site they destroyed two bunkers and killed two NVA and linked up with the survivors of the crew. Four US were wounded assaulting the bunker position. The crew and WIA were successfully extracted. At AR816946 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made contact with an estimated six snipers, one US KIA, one US WIA. At YB991144 a patrol from Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry exchanged fire with

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four NVA, resulting in two US WIA. At ZA092877 Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry observed an NVA squad washing clothes. The troop took them under fire and killed two. At ZA123510 the Scout Platoon from the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry received SA fire and two rounds of either B-40 or rifle grenade fire. Two US WIA, one VCC WIA. At YB875275 BEN HET received 14 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, two CSF KIA, two CSF WIA.

25 February. At AR836484 the 937th Engineer made contact with three VC, one VC KIA. At AR815947 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found seven NVA bodies, apparently killed in 24 February contact. At ZA047856 an aircraft from Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry observed and engaged 10 NVA with packs and rifles. The aerial rifle platoon was inserted and found 10 NVA KIA. At AR844940 the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry with a Mike Force Company made contact with an unknown size force, one MSF WIA. At YA865718 an aircraft attempting to extract a LRP Team received ground fire, two US WIA. At ZA219600 a convoy received one round of M-79 fire, one US WIA. At ZA125785 an aircraft from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry received one round of sniper fire, one US WIA.

26 February. At AR788888 KONTUM City received approximately 20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, killing six civilians, one ARVN, and one RF, and wounding 16 civilians and five National Police. A FAC directed an airstrike onto the rocket position, and it was destroyed. Two companies of the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry were combat assaulting into an LZ at YB832277 when one of the aircraft was shot down by enemy fire. The crew and infantry returned fire while the remainder of the two companies completed the assault at YB831279, then moved overland and linked up. The enemy broke contact at 1300 hours. Results were one US KIA, nine US WIA, 21 NVA KIA. At ZA007175 LRP 2D killed one VMC. BEN HET received 13 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, one CSF WIA. At YA962392 an APC from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received AW fire and three B-40 rocket rounds, one US WIA. While sweeping the area another APC was hit with a B-40 rocket round, one US WIA. Ground elements from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry were inserted and found a wounded NVA. The PW was evacuated but died at the hospital. An hour later the platoon captured another NVA.

27 February. At BRO19537 Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed one VMC and captured a light machine gun. At AR808471 Camp Holloway received 30-35 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, 17 US WIA. At 0827 hours at YB832277 the patrol base of Companies A and B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry was attacked by an estimated battalion of NVA employing SA, AW, rifle grenade and 60mm mortar fire. The contact continued all day, and the position was still receiving SA fire after dark. Results were two US KIA, 15 US WIA, and 49 NVA KIA in the immediate vicinity of the perimeter. At 1937 hours an aircraft in support fired 20mm ammunition into the US position, killing two US and wounding seven. At 2346 hours the night location received six B-40 rounds. Fire was returned. Results were five US WIA, one NVA KIA. At ZA208749 Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an entrenched platoon, two US KIA, eight US WIA, four NVA KIA. At AR826954 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received heavy mortar, SA, and AW fire from a large enemy force, apparently defending an NVA

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ammunition storage area. Artillery and airstrikes were employed, and 23 secondary explosions were observed. Results of the contact were 24 US WIA. At AS877027 an aircraft from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry engaged and killed one VC, and killed another VC at AR893926. Secondary explosions were observed in both engagements.

28 February. At ZA173527 a patrol from the 52d Artillery Group made contact with 10 NVA and killed one. At AR833957 Company C, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received 33 rounds of 82mm mortar and one round of 122mm rocket fire, one US WIA. At YB843705 LRP Team 11 ambushed a group of 25-30 NVA, resulting in 20 NVA KIA. At YB938307 LRP 1D killed one NVA. At YB817247 Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry conducted a combat assault and received fire from several NVA. Fire was returned, resulting in three NVA KIA. Company B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry swept the battle area of the previous day's contact and found 20 additional bodies. At AR825954 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received 10 rounds of mortar fire, four US WIA. At AR839958 a 4th Aviation aircraft crashed because of wind turbulence, four US WIA.

29 February. At ZA125895 the village of TRUNG NGHIA received 25 rounds of mortar fire and SA fire, three RF KIA, four RF WIA, five civilian WIA. At ZB144045 the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry and RF elements made contact with an estimated company sized force. Results were 26 NVA KIA, five NVAC. At ZA063858 a gunship from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry made a crash landing when the tail rotor fell from the aircraft, one US KIA, three US WIA. At YB911251 the Reconnaissance Platoon 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry made contact with six NVA and killed one. At 1729 hours the patrol base received 40 rounds of mortar fire and SA and AW fire, one US KIA, one US WIA. At YB832277 the patrol base of Companies A and B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry received 16 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from YB831283. After the countermortar program had been fired and airstrikes called in Company A swept the area and found 10 NVA bodies and numerous blood trails and drag marks. At YB786228 Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with several NVA, resulting in one US KIA, one US WIA, one NVA KIA, one NVAC.

1 March. At YB782228 Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found an underground postion for a vehicle, with overhead cover. Nearby was a bunker complex with one NVA KIA. At YB782225 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry killed two NVA. Between 1015 hours and 1358 hours the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry at YB911121 FSB received a total of nine rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in three US WIA. At YB822299 Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found 28 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, and one NVA in a grave two to three days old. At YB822289, Company B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry found a large bunker complex with 70 bunkers and seven NVA killed by air strikes. At YB834278 a patrol from Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force resulting in two NVA KIA. At AR828956, the Reconnaissance Hatoon from the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made light contact with an unknown size force resulting in one US WIA.

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2 March. LRP Key Chain was surrounded by an estimated NVA Battalion at YB913102. Helicopters fired rockets in support, setting off secondary explosions which continued for over an hour. At 2037 hours at YB839223 the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry observed the lights of what appeared to be an enemy convoy. At YB826299 Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry exchanged fire with an enemy force killing three NVA. Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry received 20 rounds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and a ground attack, resulting in nine NVA KIA, one light machine gun, one SKS with grenade launcher, and two CHICOM grenades CIA. At YB827277 Company A, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry found a grave with three NVA bodies three to four days old. At ZA067722, an APC from Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry hit a mine. Another mine was found 20 feet from the first. At ZA062724 an APC received two rounds of B-40 rocket fire resulting in two US WIA. At ZA153713 the Reconnaissance Platoon from the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found two bodies, one VMC and one NVA, killed by small arms fire. At AR832950 Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received mortar fire and automatic weapons fire. Fire was returned, with one NVA KIA. A later contact with the same enemy force resulted in one US WIA and six friendly indigenous WIA. At ZA137718 Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry killed three NVA.

3 March. At YB805246 a patrol from the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found three rucksacks and 26 rounds of 75mm RR ammunition. At ZA075705 Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force. The enemy fired B-40 rockets and small arms. Results were 15 NVA KIA, two B-40 rocket launchers and 11 S/A CIA. At AR854976 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received mortar and small arms fire resulting in three US WIA. At AR854976 Company C, 1st Battalion, (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, receiving heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in three US KIA, and five US WIA. At ZA126773 Company B, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an unknown size force resulting in four NVA KIA and three US KIA and eight US WIA. DAK TO received 34 rounds of mixed 75mm RR and 82mm mortar fire resulting in one US KIA, three US WIA, one HUOL helicopter and one wrecker damaged.

