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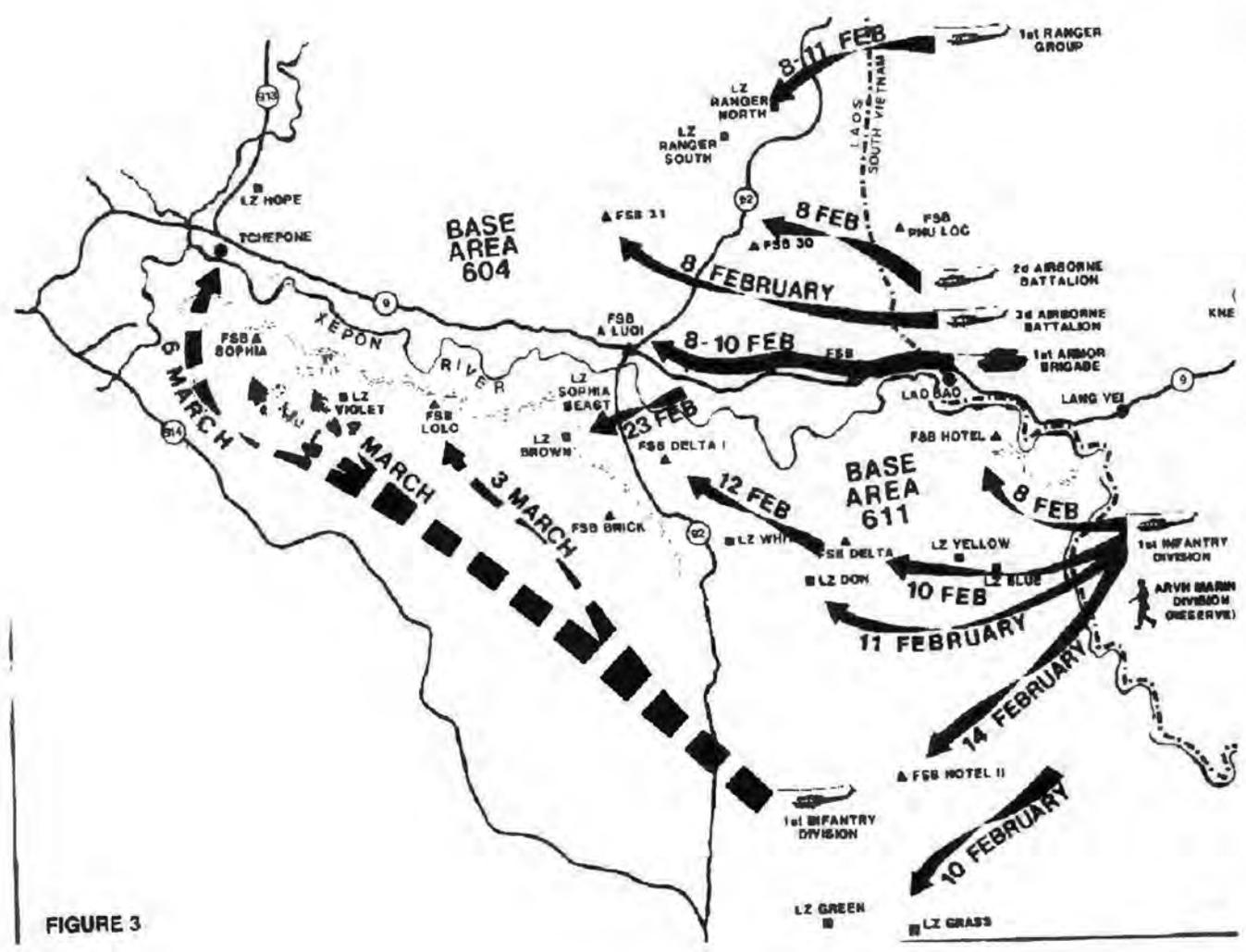


