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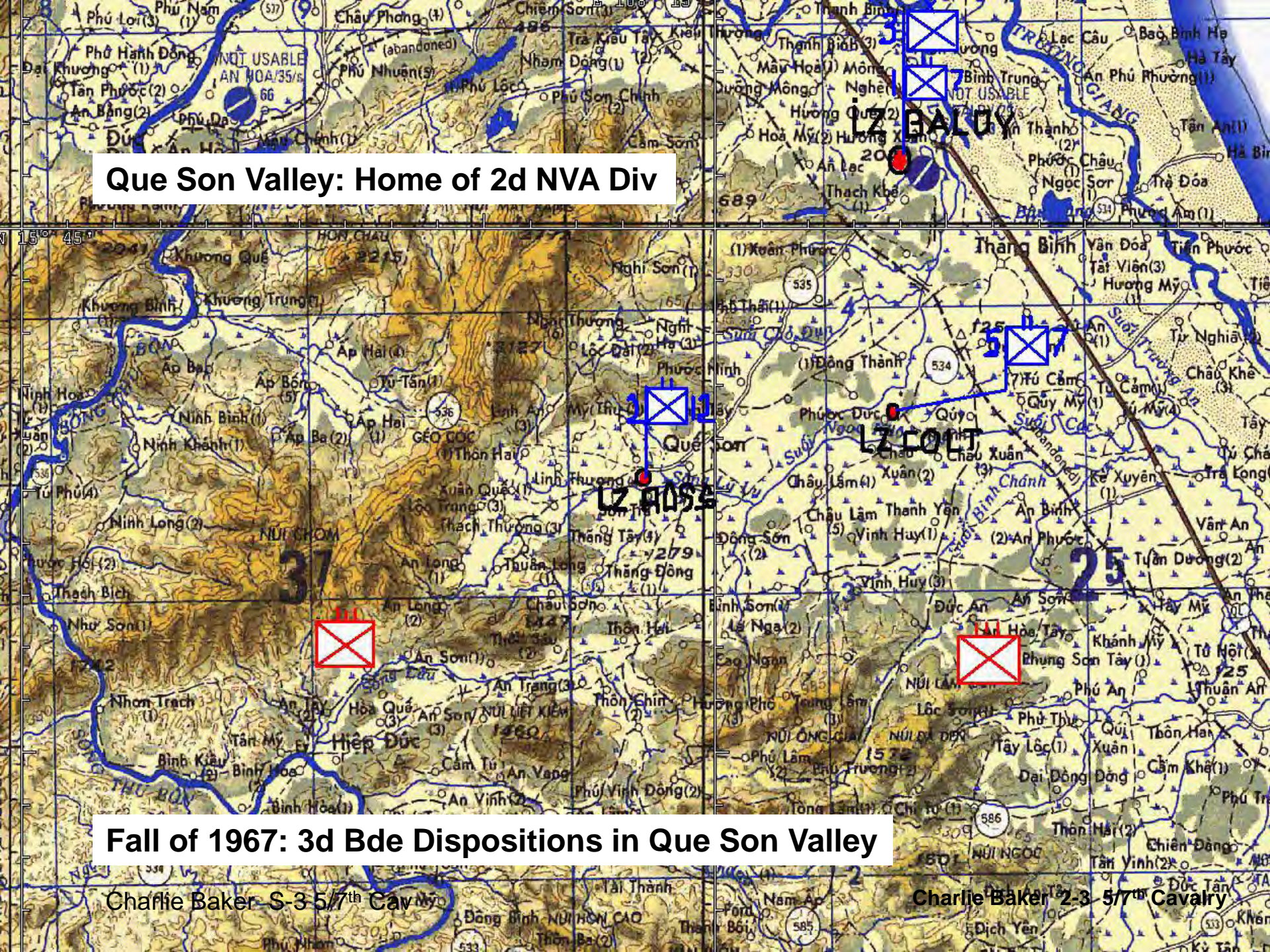
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- Limping Scholar
- Hard Hitter
- Rough Rider

Que Son Valley: Home of 2d NVA Div



Fall of 1967: 3d Bde Dispositions in Que Son Valley

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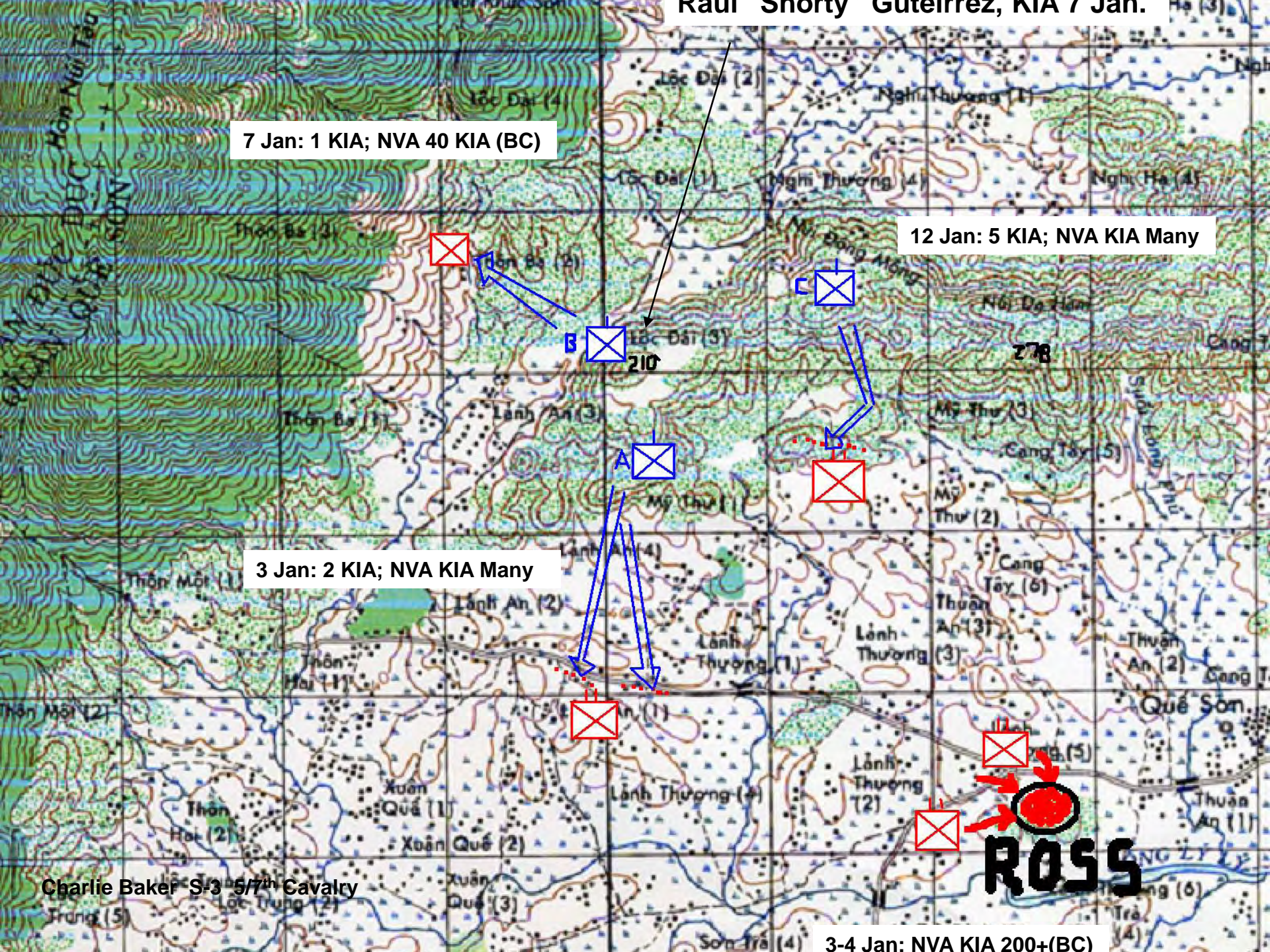
7 Jan: 1 KIA; NVA 40 KIA (BC)

12 Jan: 5 KIA; NVA KIA Many

3 Jan: 2 KIA; NVA KIA Many

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3-4 Jan: NVA KIA 200+(BC)