4 March. Between midnight and 1030 hours the FSB at DAK TO received a total of 29 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. At noon one round of 122mm rocket fire was received with another six rounds at 1714 hours, all with no damage. At 0530 hours there was an explosion on the southeast corner of the DAK TO perimeter. Investigation revealed one body in the wire who had apparently blown himself up. He had four blocks of C-4 and two grenades. At AQ875018 the trains of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry received two mortar rounds resulting in one US KIA and eight WIA. At AQ889380 the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed 15 foxholes, a radio antenna and movement. Artillery was fired on the area resulting in a large secondary explosion, possibly a fuel storage area. At AR788886 KONTUM airfield received 22 rounds of 122mm rocket fire. Five of the rounds were duds. At BR111186 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry found 50-60 hootches in a draw, and detained one individual. Later at the same location contact was made with an unknown size VIET CONG force resulting in four VC KIA. At BR115170 D Troop detained four individuals. At BR238502 three command detonated mines were set off as a convoy passed with no damage. At BR-222494 Troop B, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment received S/A from a bunker.

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Air strikes were called in and produced a small secondary explosion. **Five** VC were killed and one 57mm recoilless rifle was captured with 40 rounds of 57mm RR ammunition and 20 CHICOM grenades. The Reconnaissance Platoon of the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated 30-40 NVA at ZA145722 during the night of 3-4 March. Results were two US WIA. SPOOKY was on station and fired at the fleeing enemy with unknown results. At 040103 hours Camp Enari received 49 rounds of 122mm rocket fire, which destroyed two buildings and three aircraft, and damaged four aircraft and three buildings. The runway was closed to fixed wing aircraft. At AR899435 the 2d Squadron of the 1st Cavalry Regiment made contact with an estimated four VC. Helicopter gunships were called in resulting in seven VC KIA. The 4th Division Exploitation Platoon found five rocket carrying cases, one night lighting device, one instruction sheet and three firing positions, all for 122mm rockets.

5 March. At YB995287 IRP 1B found 11 NVA bodies. At YB975274 Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found nine bunkers with 15 82mm mortar fuzes, two NVA bodies and two B-40 rocket rounds. At YA978357 IRP 2D found a hut with 300 pounds of rice. At 0955 hours at ZA055734 Company B, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with a small enemy force resulting in three NVA KIA, two AK-47's and one machine gun CIA. Contact was again made at ZA055724 at 1215 hours resulting in six NVA KIA, three AK-47's, two SKS's, four RPG-7 rounds, two B-40 rounds and 13 82mm rounds CIA. Company A, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found four NVA bodies at AR801930. At YB965074 the 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry took two NVA under fire, killing one. At YB895150 another two NVA were spotted resulting in one NVA KIA. At YA879459 Battery A, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery received mortar and SA fire resulting in two US WIA.

6 March. A sweep of the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry contact area of 5 March revealed a two-company base area with 72 bunkers, 15 NVA bodies, and eight B-40 rocket rounds. Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found 200 pounds of rice and two CHICOM claymore mines. The 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed three individuals, killing one at AQ813315. At ZA212730 a northbound convoy on 14N was ambushed. The 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry pursued the enemy to the west and Troop E, 17th Cavalry to the east, making contact with an estimated enemy company. One truck was damaged and eight US WIA. Artillery and air strikes were called in. Two POW WIA were taken to the east with three AK-47's and documents indicating the 1st Battalion 174th NVA Regiment. To the west the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed four NVA. At BR234504 the 2d Squadron found 23 VC bodies and two NVA bodies from the contact of 4 March. At YB870560 an aerial observer from the 52nd Aviation Group observed a road wide enough for $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck traffic.

7 March. Two trucks in the northbound convoy on 14N hit mines suffering extensive damage at ZA210940. At ZA140533 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found 3000 pounds of rice and a claymore type mine. At ZA003372 the MEDCAP team from the 1st Battalion, 69th Armor made contact with an unknown size force. A relief force from the armor battalion received B-40, automatic weapons, and small arms fire, resulting in one US WIA. At ZA210715 Troop E, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry and Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry

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received sporadic small arms fire resulting in one US WIA in Troop E. At ZA212930 a sweep of the contact area of 6 March by Troop E and the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry revealed 15 NVA KIA, three 57mm RR rounds, four B-40 rounds, and assorted web gear. At BR235490 Troop B, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry found four bunkers and four NVA in graves. A bulldozer uncovered one NVA body from the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry's action on 4 March at BR234499. Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry killed one NVA and captured one NVA at AQ848367. At AQ803293 Troop D engaged 10-15 personnel carrying stretchers resulting in one NVA KIA.

8 March. LRP Ball-Cap found a battalion size base camp with bunkers and medical supplies. There were two roads from the southeast leading into the area at YB750252. At 0120 hours the FSB at DAK TO received a small attack by a sapper unit. Results were one NVA KIA, four US WIA. At AR848992, Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with five NVA with unknown results, and later had three NVA approach the perimeter resulting in one NVA KIA. At BR355544 Company C, 2d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found a booby trapped road block and made heavy contact with an enemy force resulting in one US KIA and one US WIA. At ZA106913 Company C, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry and Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry received 15-20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 26 US WIA. At BR246492 a convoy was ambushed by an estimated enemy squad, destroying one truck and damaging three, with four US WIA. At YB998026 the 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed 15 individuals on a trail with packs. Individuals were taken under fire and the area was swept by the Aerial Rifle Platoon. Results were four NVA KIA, 18 mortar rounds and one SKS CIA. At YB998026 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry made contact with an unknown size force resulting in seven NVA KIA and three US WIA, with two AK-47's and 18 rounds of 120mm mortar ammunition CIA. At YB998042 four 100 pound bags of salt were sighted and the Aerial Rifle Platoon from Troop D was inserted. The Aerial Rifle Platoons from Troops A and B made heavy contact and nearby the Troop D Aerial Rifle Platoon moved to reinforce. Results of the contact were 16 NVA KIA and one US KIA and two US WIA.

9 March. At YB728060 a forward air controller observed six vehicles on the road in groups of three, 300 meters apart heading west. Air strikes were called in resulting in two enemy trucks destroyed. One truck was damaged. At BR155505 Troop B, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry and the Division Exploitation Platoon made contact with a 10-15 man enemy force. Results were two NVA KIA and two US WIA, and one SKS and one AK-47 CIA. At ZA0989 an OH6A observation helicopter from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry was shot down by automatic fire resulting in two US WIA. At YB994026 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry took one NVA under fire killing him. A sweep of the previous day's contact area produced three SKS's, one AK-47, and 4,000 pounds of rice. At ZA196678 a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicle hit a mine destroying the vehicle and wounding three US. Two additional mines were found in the area. Results of the mine were one US KIA and two US WIA.

10 March. At YB997252 Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found one 75mm recoilless rifle position with four 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. At YB912283 a patrol from Company B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry set a hasty ambush for four individuals with negative results. While checking the area two additional individuals were spotted in a canoe and taken under fire resulting in two NVA KIA. At ZA059724 Company B,

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2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found eight bodies in graves three or four days old. At A0863253 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry set up an ambush. Eight NVA entered the ambush resulting in one NVA KIA and one AK-47 CIA. At AR845995 Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry observed a mortar firing. Small arms and artillery were fired into the position resulting in one NVA KIA.