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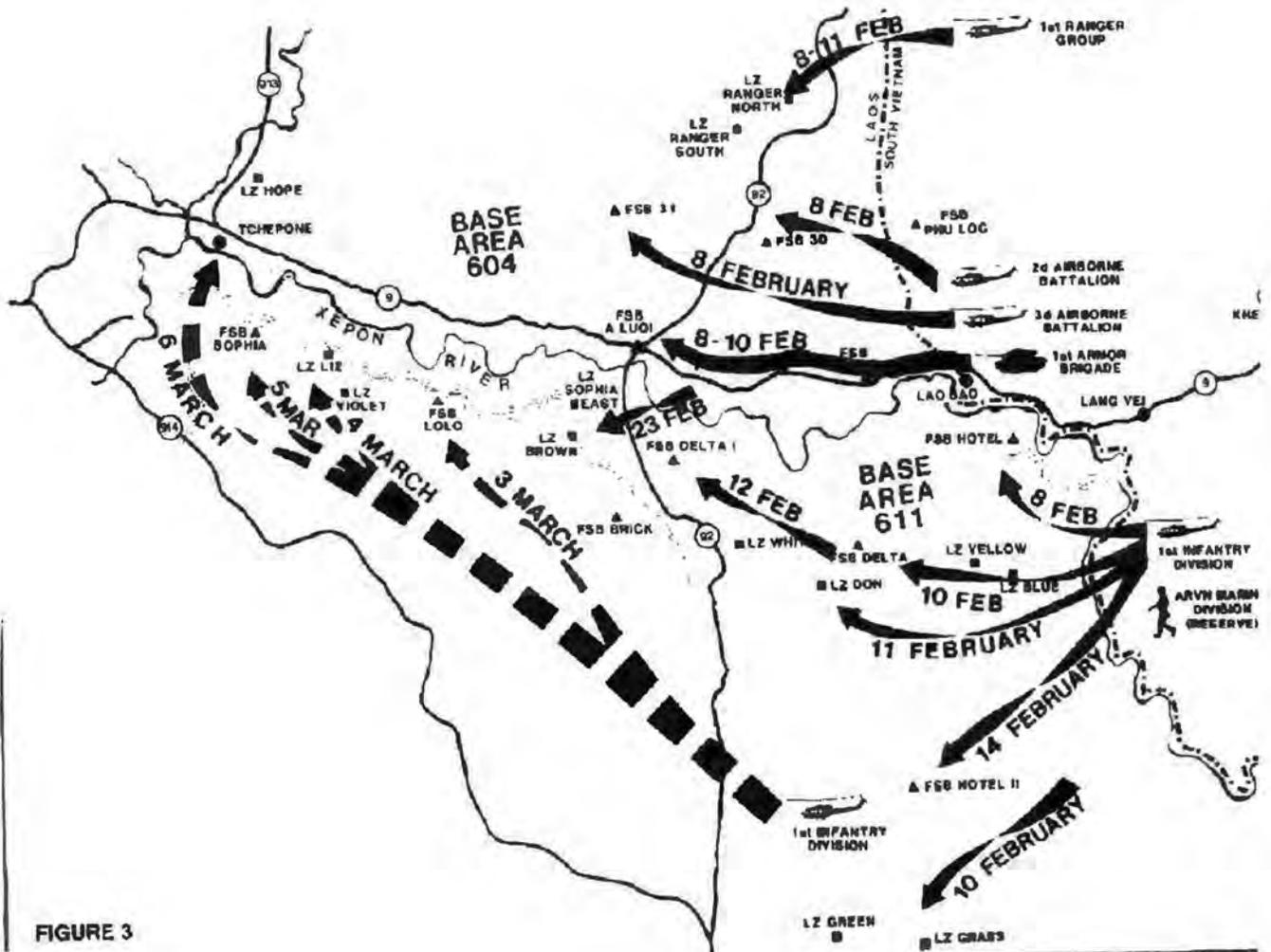


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REHEARSAL 10:00 am

PRESENTATION AT 1:30



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May 8, 2011

TO: LAM Son 719 History Presentation speakers panel:

Frank A. Esposito, Col., U.S. A. (ret.) with C 2, 2-17 Cav, Condors

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Richard M. Johnson, Col., U.S.A. (ret.) with 173rd AHC, Robinhoods

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Robert Sander, Col., U.S.A., (ret.) Maintenance Officer, Redskins, D Co., 158th Avn. Btn.