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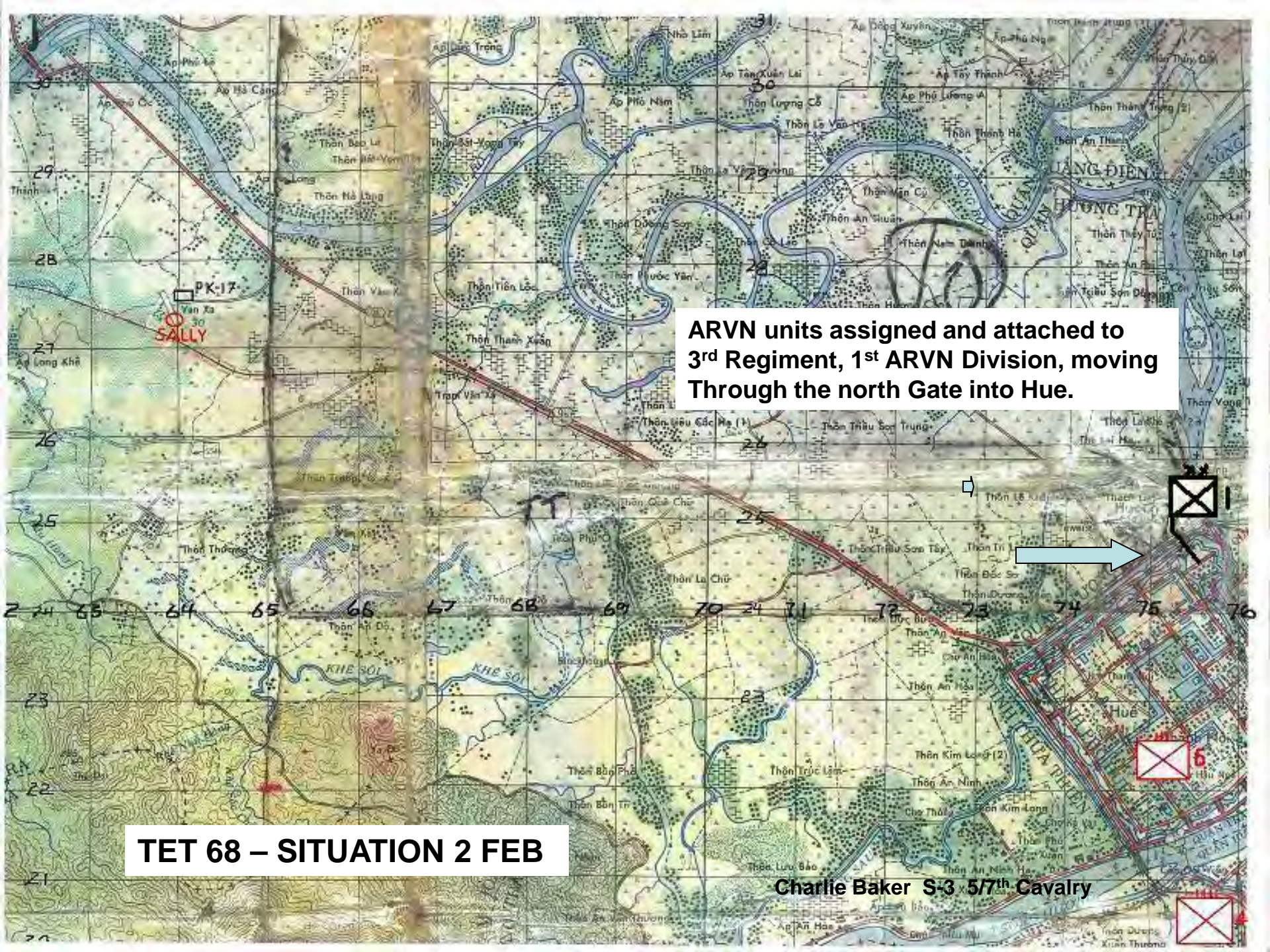
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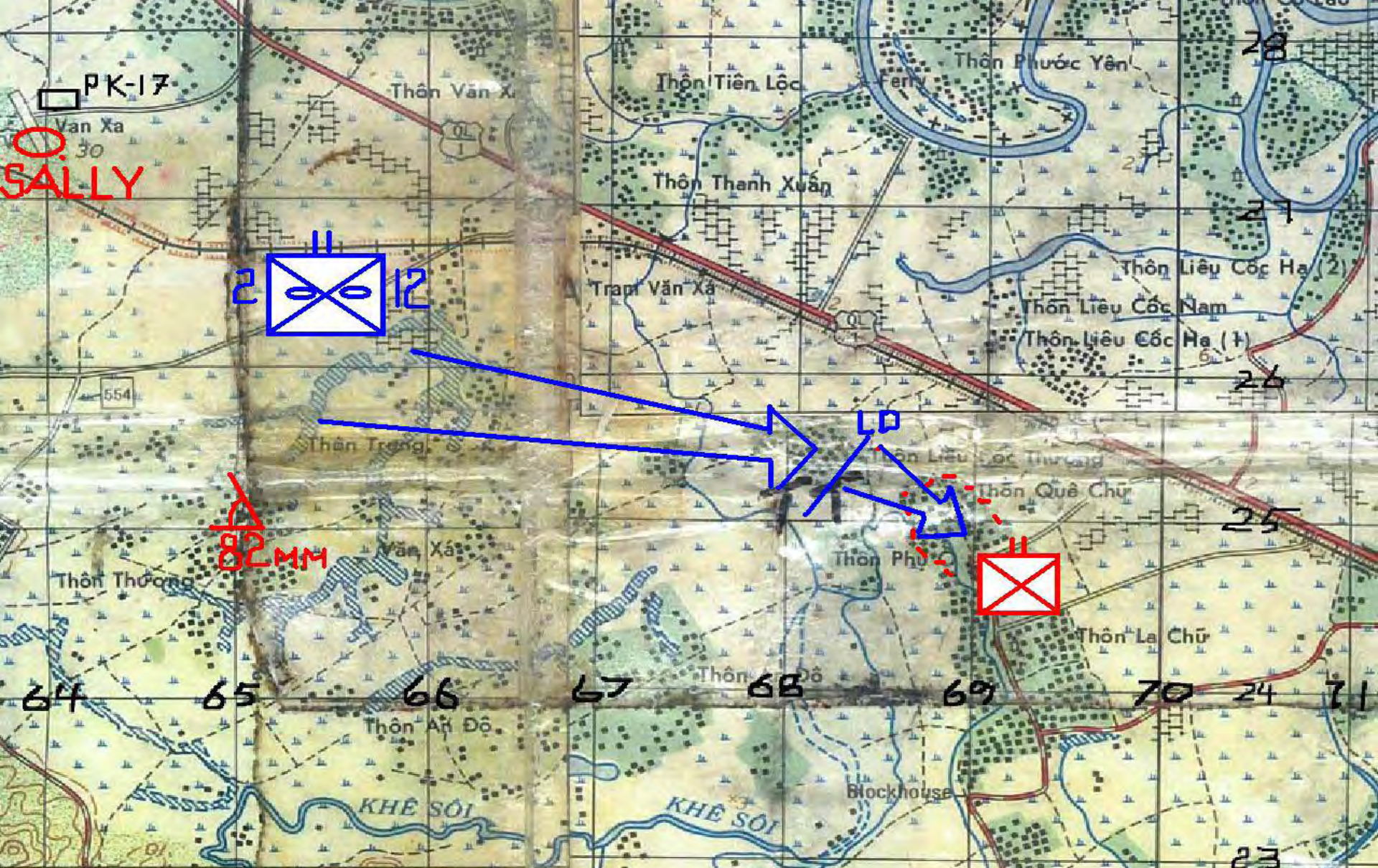
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**ARVN units assigned and attached to
3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division, moving
Through the north Gate into Hue.**

TET 68 – SITUATION 2 FEB

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3 FEB: 2/12 CAV ~ Movement to contact ~ Attack Thon Que Chu

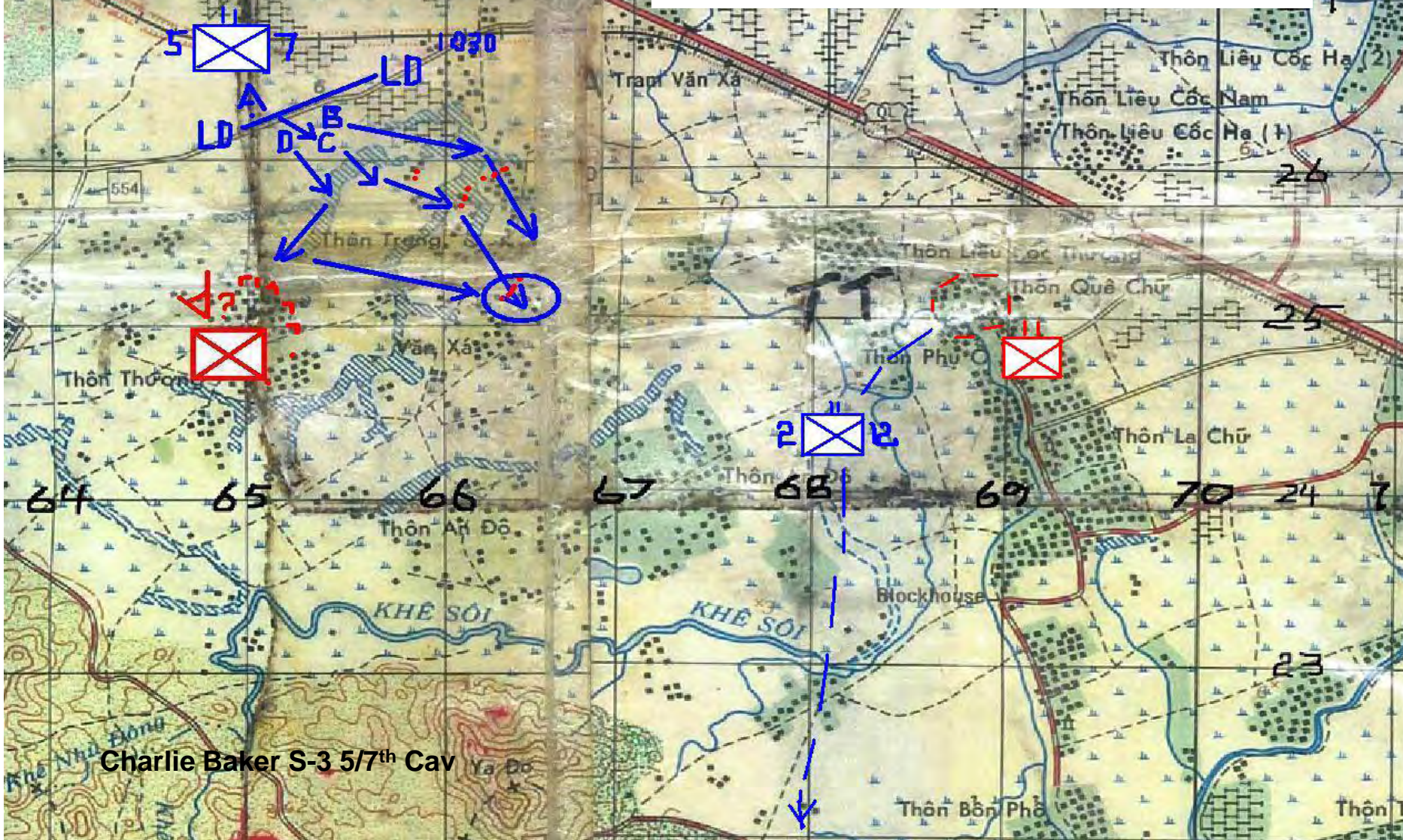
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4 FEB: 5/7 CAV assembles at PK 17 ~ 2/12 Cav enveloped