11 March. At YB915328 Long Range Patrol HLA found a mortar position with seven rounds of 82mm mortar fire. At ZA175908 a convoy from the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry hit two command detonated mines and received small arms fire plus two rounds of mortar fire. Results were two US WIA.

12 March. At ZA208950 a tank from Troop A, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine causing moderate damage. At ZA119553 a body was found by Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry. At ZA881365 Long Range Patrol 36 found a weapons cache with two RPG rockets, three rifles with grenade launchers, one AK-47, and one B-40 rocket. At ZA196683 a convoy hit a mine, damaging a lowboy.

13 March. At 1720 hours at ZB007216 DAK TO FSB received 15-20 rounds of 122mm rocket fire from YB953174 resulting in five US WIA, and one $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck destroyed. Air strikes were called in resulting in one secondary explosion. At AR983415 and AR982392 Troops A and B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry conducted a cordon and search of two villages resulting in nine detainees and one VMC captured. At ZA02502 an Engineer convoy was hit by a B-40 rocket damaging one bulldozer and causing four US WIA. At ZA018168 LRP H2A made contact with an unknown size force resulting in one US WIA. At ZA046972 Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received small arms and mortar fire. The contact started at 0550 hours and lasted until 0800. Results were one US KIA, five US WIA, two NVA KIA, two small arms and one radio captured. At ZA064482 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry spotted 10-15 individuals and took them under fire. The Aerial Rifle Platoon was inserted, resulting in three NVA KIA and one AK-47 and seven B-40 rocket rounds CIA. At ZA070485 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry uncovered a spider hole. A grenade was dropped in resulting in a secondary explosion 200 feet high. The following were captured: one AK-47, 18 82mm mortar rounds, four 60mm mortar rounds, six and $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of C4 and five pounds of documents.

14 March. At YB846060 LRP HLA set up a hasty ambush for four NVA resulting in three NVA KIA. The patrol withdrew 75 meters and made contact with one NVA, killing him. At YB952239 Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry received 12 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in one US WIA. Company D, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry found a 122mm rocket position that had been hit by artillery. There were three 122mm rounds damaged by artillery. A sweep of the area of contact of Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry produced one RPD light machine gun, one AK-47, two grenade launchers, 84 CHICOM grenades, 150 pounds of medical supplies, 3,455 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 350 new uniforms, and 400 pounds of food stuffs. At ZA147943 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an estimated enemy company. Contact was initiated by three snipers in trees, followed by automatic weapons and small arms fire. Earlier Company D had received 20 rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in two US WIA. Company D was joined by Company B. Air strikes and artillery were called in. Air strikes produced

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two secondary explosions. Results were one US KIA, four US WIA and five NVA KIA. At ZA228685 an OH6A light observation helicopter received automatic weapons fire and took four hits. The Aerial Rifle Platoon from Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry was inserted after air strikes. Contact was made with an estimated 25 individuals. The serial rifle platoons from Troops A and B were inserted and contact was established with an estimated reinforced enemy company. A reaction force from the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry moved to reinforce and tanks from the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry were called in. The enemy withdrew under pressure. Two NVA were killed. At AR785373 a patrol from the 4th Military Police company picked up two detainees. Five other individuals ran into a village. The patrol received small arms fire and called in helicopters. Three additional individuals were picked up and evacuated. At 2345 hours at YB988278 an ambush from Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry heard what sounded like a track vehicle racing its engine.

15 March. At ZA192985 Troop A, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry received B-40 and automatic weapons fire resulting in one US KIA, four US WIA, one truck, and one APC damaged. At YA975291 an APC from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received one B-40 resulting in three US WIA, negative damage to the track. At AR795525 the 937th Engineers received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 20 US WIA, three trucks, one mess hall, and one barracks damaged. The 1st Battalion, 503d Airborne received 60 and 82mm mortar and automatic weapons fire from north, south and east. Air strikes and artillery were employed resulting in six NVA KIA, one US KIA and one US WIA. At ZB026003 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, killing one NVA. At ZA148937 Company D, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received six rounds 60mm mortar fire resulting in six US WIA. Five MIA from previous day's contact were found along with four NVA KIA. At ZA228685 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry sweep produced two AK-47's, five B-40 rounds, two documents, numerous foxholes, and six NVA KIA. At BR247486 Troop B, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry found six mines which were blown in place. At BR153519 a 5,000 gallon tanker was hit by a B-40 rocket. Two command detonated mines were set off in the same area. At BR200523 Troop B received four 60mm mortar rounds with negative results. At BR156512 a B-40 rocket was fired at a Troop B APC with negative results.

16 March. The FSB at DAK TO received five rounds of 122mm rocket fire with negative results. At ZA232669 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found one SKS, one AK-47, four B-40 rounds, and four NVA KIA. At ZA201714 the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry made contact with an unknown size force. When a convoy in the same area received 20 rounds of automatic weapons fire. There were four US WIA. At 1028 hours Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an estimated enemy squad in bunkers at ZA045895. Air strikes were employed resulting in one NVA KIA. At ZA039990 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received small arms fire resulting in three US WIA. At ZA039990 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire. Air strikes and artillery were called in. Results of the contact were one US KIA, three US WIA, six NVA KIA, three AK-47's, one RPD light machine gun, and one B-40 rocket launcher CIA. At ZA150938 Companies B and D, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received 17 rounds of mortar fire resulting in three US KIA and seven US WIA. An ambush in the same vicinity received six rounds of mortar fire and ambushed an unknown size unit resulting in two US WIA and one NVA KIA.

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At AQ780236 an aerial observer received automatic weapons fire from two positions. Artillery was called in resulting in one NVA KIA. At YB960062 an aircraft from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed one NVA lying by the trail. NVA was fired on resulting in one NVA KIA. A large group of NVA then appeared on the trail and were fired on resulting in one NVA KIA. At YB945062 Troop D observed a wounded NVA and landed to pick him up. The NVA resisted resulting in one NVA KIA and one SKS CIA. At 0032 hours Camp Enari, 4th Division Base Camp, received 12 122mm rocket rounds. All rounds outside the perimeter. At AR792229 at 0215 hours a NIGHT HAWK aircraft observed a vehicle moving south on Highway 14S and a second vehicle was picked up by radar at 0223 hours. Vehicles were taken under fire and secondary explosions were observed. Gunships received heavy automatic weapons fire from the same area. An aerial rifle platoon was inserted and found a heavily damaged logging truck with blood stains in the cab.

