

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 YBBC19291 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 AR777B96 Company B, 299th Engineers found 27 bodies in KONTUM City. At AP795975 Companies C and D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503rd 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, 2nd 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 air strikes, 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 of the contact were one US KIA, 27 US WIA, 16 NVA dead by body count, one NVAC, two machine guns, 11 AK47's, two SKS, one B-40 rocket launcher, and two 60 mm mortars CIA.**

5 February. At BR042328 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry observed four VC and killed three. At ZB018259 a 52nd 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, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry swept battle field of 4 February contact and found 19 NVA bodies and captured one wounded NVA.** At BR015387 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.

12 February. At YB880294 the 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry FSB OP received sniper fire, one US WIA. At YB878294 Company C, 3rd Battalion 12th Infantry made contact with an estimated platoon, 4 US WIA, 12 NVA KIA, one NVAC. **At ZA089389 Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry found three NVA bodies in graves.** At YB975269 Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an unknown size force, one US KIA, 14 US WIA. At ZU247853 Company A, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503rd Infantry made contact with a reinforced NVA company, results two US KIA, 20 US WIA, 6 US MIA. At AP740870 Company B, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503rd Infantry engaged and killed two snipers. At ZU253876 Company D, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503rd Infantry ambushed and killed three NVA.

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 YB339223, 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, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry found a grave with three NVA bodies, three to four days old. **At ZA067722, an APC from Company B, 2nd 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 ZA15.3713 the Reconnaissance Platoon from the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry found two bodies, one VMC and one NVA, killed by small arms fire. At AR832950, Company B, 1st Battalion, 22nd 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 ZA13718, 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, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an unknown 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), 503rd Infantry received mortar and small arms fire, resulting in three US WIA. At AR854976, Company C, 1st Battalion (Abn), 503rd 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, 3rd Battalion (Abn), 503rd 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 HUID helicopter and one wrecker damaged.

5 March. At YB995287 LRP 1B found 11 NVA bodies. At YB975274 Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry found nine bunkers with 15 82mm mortar fuses, two NVA bodies and two B-40 rocket rounds. At YA978357 LRP 2D found a hut with 300 pounds of rice. **At 0955 hours at ZA055734 Company B, 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry pursued the enemy to the west and Troop E, 17th Cavalry 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 were taken to the east with three AK-47's and documents indicating the 1st Battalion, 174th NVA Regiment. To the west, the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry killed four NVA. At BR234504, the 2nd 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 2½-ton truck traffic.

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, 3rd 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, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry found eight bodies in graves, three or four days old. At AQ863253 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), 503rd Infantry observed a mortar firing. Small arms and artillery were fired into the position resulting in one NVA KIA.

4 June. A truck from the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry struck a mine wounding one US at YB866270. At ZA208948 a north bound convoy was ambushed by an estimated NVA Company from the east and west side of Highway 14N. Troop C, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment; Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry; and ten gunships from the 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry, 4th Aviation Battalion, and the 52nd Aviation Battalion provided the support. Air strikes were employed. One US was killed in the contact, eight US wounded, and 41 NVA were KIA. Companies A, B, and C, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry received a probe on their perimeter at YB794274 by an estimated two NVA Companies, killing three US, while 23 US were wounded. A sweep around the perimeter found a total of two NVA bodies. At YB833203, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 8th

Infantry found one NVA body. At YB786271, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged an estimated two Company NVA force wounding four US. Company C, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged five NVA, killing two at YB886303. The 57th Aviation Battalion in KONTUM City received 13 rounds of 122mm rock fire, wounding one US. At ZB042014, Company A, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry found two NVA bodies in graves, estimated to be seven-ten days old. One US was wounded when a four man patrol from Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry engaged two NVA at YA938863. The bridge at AR923479, occupied by elements of Troop A, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment and Regional Forces received a ground probe. The supply point received automatic weapons fire from a church 100 meters north of the bridge. Spooky supported and tank fire destroyed the church. One US and one Regional Force individual was wounded in the contact, with one VC KIA. At YA943957, a light observation helicopter from Troop B, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry killed two NVA.

9 July. At ZA171138, an armored personnel carrier from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry hit a mine resulting in one US KIA and six US WIA. **At ZA196199, an armored personnel carrier from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry hit a mine wounding eight US.**

8 August. At 1205H, vicinity YB786278, a patrol from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry found 3 graves containing 3 NVA bodies estimated to be 5-6 months old. At 1848H in vicinity of AP745660, A Troop, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry and D Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry found 3 LMG. At 1200H in vicinity of AP746877, B Troop, 1-10 and D Troop, 7-17 found 400 rounds of small arms ammunition and 100 lbs of rice. At 1210H in vicinity ZV238223 a patrol from the Recon Platoon, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry observed 6 individuals with weapons 600 meters south of their location. Artillery was employed and a sweep conducted with negative findings. **At 1335H, B Co (-) 2 Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with 4 individuals resulting in 3 US WIA.** LRP Team 4D made contact with unknown size enemy force in vicinity of YA789329 at 1555H. Team was extracted with negative results.