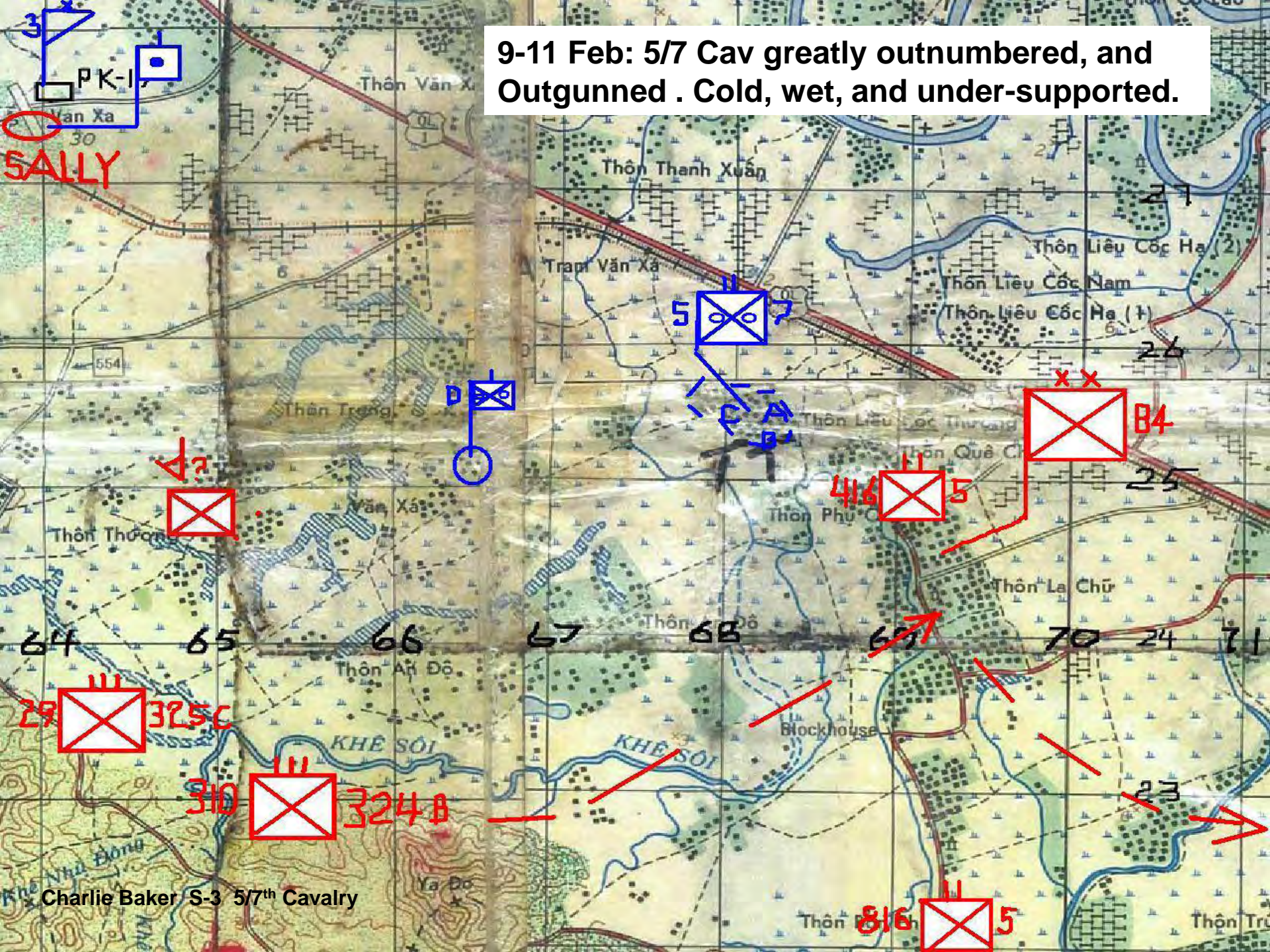
5 Feb: 2/12 Cav makes night move to Mountain due west of Hue.
5/7 Cav moves out in Box Formation
Several hours later.

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9-11 Feb: 5/7 Cav greatly outnumbered, and Outgunned . Cold, wet, and under-supported.



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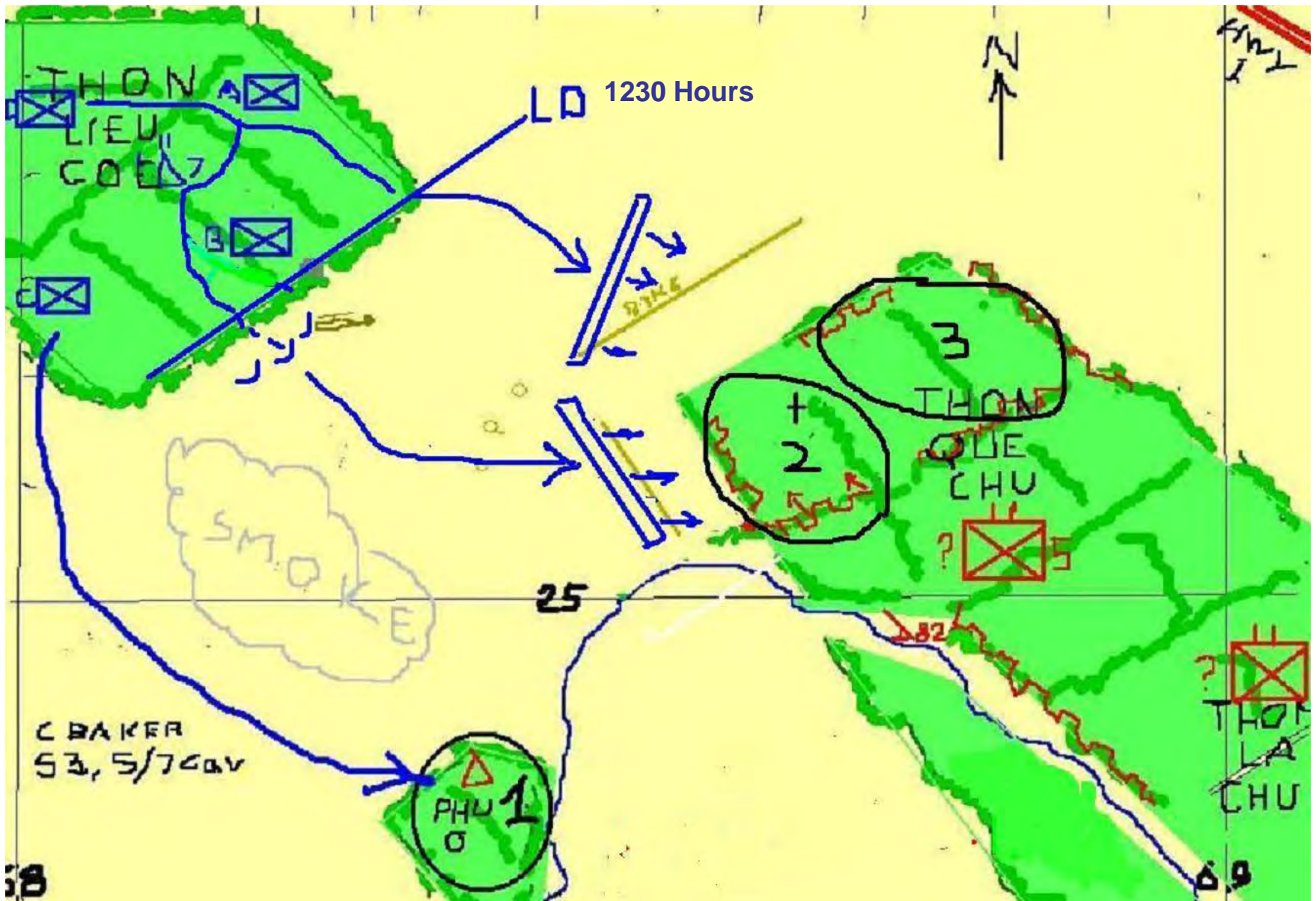
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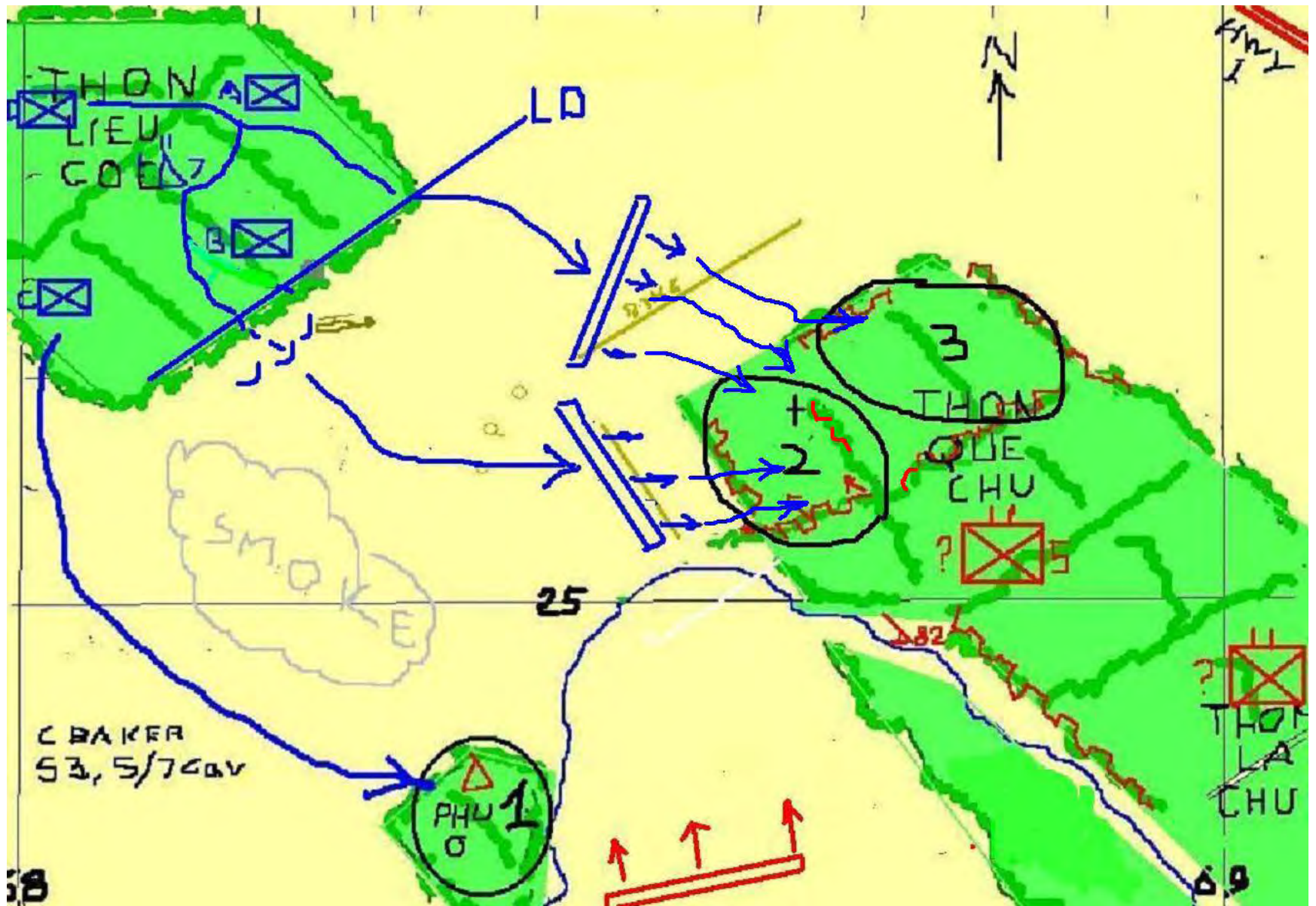
12 Feb ~ The Big Attack