17 March. Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found a bunker complex with 150 bunkers. An aircraft had received ground fire from this location the previous day. Contact was made with an unknown size enemy force resulting in five NVA KIA, four AK-47's, six B-40 rocket rounds, 30 rounds of 82mm mortar, 31 rounds 60mm mortar ammunition, six boxes of mortar fuzes, 400 rounds AK-47 ammunition and 500 rounds of .30 cal ammunition CIA. At ZB028002 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found miscellaneous equipment, ammunition and explosives from the previous day's contact. Later at the same location, Company A received M-79 fire. The unit pulled back, and began receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire. Artillery was fired in support. Results were 13 US WIA. At ZA038992 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received hand grenades and small arms fire sporadically through the night. Four NVA KIA were found the next morning. A sweep of Company B's 16 March contact area at ZA039992 produced one RPD machine gun, one M-79 grenade launcher, two SKS's, three AK-47's and three NVA KIA. While searching the contact area, Company B received sniper fire and artillery was called in. A sweep of this area produced one NVA CIA/WIA and six NVA KIA. At ZA041988 Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry swept an area that had been hit by air strikes, and found the following: one NVA who was flushed out of a tunnel and killed, one 60mm mortar, four AK-47's, one B-40 rocket launcher, one RPD machine gun with seven ammunition drums, three rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition, seven rounds 82mm mortar ammunition, 27 pounds of explosives, ten pounds of home made bangalore torpedos, four pounds medical supplies, assorted food, clothing and web gear, one bundle of documents, and 1,863 rounds AK-47 ammunition. At the same location three NVA KIA were found. At ZA147942 Company B, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry observed an unknown number of individuals north of the perimeter which were engaged with small arms and artillery fire. A sweep in the morning revealed two NVA KIA, two AK-47's, one MAS-36, and two rifle grenades. At 172100 at YB738045 LRP T-12 observed eight enemy trucks on the NVA road. The lead vehicle was disabled and the other seven trucks were lined up behind it. Artillery was fired destroying one truck. Five trucks moved up the road to the northwest and artillery was called in again destroying two trucks, with an estimated six to 10 enemy KIA. KONTUM airstrip received 15 rounds of 122mm rocket fire resulting in one US WIA.

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18 March. At ZA228682 Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry fired on one NVA killing him. At ZA034010 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an estimated reinforced NVA company, receiving small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire. Air strikes were flown against the mortar positions, but the mortar fire continued. Upon reaching Hill 1062, Company D continued to receive heavy fire. Company D then pulled off the hill. Results of the action were one US KIA two US WIA and four NVA KIA. At YA840910 an aircraft from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry received heavy automatic weapons fire. The troop's aerial rifle platoon was inserted and made contact with an estimated enemy company. The NVA attempted to surround the ground element, which withdrew to its landing zone and was extracted. Results of the contact were one US WIA and 12 NVA KIA, with several aircraft taking hits, but no injuries. At ZA219916 a 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry APC on convoy security was attacked by an estimated two enemy squads with B-40 rockets and automatic weapons. The driver of the APC was wounded and ran the vehicle into the ditch at the side of the road, overturning it. Results were one US KIA and four US WIA. A reaction force engaged the enemy force killing six NVA and capturing one NVA, two AK-47's and two B-40 rocket launchers.

19 March. Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) apprehended two detainees at ZA198675 and six detainees at ZA205688. At ZV237156 Companies A and D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry received 30-50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the north. All rounds landed outside of the perimeter with negative casualties or damage. At ZA037997 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received sniper fire. Artillery was fired and the sniper fire stopped. Shortly thereafter, contact was made with an unknown size force along a trail at ZA038997. M-79 and mortar fire were received. Artillery was fired in support and the enemy withdrew to the north. Negative casualties were received. At ZB036010 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received sporadic small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire. An enemy ground attack was launched five minutes later with automatic weapons and grenades. Sporadic fire was received through the early morning. At 1240 hours at ZA155955 Company B made contact with an unknown size force. Airstrikes and artillery were called in and contact broke at 1300 hours but resumed at 1515 hours. Eight snipers were shot out of trees. But the bodies were not recovered. Results of the action were one NVA KIA and one US WIA. At AR947486 the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry found a cut in highway 19E six feet deep by ten feet wide. At ZB173015 an APC hit a mine, resulting in two US WIA.

20 March. At YA962365 LRP 2B made contact with an unknown size force, resulting in one US WIA. Aircraft reinserting the patrol received heavy ground fire from YA963336. An M-42A1 Duster (SP twin 40mm) hit a mine at ZA22734 resulting in the track being blown off. At ZA107733 Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found 800-1000 pounds of rice, which was evacuated. At ZA097300 Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor found a mine during a road sweep. A check of the area produced four 60mm mortar rounds, two 82mm mortar rounds and three M-79 grenade launchers. At ZB036000 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found one NVA KIA, one AK-47, one RPD machine gun and several magazines of ammunition. At ZA151948 at 0815 hours Company C, 3d Battalion, 503d Airborne made contact with an unknown size force

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receiving M-79 or 60mm mortar fire, and automatic weapons fire. When the unit attempted to withdraw to allow air strikes, it began to receive small arms and grenades from three sides. Company A moved out to reinforce. Contact continued sporadically until 1130 hours. Contact resumed at 1500 hours and continued until 1600 hours. At ZV227186, Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed two NVA companies moving northeast at sling arms. Company A engaged the force while Companies C and D formed a perimeter. Company A withdrew to the perimeter pursued by the enemy force. Air strikes and artillery were called in as the friendly perimeter began receiving four to five volleys of mortar fire every three minutes. The contact broke after four hours of fighting. A sweep of the contact area produced 18 NVA KIA, two NVA CIA, with seven US KIA and 23 US WIA. Four RPD machine guns, three AK-47's, seven SKS's, four B-40 rocket launchers, one 60mm mortar tube, ten pounds of explosive, one pair of field glasses and three M-79 grenade launchers were captured. At AR830316 the Exploitation Platoon, 4th Infantry Division made contact with an unknown size force. The platoon received a hand grenade while moving to their night location. Later another grenade was received resulting in one US WIA.

21 March. Long Range Patrol 2B made contact with an unknown size enemy force at YA960366. The enemy fired claymore mines and small arms and threw grenades. The fire was returned resulting in one VMC KIA and one small arm CIA. At ZA2374 a 937th Engineer Group convoy received automatic weapons fire and a dump truck hit a mine heavily damaging the dump truck. Two enemy were KIA. At ZB029004 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found 50 120mm mortar rounds, and 24 122mm rocket rounds. The lead element of Company A, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry was hit by an NVA ambush and received automatic weapons, small arms and mortar fire. Results were one NVA KIA, two US KIA and 23 US WIA. At ZA080693 an APC from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine with heavy damage to the track. At YA939913 Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry received small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in one US KIA and one US WIA. At BR248486 a bulldozer hit a mine sustaining light damage. At BR248485 a 5,000 gallon tanker hit a mine, catching fire and was destroyed. Two additional mines were found in the area. At ZA208958 an APC from Troop A, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine, causing two WIA. At 210300 KONTUM Airfield received five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. An additional three rounds were received at 1336 hours. There was no damage or casualties. A patrol from Company A, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed one individual and took him under fire at ZV229193. A sweep of the area produced 14 NVA KIA from the 20 March contact and one NVA KIA from this contact.

22 March. At YA848935 Omega Team 14 made contact with an unknown size enemy force, resulting in one US KIA and five NVA KIA. At YB921297 Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found 17 bodies in shallow graves. At ZV230192 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found two bodies in graves. At ZB029005 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found ten rucksacks. At ZB037008 Company B found one NVA body. At ZB041996 Company B found a base camp and captured one AK-47, one RPD machine gun and assorted ammunition. At ZB057044 Company D made contact with snipers and received mortar fire resulting in one US KIA, two US WIA and one NVA KIA.

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At ZA152955 Company C, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry made contact with an unknown size enemy force employing small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rockets. Results were three US KIA, five US WIA, and three NVA KIA. At ZA162982 an APC from Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) hit a mine, destroying the APC and wounding three US. At ZA152972 Company C received small arms fire resulting in three US WIA. At YA940916 a patrol from the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an enemy force resulting in three US WIA. At ZA032929 a howitzer from the 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery hit a mine causing moderate damage and wounding one US. At ZA204314 a Base Camp patrol received one round of mortar fire, resulting in one US WIA.