9 August. At 1105H the Recon Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated 12 man enemy force in vicinity of YB873449. Negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown. LRP Team 2H at 0750H in vicinity ZV113154 made contact with 4 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KIA. Team was extracted. A later sweep of this area revealed NVA WIA. In the vicinity of ZA062525 at 1210H, the 2nd Platoon B Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with an estimated 3 individuals resulting in 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Artillery employed and sweep conducted with negative findings. C Troop, 2nd Squadron 1st Cavalry found a 105mm shell casing containing 10-12 lbs of explosives at BR133541. Shell destroyed in place.

11 August. At 0845H in the vicinity of YB908272, an element from B Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry destroyed one M1A1 mine found in roadway. At 0012H, in the vicinity of ZB014094, an ambush patrol from A Co, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry made contact with two individuals. A sweep was conducted and one AK-47 was found. **B Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th**

Infantry received automatic weapons fire from unknown size force in vicinity of ZA065518. One US KIA. C Company conducted a sweep of the contact area and received sniper fire resulting in one US WIA. At 1150H A Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry observed 2 individuals with weapons. Individuals were taken under fire with unknown results. A Troop observed 4 more individuals with rucksacks taking evasive action at 1225H. Gunships employed with unknown results.

26 September. At 1520H, at BQ001372, an APC from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry was hit by a possible B-40 rocket resulting in 3 US KIA, 7 US WIA and heavy damage to the APC. During the afternoon C and D Companies, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry both received sporadic sniper fire resulting in 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA. LRP 3A, at YA975728, heard movement around their position and received several incoming grenades. At 0450H, the LRP detonated their claymores and threw hand grenades at an unknown size force which resulted in 4 NVA KIA. The team was extracted with negative casualties.

8 October. At 1530H, 2nd Brigade LRP 2C observed 20 individuals at AQ758143 and adjusted artillery on them with unknown results. At 1740H, 2nd Brigade LRP 2F made contact with an enemy force of unknown size. Artillery was employed and the LRP was extracted. Results were 1 NVA KIA. At 1630H, one unarmed, wounded VC surrendered to the Reconnaissance Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry at YU808722. At 1714H, a resupply convoy of B Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 8th Infantry received small arms fire and 2 rounds of B-40 rocket, resulting in 2 APC's damaged and 3 US WIA. At 2340H a radio relay station of B/2-8 received 2 rounds of small arms fire, resulting in 1 US WIA.

List of abbreviations used in text (local common usage, standard Army).

AA	Anti-Aircraft
AFB	Air Force Base
AFRS	Armed Forces Radio Service
AGI	Annual General Inspection
ALCC	Air Line of Communication
AO	Area of Operations
APC	Armored Personnel Carrier
APD	Airborne Personnel Detector
ARP	Aero Rifle Platoon
ARVN	Army Republic of VIETNAM
ASP	Ammunition Supply Point

ASR	Available Supply Rate
A/V	Audio/Visual
AVLB	Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge
AW	Automatic Weapon
BC	Body Count
CA	Civic Action: Combat Assault
CAS	Close Air Support
CBU	Cluster Bomb Unit
C&C	Command and Control (Aircraft)
CHICOM	Chinese Communist
CI	Counterintelligence
CMIT	Combined Mobile Instruction Team
CMTT	Combined Mobile Training Team
CORD	Council on Revolutionary Development
CP	Command Post
CS	Tear Gas
CSF	Camp Strike Force
CSS	Combat Sky Spot
DISCOM	Division Support Command
DS	Direct Support
DTOC	Division Tactical Operations Center
EDP	Equipment Deadlined for Parts
ERP	Engineer Rappelling Platoon
FAC	Forward Air Controller
FDC	Fire Direction Center
FO	Forward Observer
FOB	Forward Operating Base
FRAGO	Fragmentary Order
FSA	Forward Support Area
FSB	Fire Support Base
FSE	Forward Supply Element
FWMAF	Free World Military Assistance Forces
GRREG	Graves Registration
GS	General Support
GSR	General Support Reinforcing
Gunship	Armed, UH-1 Helicopter
GVN	Government of VIETNAM
Hawkeye Team	Four Man Hunter-Killer Team