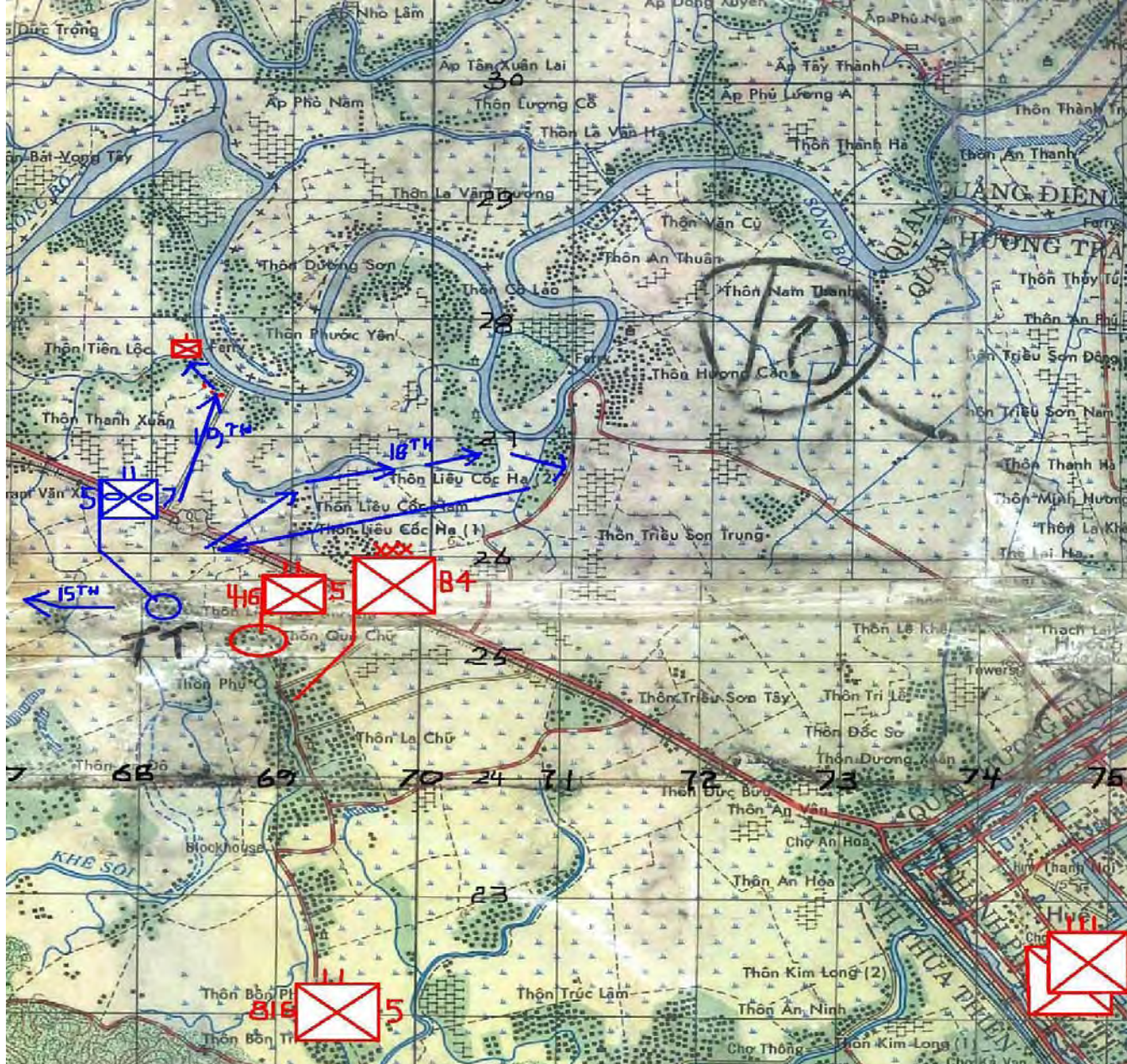


12 Feb ~ Best Laid Plans Can Fail



12 Feb ~ Final Assault



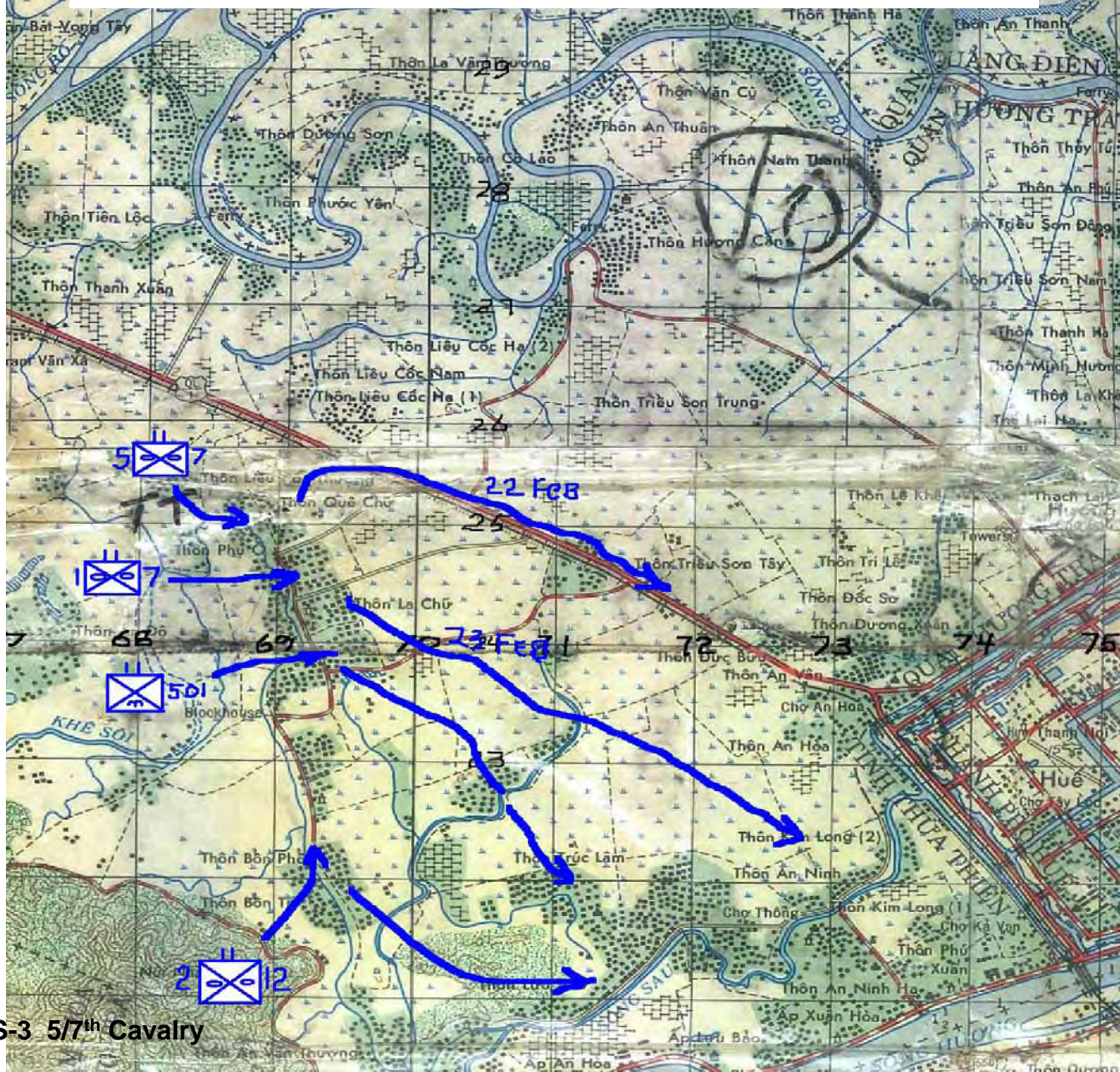


13-20 Feb: Preparing for the Bigger Attack

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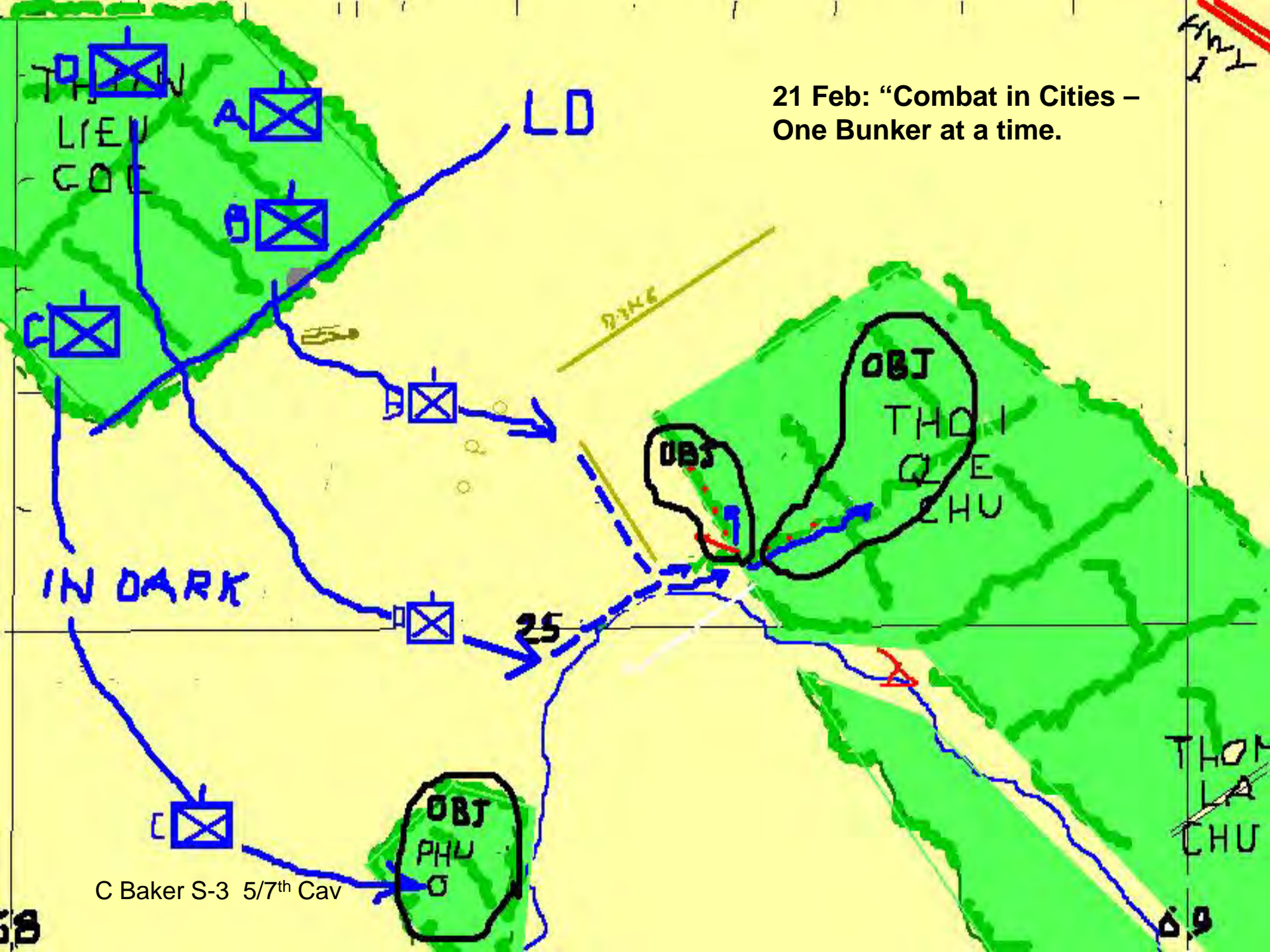
21 Feb: Brigade Attack Plan, commencing 21 Feb



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21 Feb: "Combat in Cities -
One Bunker at a time."



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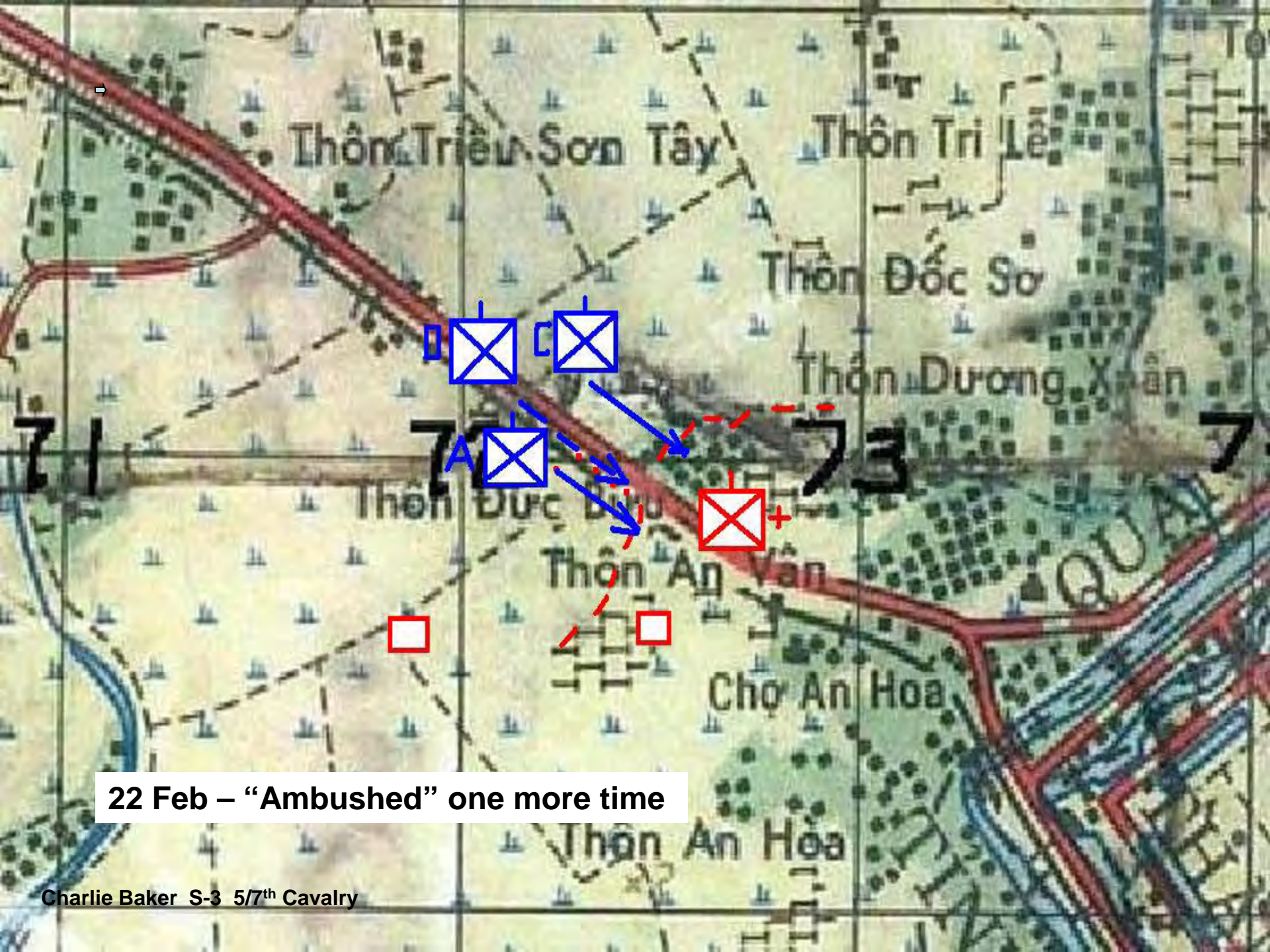