23 March. At ZA090685 an APC from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry hit a mine which pierced the hull. Another APC from Troop A hit a mine at ZA077733. There were no casualties. At ZA180752 Company B, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found one NVA in a grave, killed by artillery. Two more NVA in graves were found at ZA176751 by Company C. At ZV228208 Companies C and D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found three fresh graves with one NVA in each grave. At ZV225205 Companies B and D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found a bunker/hospital complex with documents and a large amount of supplies. At ZB057004 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found a company sized bunker complex with one pound of documents, 11 new gas masks, seven hand grenades, one pound of medical supplies and six recoilless rifle rounds. At ZA152929 Companies A and C, 3d Battalion, (Abn), 503d Infantry received sniper fire from trees and bunkers. Artillery was fired. Results were two US WIA and four NVA KIA. At ZA035928 Troop E, 17th Cavalry had a $\frac{1}{4}$ ton hit a mine wounding one US and destroying the vehicle. At YA939918 Companies C and D, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated enemy squad in bunkers, using small arms and flamethrowers. The companies pulled back and called in airstrikes and artillery. The companies again advanced on the position, fire was again received and the units pulled back for airstrikes and artillery. Casualties were one US KIA and six US WIA. At ZA035928 a duster (SP twin 40mm) from the 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery hit a mine blowing off the track and wounding five US. At BR004504 a tank from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine with moderate damage to the suspension. At ZA153968 Company C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) received small arms and B-40 rocket fire. One APC was hit with a B-40 rocket. Results were nine US WIA and one NVA KIA.

24 March. At ZA009704 Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry fired on ten NVA hitting several with one NVA KIA. Artillery was fired. One pistol belt, one hand grenade and a pack with documents were captured. At AQ7723 a light observation helicopter from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry was hit by ground fire. Later, an HU12 helicopter was also hit resulting in one US WIA. The area was swept with negative results. At ZA079997 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found a 30-40 man way station with assorted food, clothing, small arms ammunition and documents. At ZA101991 Company B met one NVA on a trail resulting in one NVA KIA. At ZA150960 Company C, 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry received B-40 or grenade fire and found 27 bunkers. At ZA151960 Companies A and C made light contact with an unknown size force. Contact became heavy as NVA were discovered in bunkers. The positions were taken with one US KIA, ten US WIA, and six

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NVA KIA. At ZA208940 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) had an APC hit a mine blowing off a road wheel. At ZA154973 Company A picked up one POW, a CHICOM light machine gun and an M-79 grenade launcher. At ZA-162982 an APC from the Reconnaissance Platoon hit a mine damaging the track and wounding six US. At ZA151971 Company C received small arms fire with negative results. A sweep of the area produced two B-40 rounds. At YA939919 Companies C and D, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size force. Contact resumed at 1800 hours and continued sporadically. Results were one US KIA, eight US WIA, and 18 NVA KIA. One SKS and one AK-47 were captured. KONTUM airfield received nine rounds of 122mm rocket fire with negative results.

25 March. At AQ793173 the MEDCAP team from the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed three NVA, took them under fire, and captured one AK-47 and one pack with documents. At AQ804122 a UH1C helicopter received one hit from small arms fire. At ZA765275 a light observation helicopter from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed several individuals digging in. An OH6A and UH1C were hit with two US WIA. Air strikes were called in. At AQ826112 a tank from Company B, 1st Battalion 69th Armor hit a mine which blew off two road wheels. The 4th Infantry Division Provost Marshal went to the village at AR769405 to check on a report that two VC were in the village. The two VC fled the village and a 4th Engineer reaction force gave chase. One individual was picked up by a light observation helicopter from Division Artillery. Other individual was KIA in an exchange of fire which resulted in two US WIA and one AK-47 CIA. At BR078343 an artillery aerial observer spotted three NVA and an anti-aircraft position. Artillery and gunships were called in resulting in four NVA KIA. At ZA148973 Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found 16 bunkers with three 75mm recoilless rifle rounds in their containers. One individual was observed running into a tunnel which was searched producing two NVA KIA, one SKS, and one RPG-2. At ZA154965 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) found four B-40 rocket rounds, two US M-72 LAW's and eight bunkers. At ZA152959 Company A found a bunker complex of approximately 120 bunkers with three NVA KIA and miscellaneous medical supplies. At YA938920 Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry swept the area and found six NVA KIA. Company C found one RPD machine gun, five rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition and one first aid kit at YA939920.

26 March. At 260330 hours the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received a heavy ground attack by an estimated two NVA Battalions using mortars, automatic weapons, small arms, B-40 rockets, and flamethrowers. The western portion of the perimeter was breached and the bunkers occupied by the enemy. Company A moved south from its fire base to reinforce, and received small arms fire. Results of the contact were 19 US KIA, 51 US WIA, 135 NVA KIA, four NVA CIA, and two heavy machine guns, 13 RPD machine guns, 19 AK-47's, two AK-50's, and four RPG-7's CIA. At ZA958384 Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry observed four individuals evading the aircraft. One individual was captured with a stick grenade. Aircraft fired into the area and Troop A moved into the area of contact, making contact with a larger VMC force. Results were 18 VMC KIA, 15 VMC CIA, and two RPD light machine guns, one MAS 36, one SKS and assorted ammunition, magazines and web gear CIA. At ZA134996 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry found a road eight feet wide with scrape marks on the trees indicating vehicular traffic. At ZA151992 Company A made contact with an unknown size force resulting in one US KIA,

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two US WIA, and four NVA KIA. At ZA144959 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) found one NVA KIA from previous day's contact of 3d Battalion (Abn), 503d Infantry. At ZA159958 Companies A and C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) found one AK-47, one SKS, one RPG-2 with five rounds of ammunition, five rounds 75mm recoilless rifle ammunition, 20 rounds of 82mm ammunition and two rounds of 60mm ammunition.

27 March. At YA936914 Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry took one NVA under fire. The individual fled leaving his AK-47. At YA937914 Company B observed one NVA stringing commo wire. Results were one NVA KIA and one AK-47 and one telephone CIA. At ZA149964 Company A, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (Mech) found a week old grave containing one NVA. At ZA153978 a Company A APC hit a mine heavily damaging the APC and wounding two US. The 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry passed from OPCON of 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and became OPCON to 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep).

28 March. At AR875328 a base camp patrol from Red Sector swept the area of a contact and found one VC KIA and one SKS CIA. At ZA015718 the Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry and PLEI MRONG CSF found a battalion sized base area. While moving southeast from the base area, they observed more bunkers and detected movement. They pulled back and called in artillery. As they moved back into the area they made contact with an estimated enemy battalion. The units again pulled back, calling in air-strikes and artillery. The units again moved into the area receiving sporadic small arms fire. Results were four CSF WIA. (See 29 March for enemy) At YA939920 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated 12 individuals in bunkers. The unit pulled back and called in artillery. Results were one US KIA and one NVA KIA. At YA938921 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry, and Company A, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry who were colocated; received 14 rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in one US WIA. Later they received two rounds of 75mm RR fire. Artillery was fired and three secondary explosions were observed.

