5th Bn. 7th Cav.

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FAST FLANKER

- County LINE
- Limping Scholar
- Hard Hitter
- Rough Rider
Que Son Valley: Home of 2d NVA Div

Fall of 1967: 3d Bde Dispositions in Que Son Valley
12 Jan: 5 KIA; NVA KIA Many

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

3 Jan: 2 KIA; NVA KIA Many

Raul "Shorty" Guteirrez, KIA 7 Jan.

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3-4 Jan: NVA KIA 200+(BC)
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ARVN units assigned and attached to 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division, moving Through the north Gate into Hue.
3 FEB: 2/12 CAV ~ Movement to contact ~ Attack Thon Que Chu
4 FEB: 5/7 CAV assembles at PK 17 ~ 2/12 Cav enveloped

Charlie Baker S-3 5/7th Cavalry
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.
6 Feb: Coordinated Battalion Attack

Charlie Baker / S-3 5/7th Cavalry
7 Feb: 5/7 Cav finds the enemy

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
8 Feb – Reconnaissance in Force
Battalion Coordinated Attack

Plan for 1st Light, 9 Feb
Held up by Bde for lack Of Artillery Ammo
9-11 Feb: 5/7 Cav greatly outnumbered, and Outgunned. Cold, wet, and under-supported.
Plan was for 1st light. Bde held us Up for lack of artillery support.
12 Feb ~ Final Assault
13-20 Feb: Preparing for the Bigger Attack

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
21 Feb: Brigade Attack Plan, commencing 21 Feb
21 Feb: “Combat in Cities – One Bunker at a time.”
22 Feb – “Ambushed” one more time

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
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 1-2 Apr: 5/7 Cav and 1/7 Cav lead Division, taking LZ Cates and LZ Mike respectively. 2/7 Cav follows on 1 Apr into LZ Mike, and air assaults to LZ Thor on 2 Apr.
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.
Operation Pegasus
7 Apr – 5/7th Cav relieves 1-9th Marines on west end of KSCB.

2/7th Cav defeats enemy Road block, and 1 co Links up ceremoniously With KSCB late in day. Rest of Battalion Relieves Marines on Hill 471.

8 – 12 Apr are uneventful For 5/7th Cav, which Redeploys to Camp Evans on 12-13 Apr.
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19 Apr: Bde Air Assault Plan – 5/7th Cav Lead Assault

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cav
19 Apr Assault: 10 Birds shot down, 3 KIA in 5/7th, Ammo lost in crash
LTC Vaught Medevaced.

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
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
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

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
1 May: Two-pronged attack plan to destroy the enemy in the Saddle.

Charlie Baker  S-3  5/7th Cavalry
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 opns 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.
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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QUE SON VALLEY – HUE – KHE SAHN – A SHAU VALLEY
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