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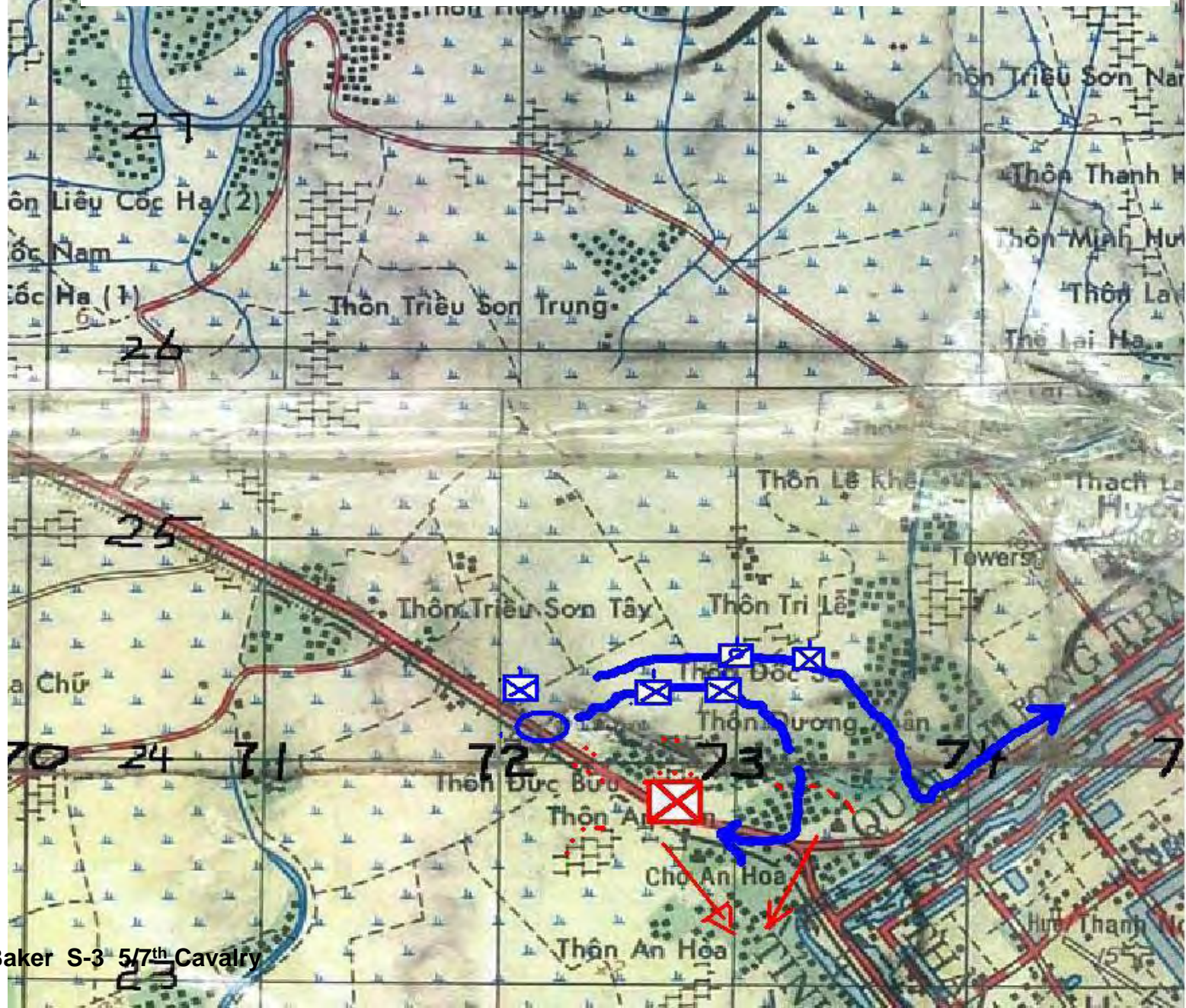
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22 Feb – “Ambushed” one more time

24 Feb: 5/7 Cav flanks enemy and gets to the Citadel





27-29 Feb: 5/7 Cav Pursues Fleeing Enemy

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Operation Pegasus: 4 Apr - C Co, followed by B Co AASLT to Hill 512, B Co moves east and finds abandoned NVA Co size position; C Co moves Toward Hill 504.