29 March. At ZA049431 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry reported that a bridge had been blown. An Armor Vehicle Launched Bridge was used to span the gap. The Reconnaissance Platoon, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made a sweep of the area of the previous day's contact and found seven NVA KIA, two pistols, one AK-47, 25 rounds of B-40 ammunition, three cases of B-40 propellant, eight mines and assorted documents. The 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received mortar fire throughout the day resulting in 13 US WIA. At YA937924 Company A found one NVA KIA, one AK-47, and 16 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition. At ZA039993 Company A, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found ten NVA KIA by artillery approximately one week old. At ZA069923 a VTR from 5th Battalion 22d Artillery hit a mine damaging the track. At ZA053929 a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton from Battery C, 5th Battalion, 22d Artillery hit a mine killing two US and destroying the vehicle. At ZA054928 a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton from Troop E, 17th Cavalry hit a mine wounding two US and destroying the vehicle. At ZB109167 a five ton truck from the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine blowing a rear tire.

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30 March. At ZA074705 an APC from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry hit a mine blowing off one road wheel. At ZA085710 a Troop B tank hit a mine suffering minor damage. At BR248486 a 3/4 ton truck hit a mine suffering moderate damage and resulting in two US WIA. At ZA017716 Company A, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found 15 bunkers and later found a total of 110 bunkers and one NVA KIA. At 300140 hours the 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received four rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in five US WIA. During the period 290600 to 300600 hours, a total of 80-100 rounds of mortar fire was received. At YA928923 a patrol from Company B, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry observed nine NVA. Artillery and airstrikes were called in with unknown results. At YA932909 a Company C, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry patrol engaged an unknown size force. Artillery and airstrikes were called in. There were two US WIA. At YA937927 Company A engaged an unknown size force in a contact which lasted through the afternoon. Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry reinforced. There were no casualties. At ZA039993 Company A, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force. Heavy mortar fire was received resulting in one US KIA and four US WIA, one NVA KIA and one AK-47 CIA. Troop B 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed ten bunkers and one individual. Airstrikes and artillery were called in resulting in three NVA KIA. At 302000 hours 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep) released all OPCON units to 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, which returned to control of 4th Infantry Division from I FFORCE V OPCON.

31 March. At YA952375 a tank from Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor had a B-40 rocket fired at it but the round detonated against a tree wounding two US. The 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry FSB received sporadic mortar and recoilless rifle fire throughout the day resulting in six WIA. At ZA036995 Company A, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry and one attached CSF company made contact with an estimated enemy platoon dug in, receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire. Gunships, artillery and airstrikes were called in. Results were three US KIA, 11 US WIA, two CSF KIA and six CSF WIA. At ZA204965 an APC from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine suffering heavy damage and three US WIA. A tank and a wrecker hit mines in the same area shortly thereafter. At BR035522 a five ton truck from the 937 Engineer Group hit a mine resulting in heavy damage to the truck and one US WIA. At ZA044930 a VTR hit a mine resulting in moderate damage to the VTR and six US WIA. At YB892182 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed and engaged five NVA in the open resulting in five NVA KIA. At ZA052929 an ambush patrol from Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry and an ARVN element killed two NVA. Two ARVN were wounded.

1 April. At YB982293 a reconnaissance patrol from 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry engaged an estimated 15-20 NVA. Artillery was fired in support and Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry conducted a sweep of the battle area. Results were two NVA KIA. At AP825983 an element from the 3d Battalion, 45th ARVN Regiment made contact with an unknown size force resulting in two NVA KIA, one ARVN KIA. At ZA037996 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry and a CSF company engaged an unknown size force in bunkers, resulting in two NVA KIA, five CSF WIA, six US WIA. At YA917935 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry engaged four NVA, killing one. Companies A and D, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry secured Hill 1198 at YA937930 and recovered the bodies of eight US killed previously and found 10 NVA bodies killed by air and artillery. At

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ZAO69709 an APC from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry struck a mine, resulting in one US WIA.

2 April. At ZAO28993 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body. At YA840942 an LOH aircraft from Company B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry was shot down by heavy AW ground fire. A platoon from Troop D was inserted and extracted one US WIA and one US KIA. At AQ775183 a stay-behind ambush from Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged several NVA with artillery and killed one. At YB930209 Headhunter 42 observed three NVA in the open and called in artillery, resulting in two NVA KIA.

3 April. At ZB173017 an APC from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry hit a mine, resulting in two US WIA. At ZB038012 Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company, four US KIA, four US WIA, five NVA KIA. In the vicinity of FSB #7 a patrol from Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry called in artillery on four NVA in bunkers, resulting in four NVA KIA. At ZAO38991 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company, four US KIA, seven US WIA, nine NVA KIA.

4 April. At AR836484 eight VC were killed attempting to breach the perimeter of the engineer quarry. At AR822489 a patrol from the 52d Aviation Group ambushed an enemy mortar crew firing on Camp Holloway, resulting in five VC KIA, one VC PW, and three AK-47's, one B-40 rocket launcher, three B-40 rounds, 35 satchel charges, one bangalore, seven grenades, one 82mm mortar base plate and 20 82mm mortar rounds CIA. At YA878928 Headhunter 42 called in artillery on five individuals with weapons and packs, resulting in one NVA KIA. At YA826964 Headhunter 41 called in artillery on 15-20 armed individuals, two NVA KIA. At YA935938 a 155mm artillery round impacted near the Reconnaissance Platoon of 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, wounding six US. At YA936937 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found seven NVA bodies. At ZAO38992 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry killed seven NVA. At YA939913 FSB#14 received three or four mortar rounds, four US WIA. At YA938912 Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry received one round 82mm mortar fire, three US WIA.

5 April. At YA928932 Companies A and C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA battalion in bunkers. The fighting continued through the day and into the night, resulting in one US KIA (the CO of Company C) 22 US WIA, six US MIA, and 48 NVA KIA. At ZB049014 Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force resulting in four US WIA, two NVA KIA. At YB968151 Company A, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry received rifle grenade fire, three US WIA. At ZAO35992 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, two US WIA, three NVA KIA. At ZA785888 KONTUM airfield received 22 rounds of 122mm rocket fire.

6 April. At ZA146963 Company C, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry found two NVA bodies in graves. At YA987447 LRP 2B engaged an unknown size force and killed two NVA. Fourteen sorties of airstrikes were flown in support of the 3d Brigade in the vicinity of YB735048 - YB735060, with all pilots

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reporting receiving ground fire up to altitudes of 10,000 feet. At ZA307999 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body and one SKS. At YA937931 an APC from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry struck a mine, resulting in two US WIA. At FSB #14 an 82mm mortar round wounded seven US. At ZA031928 a fire in the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry's mortar pits caused several rounds to explode, wounding three US, and destroying two 81mm and three 4.2" mortars. At ZB037011 Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found three NVA bodies and a B-40 rocket launcher. The 1st Battalion (-), 69th Armor was released from the operational control of the 4th Infantry Division. At ZB037000 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found eight NVA bodies. At ZA211831 LRP #12 killed two NVA.

7 April. At ZA208945 a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck from 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry struck a mine, resulting in two US KIA, one US WIA. At YA905915 an airstrike destroyed an enemy mortar position. At ZA205965 an APC from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry struck a mine resulting in five US WIA. Between 1025 and 1535 hours FSB #14 received an estimated fifty 82mm mortar rounds, resulting in five US WIA. Additional elements of 1st Battalion, 69th Armor were released from the operational control of the 4th Infantry Division. During the overland move at BR069544 a tank from Company C struck a mine, resulting in one US WIA. Between 1740 and 1910 hours FSB #14 received 10 rounds of recoilless rifle fire, resulting in one US KIA, 13 US WIA and two 105mm howitzers destroyed.