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Mike Sloniker, Lt. Col. U.S.A., (ret.) Historian

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Rick Scrugham CW5, U.S.A. (ret.) served with Phoenix, C Co./158th Avn. Btn., 101st

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Harold Smith, CW2, U.S.A., (ret.) served with A Co., 158th Aviation Btn. Ghostriders

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Doug Womack, CW4, U.S.A., (ret.) served with 71st AHC, Rattlers

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Gentlemen,

I would appreciate Mike Sloniker serving as the Moderator and doing the introductions.

I intend to serve as a secondary host and monitor to keep the stories and accounts moving, timewise, and manage the film team. I hope this will serve as the basis for additional documentary movies of the era. I plan to have a professional film team there.

I would like for us to meet at 10:00 am the morning of the presentation and go through it once, in preparation for the 1:30 start time on July 7.

I recommend consideration of the following points, none of which are "set in stone," as we discuss the chronological timeline of events, successes, difficulties, lessons learned.

Each of you have very specific things you want to discuss or express, and I encourage you.

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The following is a rough idea of what the topics and time line might be.

To start with a very Brief SITREP (2 or 3 minutes)

The situation in South Vietnam prior to Dewey Canyon II and Lam Son 719

The move up to Dong Ha and the reopening of Khe Sanh

Feb. 8 morning assault, Harold Smith was Chalk 3 or 4 with the Ghostriders

Feb. 8, 2nd assault, Rick Scrugham was Chalk 4 behind Paul Stewart, lost that day

The following few days, Col. Johnson observed flak over Laos

Highlights of the following days in February, major accomplishments, difficulties.

Maintenance , Bob Sander. Depletion of the Charlie model gunship inventory, AH-1G losses and damage.

By the end of February, the Phoenix had lost 14 of 20 aircraft, according to PFC Mike King's taped letter home.

The March toward Tchepone

March 3, Lolo, Doug Womack

March 5, 1971,

Check the audio tapes in the movie. You can select the chapter to view on your dvd player.

March 6, Tchepone. The B-52's apparently did a good job prepping it. (?)

Col. Johnson was flight lead, Chalk One. Rick Scrugham was Chalk 97.

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The extraction begins:

Three of the most difficult days in Army Aviation history:

March 18, the loss of Music 16, Cpt. Keith Brandt and 1st Lt. Alan Boffman, and the actions of the Robinhoods after Col. Johnson made it back to Khe Sanh. The movie has the story of Richard Johnson, but his description of what happened afterward is just as compelling.

March 19, Harold Smith's story and the Ghost rider's who followed, led by Warrant Officer Darryl Scarborough, is another compelling story.

Mike Sloniker could summarize the events of March 20. The men I know who were there, simply don't want to talk about it.

How the extraction went, the Air Cav at Khe Sanh, Richard Johnson, regarding the final pick ups.. The damaged aircraft and the further damage caused by Chinooks and Sky cranes. Bob Sander.

Closing comments.

Please have some note cards to frame your discussion points. I think everyone has several points to make about the operation and the impact it had, on the evolution of Army Aviation. I don't know if we can get this done in an hour or not. If it runs 1:30 so be it. Hopefully the last 30 minutes will be question and answer with the audience.

Your participation in this inaugural history presentation is greatly appreciated. I hope it inspires similar future events.

Thank you!

Tom Marshall