5 Apr - D co AASLT to LZ below Hill 1015, searches into gorge.

6 Apr - C Co AASLT just north of KSCB wire, B Co follows, both Cos search north Into NVA trench lines

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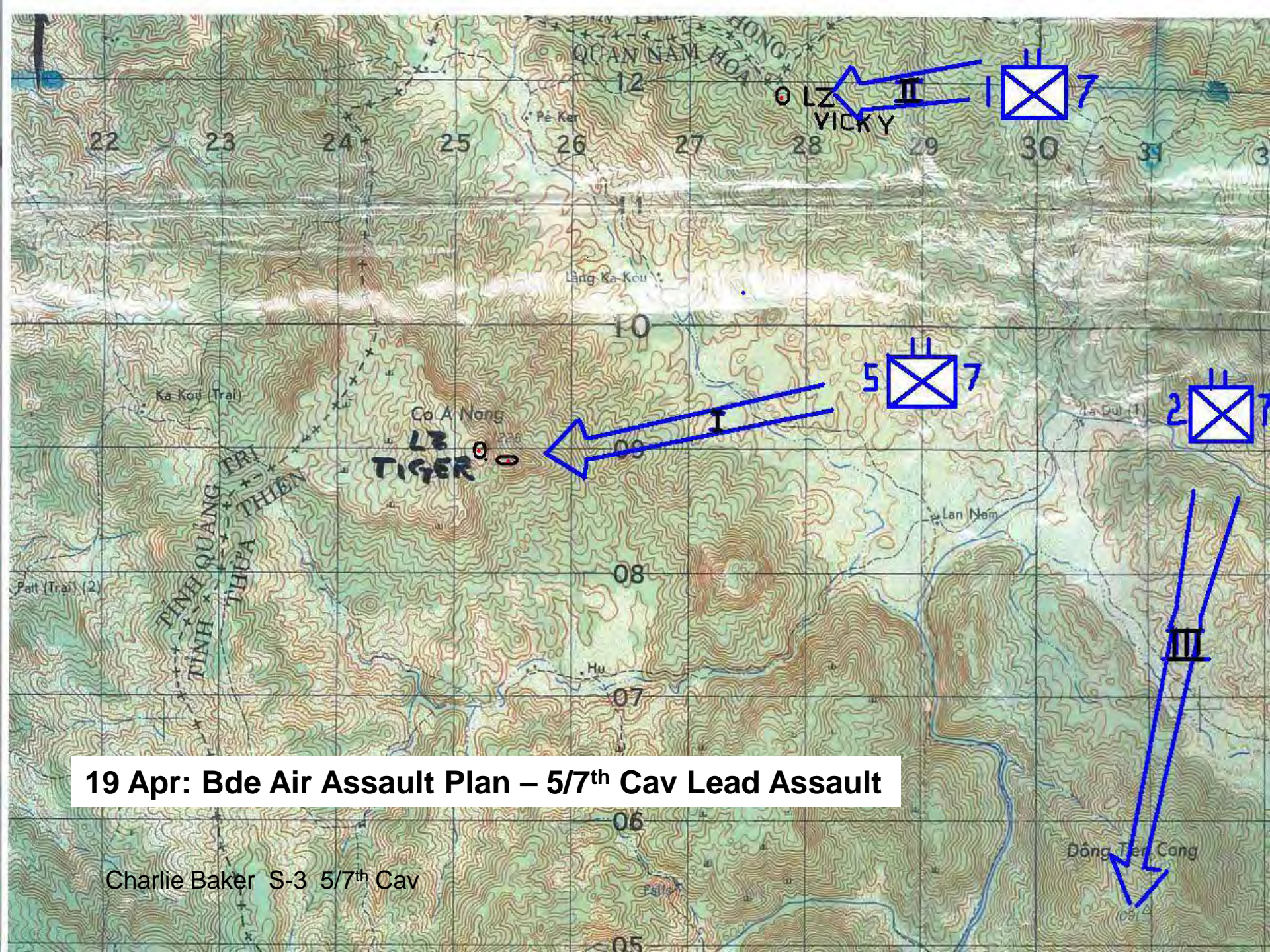
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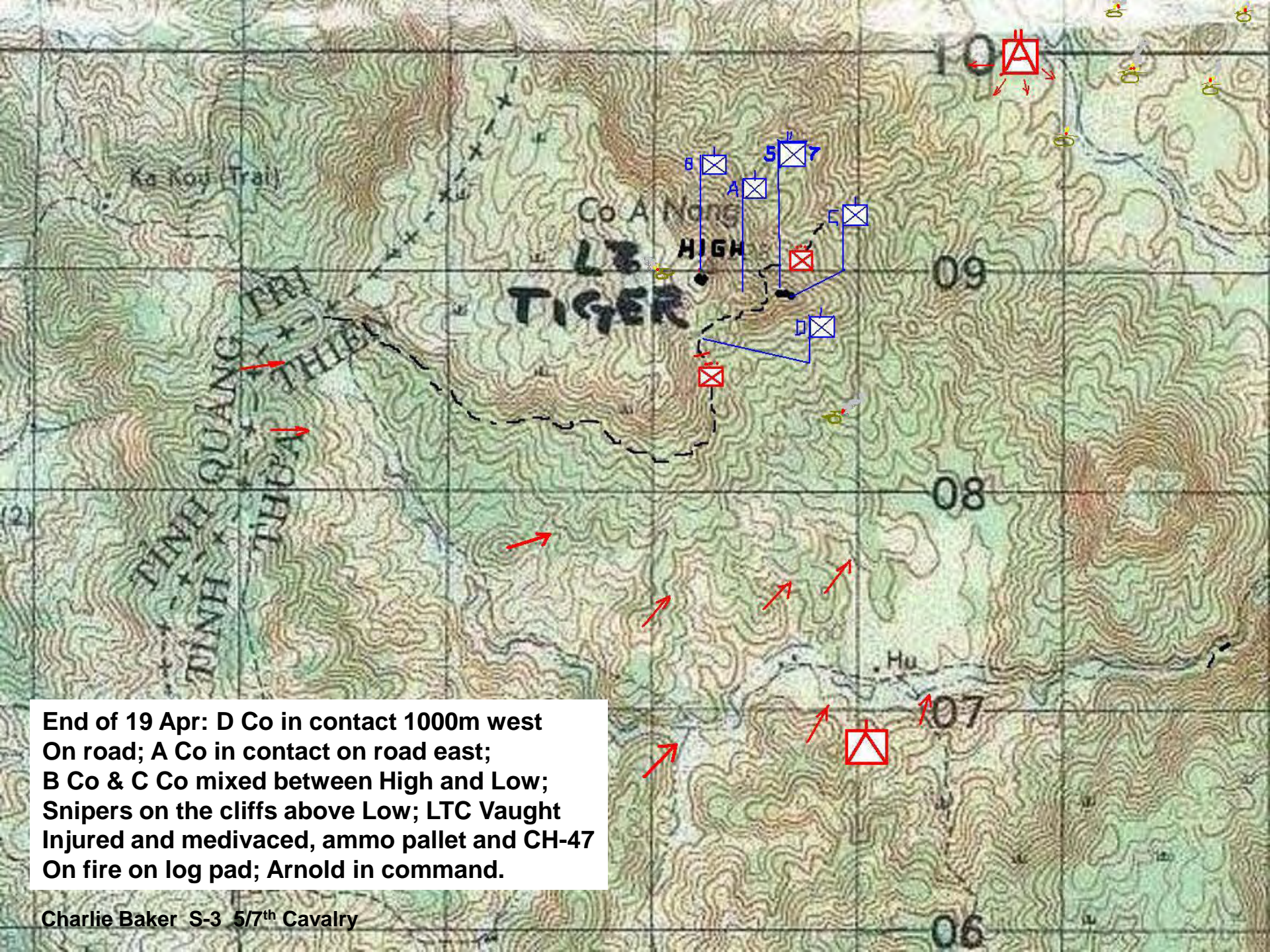
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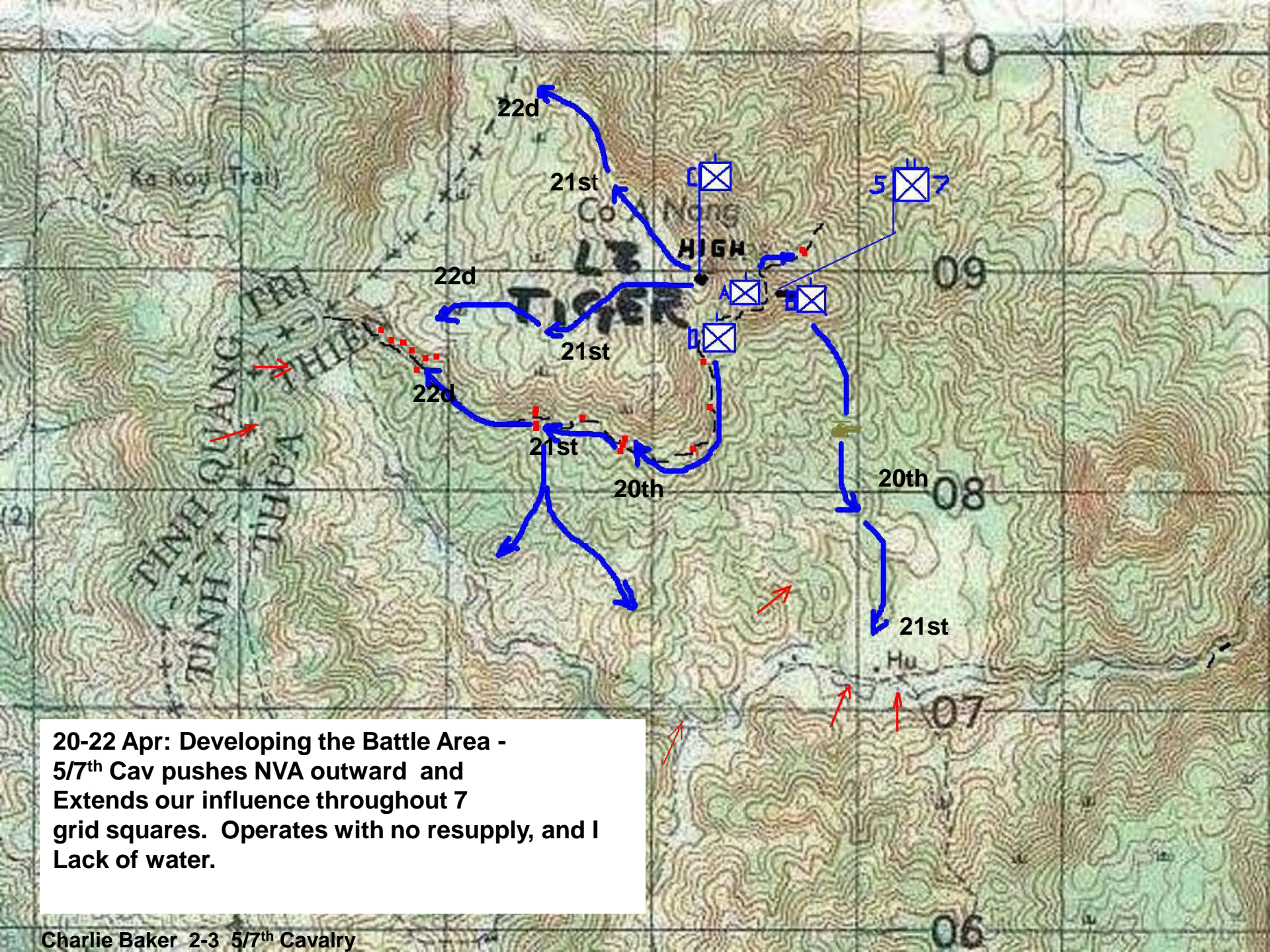