8 April. At ZA217599 a PF outpost was overrun by an estimated VC platoon, resulting in seven PF KIA, two PF WIA and one PF MIA. At ZA069309 a vehicle from the 20th Engineers struck a mine, one US WIA. At ZB038000 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body. Throughout the day FSB #14, at YA939913, received a total of 70 rounds of 82mm mortar and 29 rounds of recoilless rifle fire, resulting in eight US WIA. Airstrikes called in on the enemy positions caused two secondary explosions. At ZA103502 an aircraft from Troop D, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received ground fire, one US WIA. A platoon from Troop A was inserted into the area and made contact with an unknown size force. The fighting, which continued for more than four hours, resulted in six NVA KIA, three AK-47's, two carbines, one B-40 rocket launcher and 10 packe CIA. The 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry completed its move into the 4th Infantry Division area of operations. At AQ835287 the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB received 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, one US WIA.

9 April. At ZA047998 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found a large bunker complex and captured four small arms weapons, 244 rounds of 60mm and eight rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition, and 3000 AK-47 rounds. At YA937926 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found two NVA bodies killed by artillery. At ZV227230 Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry engaged three NVA, killing all three. At BR155522 a west bound convoy received two B-40 rocket rounds, rifle grenades and SA fire, resulting in two US WIA. The remainder of 1st Battalion, 69th Armor was released from the operational control of the 4th Division and moved overland to the Cochise Green area of operations. At ZB005076 Omega team #27 made contact with an estimated 20 NVA, killing one before they were extracted. At ZB993033 LRP HH61 called artillery in on four NVA, killing one.

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10 April. A CSF company from PLEI ME killed two VMC in two separate contacts at ZA014082 and ZA004087. At ZV243222 LRP Team 35 received SA fire from an unknown size force, one US WIA. At BR243493 Troop B, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed one NVA. At ZV210130 a gunship from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry was shot down, two US WIA. At YA723077 an airstrike destroyed an anti-aircraft position. At YA660763 a FAC observed an estimated 30-40 NVA and directed an airstrike, resulting in a secondary explosion and an estimated 17 NVA KIA. At YA659761 another airstrike resulted in an estimated five NVA KIA.

11 April. At ZA044931 a 2½ ton truck from 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry struck a mine, resulting in two US WIA. At ZA068921 a truck from 4th Engineer struck a mine, resulting in two US WIA. At ZA055928 a 5 ton truck from 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry struck a mine, resulting in one US WIA. At YA935935 an ambush patrol from 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry engaged an estimated 20 NVA and called in artillery with unknown results. At YA941976 LRP GB-12 engaged three to five NVA and called in artillery, resulting in two NVA KIA.

12 April. At ZB054006 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body in a grave. At ZA015835 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found 10,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, and at YA995826 Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found 600 pounds of TNT, 27 anti-tank mines, 200 CHICOM grenades, 30 CHICOM claymores and two B-40 rocket launchers. At AQ758189 a 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry patrol made contact with an estimated eight to 10 individuals, resulting in one US KIA. At ZA085405 LRP H-2A was ambushed by an unknown size VC force, resulting in one US KIA, one US WIA.

13 April. At ZA203359 a civic action team from DISCOM was ambushed by an estimated nine to 10 individuals, resulting in two US WIA. At ZA007828 Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found 64 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition. At YA929934 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found two AK-47's, two B-40 rocket launchers and two B-40 rounds. At YA927916 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry killed an NVA sniper in a tree. At YA925934 Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found five US bodies believed to be MIA from contact of 5 April. At AQ807197 the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Reconnaissance Platoon engaged four to five VC, killing one and capturing one. At ZA199121 a CSF ambush patrol from PLEI ME engaged five NVA, killing one and capturing an M-16 rifle.

14 April. At ZB153096 an APC from Company C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry struck a mine, resulting in three US WIA. In the vicinity of ZV2419 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry found three NVA bodies, estimated dead for one or two weeks. At YA928931 Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry found a 60mm mortar and a light machine gun. At YA925934 Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry recovered one US KIA believed killed in contact of 5 April.

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15 April. At ZA207955 an ARVN 3/4 ton truck struck a mine, resulting in five ARVN WIA. Later at the same location an ARVN 2½ ton truck struck a mine resulting in one ARVN WIA. At YA935937 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry made contact with a large force and received mortar fire. Company D, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry linked up, also receiving mortar fire enroute. The companies withdrew to the FSB at YA938931. Results of the contact were 10 US MIA, 48 US WIA.

16 April. At YA934930 Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry received heavy AW ground fire. Fire was returned, resulting in one NVA KIA. At YA939913 FSB #14 received four recoilless rifle rounds, resulting in one US KIA and two US WIA.

17 April. At ZA045972 an individual from Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry struck a mine or booby trap while digging a foxhole and was wounded. At AQ835335 LRP 34 made contact with an estimated 10-15 individuals. Gunships were employed, resulting in one VC KIA and several secondary explosions. At AQ815387 LRP 36 made contact with two VC, resulting in one VC KIA, one VC PW, and two carbines CIA. At YA935937 Company C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry recovered the 10 US bodies MIA from contact of 15 April. At YA976488 LRP 4E killed one NVA and captured an AK-47.

18 April. At YA835965 Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry found 140 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition. At YA810942 an LOH from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry was shot down by AW ground fire, two US WIA. One US from the aerial rifle platoon was wounded during the rescue operation and one US was wounded when another LOH received ground fire. Seven NVA were killed during the contact. At ZA107537 an APC from Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received one B-40 rocket and SA fire, resulting in one US KIA, one US WIA. At ZA092167 a CSF company from PLEI ME made heavy contact with an estimated NVA company. Airstrikes were employed and contact was broken after 45 minutes of fighting. Results of the contact were unknown. At ZA094439 an ambush patrol from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry killed one VMC.

19 April. At YA937928 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found four NVA bodies approximately a week old and one AK-47. At YA935938 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found eight NVA bodies.

20 April. At YA963855 a 155mm artillery round impacted near the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry location, resulting in one US killed. Two NVA walked into FSB #14 and surrendered. They were classified as returnees and evacuated for interrogation. At ZA137182 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry engaged an estimated 20 NVA and killed two. At YA937928 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found two NVA bodies killed by artillery. At ZB163462 LRP H-1A observed three VC and killed one. At YA863907 a US mortar round impacted near Company A, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry's position, resulting in one US wounded. At ZA128595 a CSF company from PLEI MRONG made contact with an estimated VMC platoon, killing one and capturing an AK-50.

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21 April. At ZAO16817 Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry received two bursts of AW fire, resulting in one US WIA. At YA937028 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found seven NVA bodies, and Companies C and D each found one more at YA936936 and YA935939. In three separate mining incidents at ZAO58928 a tank from Troop C, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, a 3/4 ton truck from 5th SF Group and an ARVN 3/4 ton truck were damaged or destroyed, and two US and two ARVN were wounded. At YA863418 a CSF company from PLEI DJERENG engaged four VMC, killing two and capturing two. At ZAO08818 Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with a small NVA force, resulting in one US KIA, four US WIA. At YA887816 LRP 4B made contact with an estimated NVA platoon and called in gunships and artillery. Results were three NVA KIA and six SA weapons captured. At ZV165985 a CSF company from PLEI ME engaged an estimated NVA platoon, killing one. At YA890814 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry killed one NVA.