19 Apr: Bde Air Assault Plan – 5/7th Cav Lead Assault

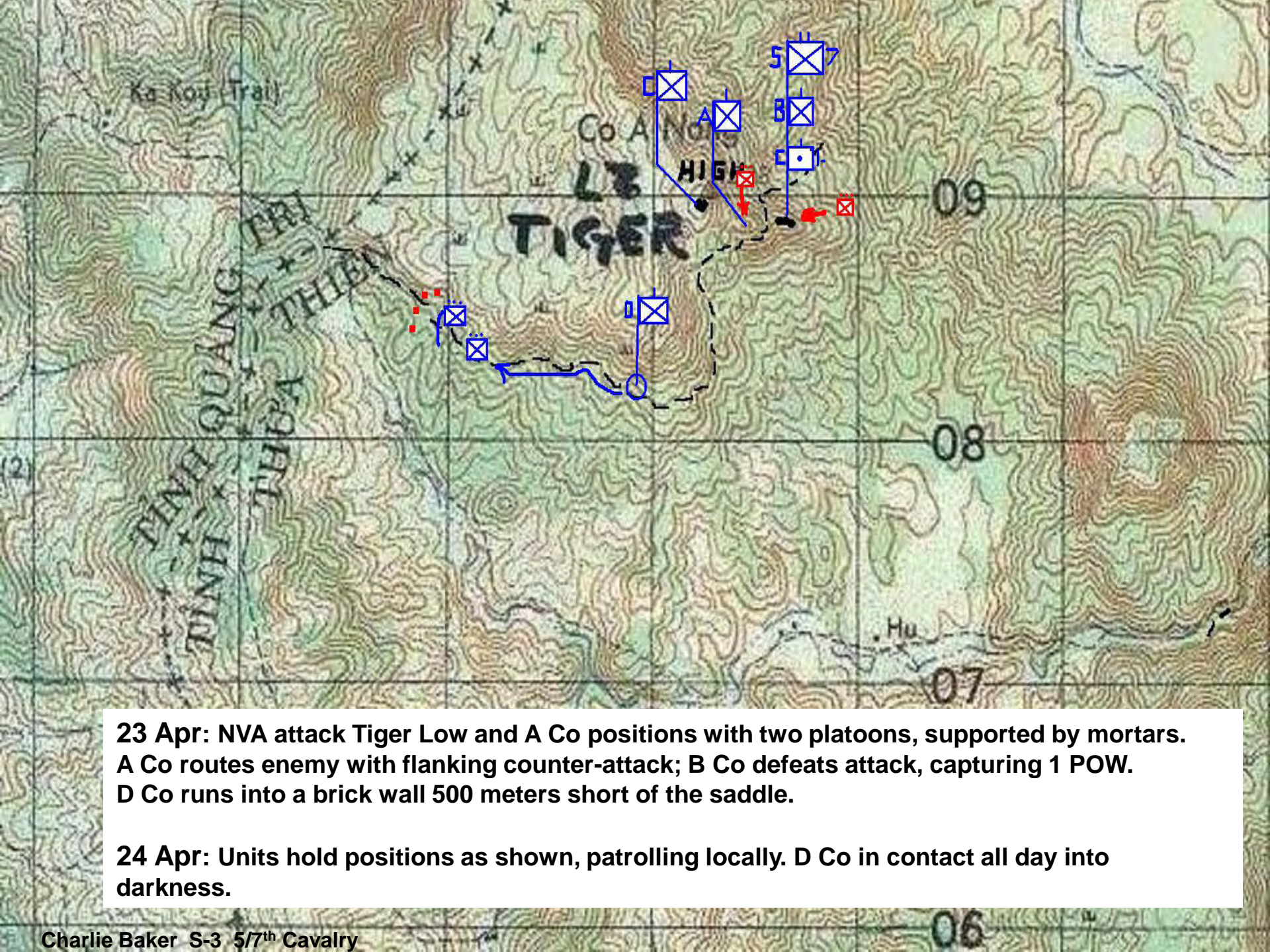
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End of 19 Apr: D Co in contact 1000m west
On road; A Co in contact on road east;
B Co & C Co mixed between High and Low;
Snipers on the cliffs above Low; LTC Vaught
Injured and medivaced, ammo pallet and CH-47
On fire on log pad; Arnold in command.



**20-22 Apr: Developing the Battle Area -
5/7th Cav pushes NVA outward and
Extends our influence throughout 7
grid squares. Operates with no resupply, and I
Lack of water.**



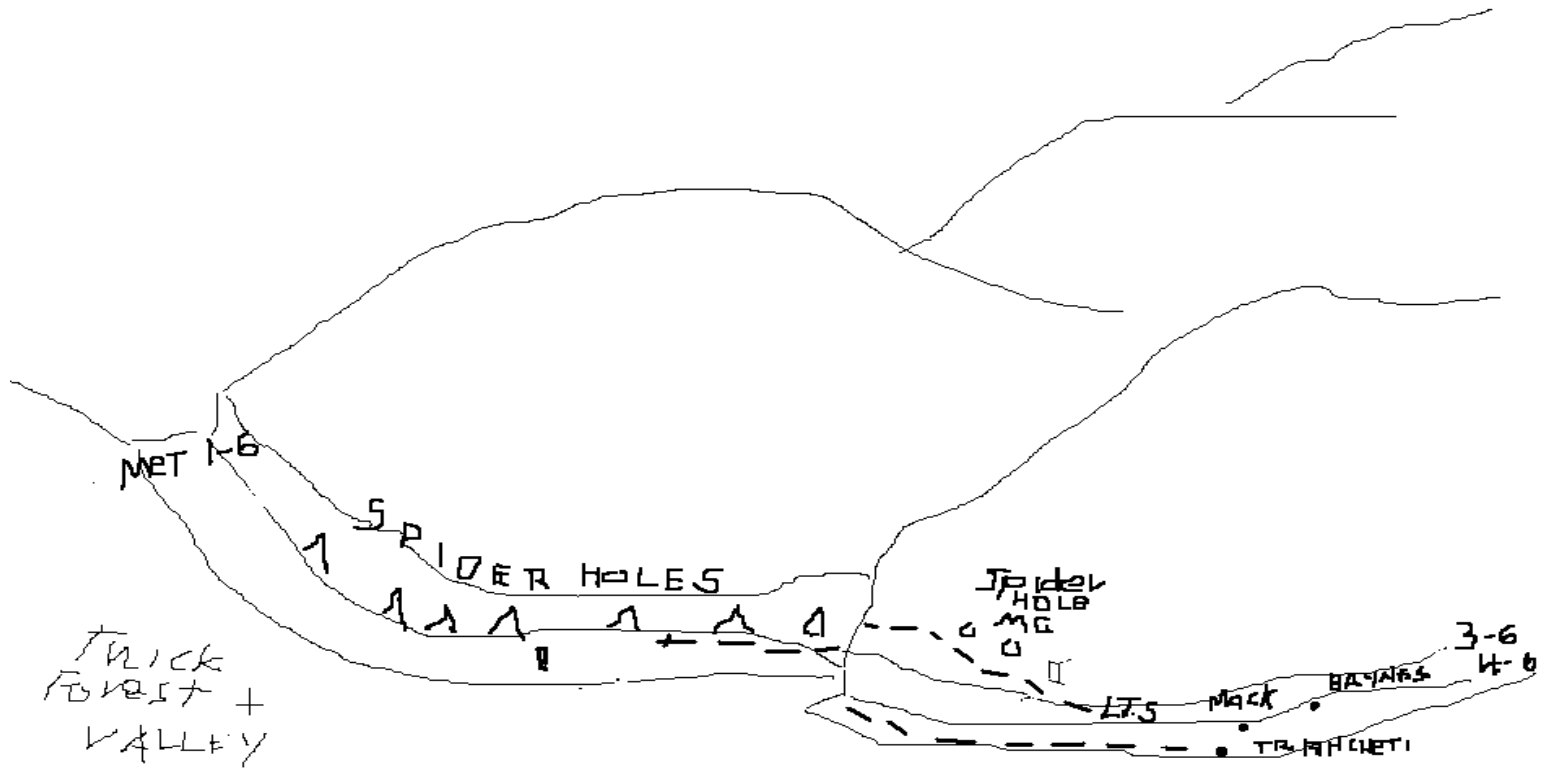
23 Apr: NVA attack Tiger Low and A Co positions with two platoons, supported by mortars. A Co routes enemy with flanking counter-attack; B Co defeats attack, capturing 1 POW. D Co runs into a brick wall 500 meters short of the saddle.