22 April. At ZA124593 a CSF company from PLEI MRONG engaged an estimated 60 man force, killing three VMC, three NVA and capturing a 60mm mortar, two B-40 rocket launchers and five SKS. At YA845819 Omega Team #33 made contact with an estimated NVA company, resulting in one US WIA, two indigenous WIA and four NVA KIA. At YA923931 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found 14 NVA bodies killed by artillery. In the vicinity of YA8686 a platoon from Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made contact with eight NVA, resulting in one US KIA and two US WIA. At ZA125575, a CSF company from PLEI MRONG engaged an estimated VC company, killing seven VC and capturing a sub-machine gun and a B-40 rocket launcher.

23 April. At YA936945 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found two NVA bodies. At YB936906 a Headhunter aircraft observed an estimated company constructing a bridge. An airstrike was called in, resulting in two NVA KIA. At YA801974 an aircraft from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry killed one NVA.

24 April. At YA932927 Company D, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body, and another at YA930926. Both bodies had been dead for about two weeks. The aerial rifle platoon of Troop D, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry was inserted at YA745949 to check out a bunker complex sighted by Troop B. The platoon conducted a reconnaissance with negative findings and began its extraction when six US were wounded by SA and AW fire from the east of the PZ. At YB930825 two MSF companies engaged an estimated four NVA platoons, resulting in one US WIA, one Australian MIA, two MSF KIA and five MSF WIA. At YA933930 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found five SA weapons. At YA783427 LRP 4B engaged several NVA, killing one and capturing an AK-47. At YA844891 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company. The fighting, which lasted for two hours, resulted in seven US WIA and two NVA KIA. A UH-1H helicopter in support of the contact was shot down by ground fire, but all personnel were rescued with only slight injury to one US.

25 April. At YA944891 Company D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry killed two NVA snipers in trees and captured their AK-47's. An hour later the company received mortar fire and shortly thereafter made heavy contact with an

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estimated reinforced NVA company. The contact continued through the morning, and the company received two B-40 rocket attacks in the afternoon. Results of the contact were two US KIA, 29 US WIA, six NVA KIA. At YB934832 the 206th MSF company at DAK PEK made heavy contact with an unknown size force. The company became separated into three groups during the fighting, which continued for more than four hours. Results of the contact were 10 MSF WIA, 14 MSF MIA. LRP 3C found one NVA body at ZA147942. At ZA060925 a 5 ton truck from the 5th Battalion, 22d Artillery struck a mine, resulting in two US WIA, one US MIA. At AP822981 the 3d Battalion 45th ARVN engaged an unknown size force, resulting in five ARVN KIA, 11 ARVN WIA, one ARVN MIA and 23 NVA KIA.

26 April. At YA198695 a UH-1H from Troop A, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry received an air burst, slightly wounding three US. The aircraft landed on Highway 14S to check the damage, but had to lift off and return to KONTUM when it received fire from both sides of the road. At YA937935 Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found three NVA bodies killed by artillery. At YA844891 Companies B and D, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry made contact with an estimated NVA company, receiving SA, AW, B-40 and 60mm mortar fire. Two hours later Company C also made contact with an estimated company at YA843886. By 1250 hours all three companies were heavily engaged. At 1255 hours a gunship from the 52d Aviation Group received heavy ground fire, seriously wounding the pilot. The 1600 hours Company A conducted a relief in place of Company D. At 1800 hours Companies A and B reported the enemy was withdrawing. At 1845 hours the enemy broke contact with Company C. Results of the contact were two US KIA, 28 US WIA and four NVA known killed. At ZA162167 a patrol from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received SA fire from an estimated three individuals, resulting in one US WIA.

27 April. At YA842884 Company C, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry received one B-40 rocket round. At YA845893, the night location for Companies A and B, a patrol from Company A received SA and B-40 rocket fire 30 meters outside their perimeter. The two companies remained in their night location and continued to receive sporadic SA, rocket and mortar fire throughout the day. At 0940 hours Company C conducted an attack against an unknown size force in bunkers. Meeting heavy resistance, the company withdrew and called in artillery and airstrikes. At 1040 hours, the heavy enemy fire forced them to withdraw to the night location. Artillery and airstrikes continued to hit the enemy position and at 1615 hours Company C took the high ground and the bunker complex. At 1700 hours the enemy counterattacked with AW, B-40 rocket and 60mm mortar fire. At 1825 hours, the company withdrew, but continued to receive mortar fire. At 1920 hours artillery produced a large secondary explosion at YA835819 and the mortar fire ceased. Results of the contact were five US KIA, 52 WIA, two MIA, and nine known NVA KIA. At YA934944 Company C, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found one NVA body. At YA839911 Company C, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry killed one NVA. The airstrip at BAN ME THUOT received 40-60 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, resulting in 14 US WIA and seven aircraft damaged.

28 April. At YA844891 a 105mm artillery round impacted inside the perimeter of Company C, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry, resulting in one US killed,

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and one US wounded. At YA842907 Company C, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry engaged five NVA, killing four and capturing an AK-47, with one US slightly wounded. At YA843887 the company again made contact and withdrew to call in artillery and airstrikes. Half an hour later the company received a 60mm mortar attack, resulting in four US KIA and 19 US WIA. At 1424 hours Company D, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry attempted a lift into Company C's location but the mission was aborted by mortar fire on the LZ, wounding three US. At 1700 hours Company D received three rounds of 60mm mortar fire at YA842884, resulting in two US WIA. At 1906 hours at the same location the company received five 75mm RR rounds, resulting in one US KIA seven US WIA. At YB830183 a mine sweep element from Company D, 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry found one NVA body. Company D, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found one NVA body at YA849168, and Company A found three NVA bodies at YB830183. At ZA072769 Troop A, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry found one NVA body. At YA870880 the Commanding Officer of Company A, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry moved off the trail his unit was moving on and was captured by two NVA.

29 April. At 0206 hours at YA836908 the night position of Company B, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry was attacked by an estimated NVA battalion employing SA, AW and B-40 rocket fire. At 0224 hours the enemy began employing 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and flame throwers. The enemy began digging in 10-15 meters outside of the company perimeter, and heavy contact continued until 0515 hours, when the enemy broke off and withdrew. Results of the battle were two US KIA, 20 US WIA, 46 NVA KIA in the immediate vicinity of the perimeter, two light machine guns, four AK-47's, two SKS and one B-40 rocket launcher captured. At ZA012813 one US from Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry was wounded in an exchange of fire with two NVA. At YB928202 Company B, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry found one NVA body in a grave. At YA844892 Company B, 1st Battalion 22d Infantry received one B-40 rocket, resulting in three US WIA. At ZA063283 an airborne personnel detector received ground fire, resulting in one US WIA. At YA936935 Company B, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry found two NVA bodies. At ZA115513 an APC from Troop B, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry received two B-40 rockets, resulting in one US WIA. The Commanding Officer of Company A, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry, captured on 28 April, returned to the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry FSB. He had made his escape when an artillery round wounded his two NVA captors at YA878875.

30 April. At the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry FSB an outgoing 105mm artillery round struck a radio antenna, resulting in an airburst which killed one US and wounded 12. At AR833230 an MP escort for a Civic Action team was ambushed by an estimated 10 NVA, resulting in two US KIA and one US WIA. At YA996825 Company B, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry reported one US MIA who became separated from his unit. A search was made with negative findings. At YA881372 a CSF company from DUC CO made contact with an estimated VMC squad, resulting in three CSF WIA.

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