24 Apr: Units hold positions as shown, patrolling locally. D Co in contact all day into darkness.

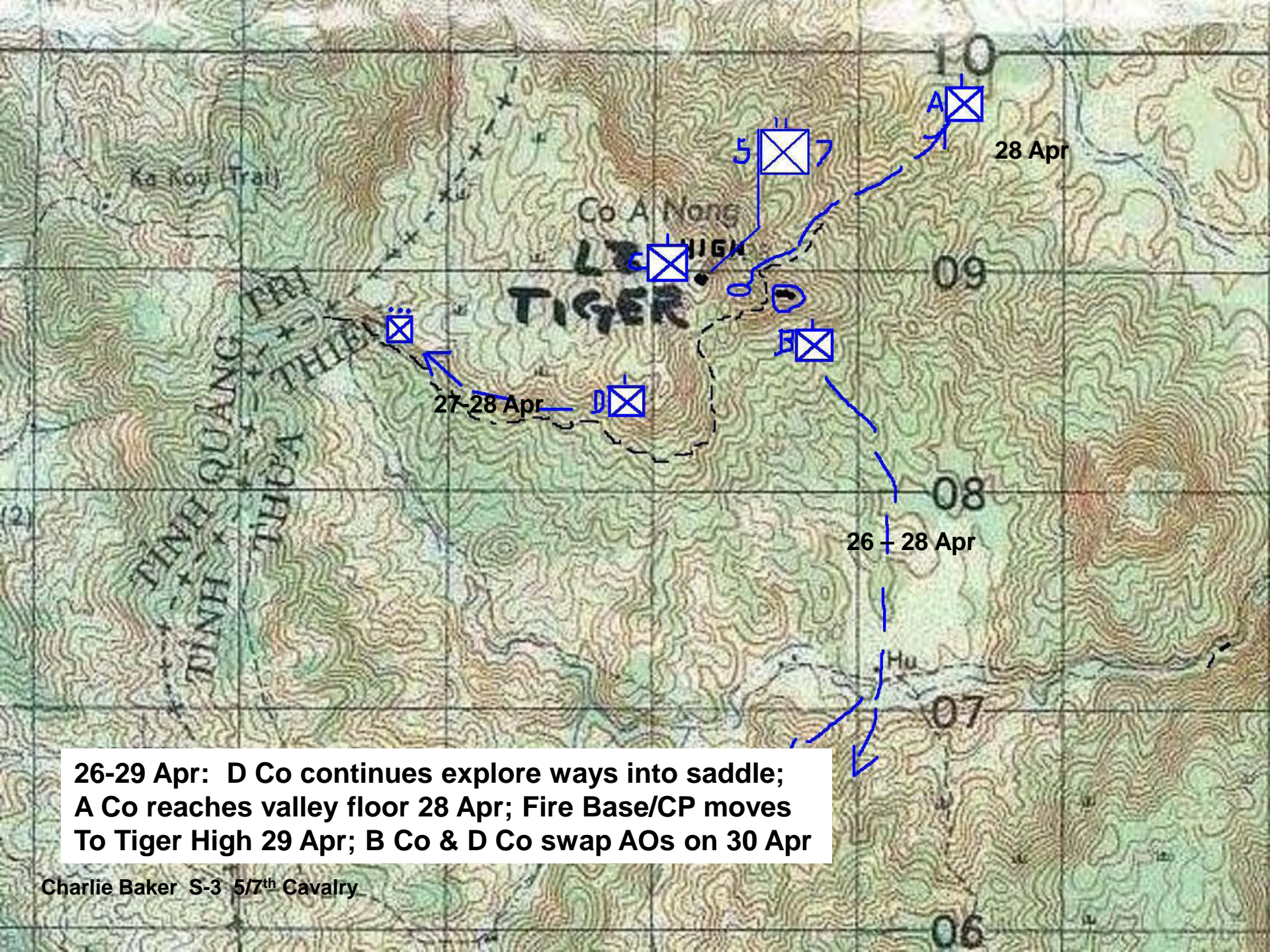


25 Apr: D Co flanks
NVA with 1st Platoon
(and Co CO).
Ambushed and
enveloped in the
Saddle, requiring
1Lt Sprayberry to
receive the CMH to
save this platoon
From destruction
and/or capture.

Diagram Prepared 26 Apr Morning



Charlie Baker S-3 5/7th Cavalry,
Tranchetti, Mack, et al



27-28 Apr

28 Apr

26 + 28 Apr

**26-29 Apr: D Co continues explore ways into saddle;
A Co reaches valley floor 28 Apr; Fire Base/CP moves
To Tiger High 29 Apr; B Co & D Co swap AOs on 30 Apr**



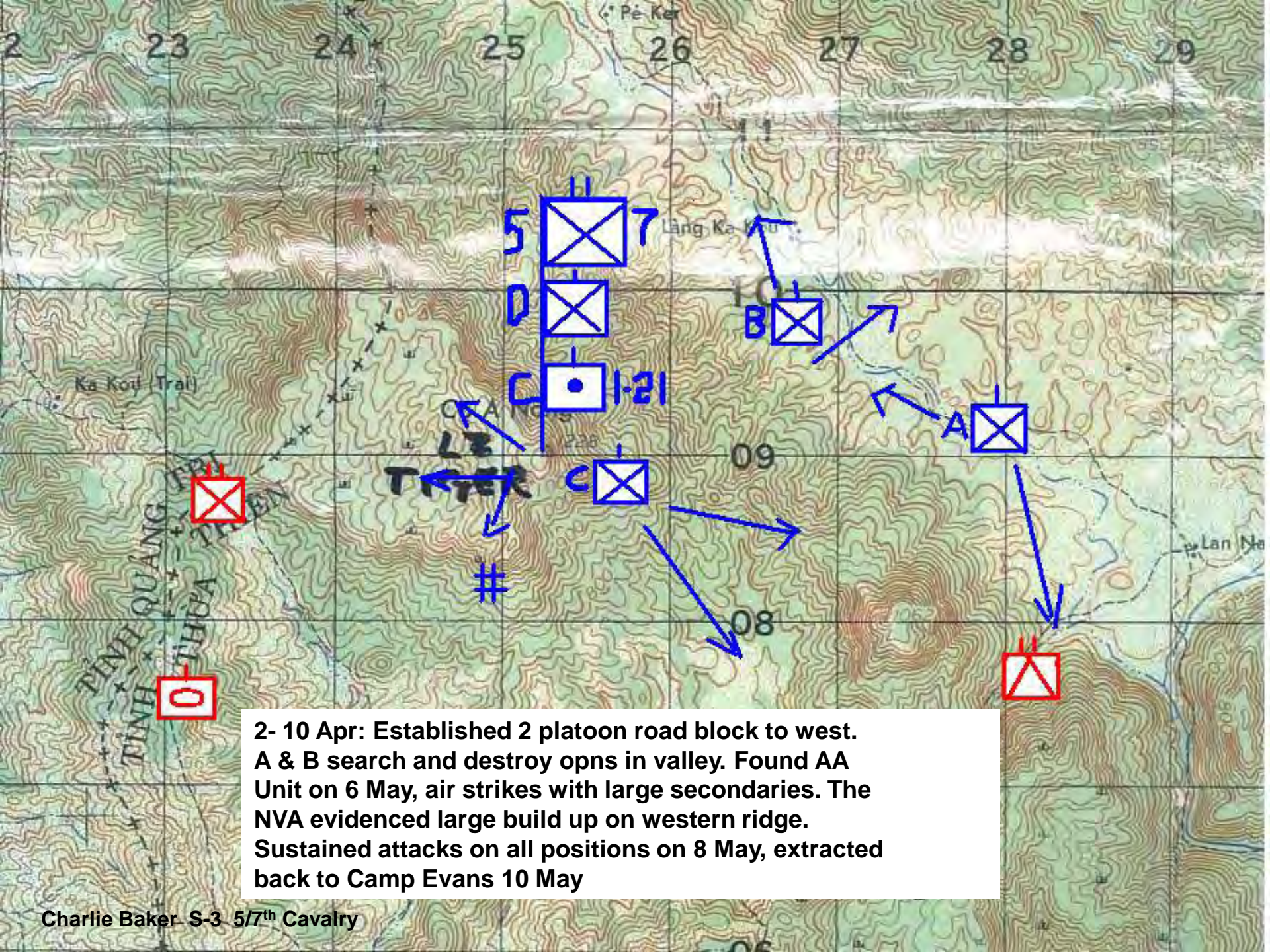
**1 May: B Co 2 Platoon TF
Moved out at first light
Toward Western Ridge.
1/9th Cav Red/White Team
Arrived 0745, scouted ahead
Of advance.**

**At 0820 hours White Bird moved
At tree top level up ridgeline
Toward Saddle, and was shot
Down.**

**B Co Cdr decided to abandon
Move to western ridge and
Consolidate move to meet
Company for advance toward
Downed bird.**

**B Co advance stopped in late
Afternoon by superior fire
From large enemy force, dug in
On dominant terrain.**

**Bn CO decided to abandon
Effort.**



**2- 10 Apr: Established 2 platoon road block to west.
A & B search and destroy ops in valley. Found AA
Unit on 6 May, air strikes with large secondaries. The
NVA evidenced large build up on western ridge.
Sustained attacks on all positions on 8 May, extracted
back to Camp Evans 10 May**

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The NVA built up its forces on Western Ridge, began shelling our positions with tank and Artillery fire on 4 May, and mounted 2 hour barrage on all positions on 8 May in preparation for ground attacks.



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