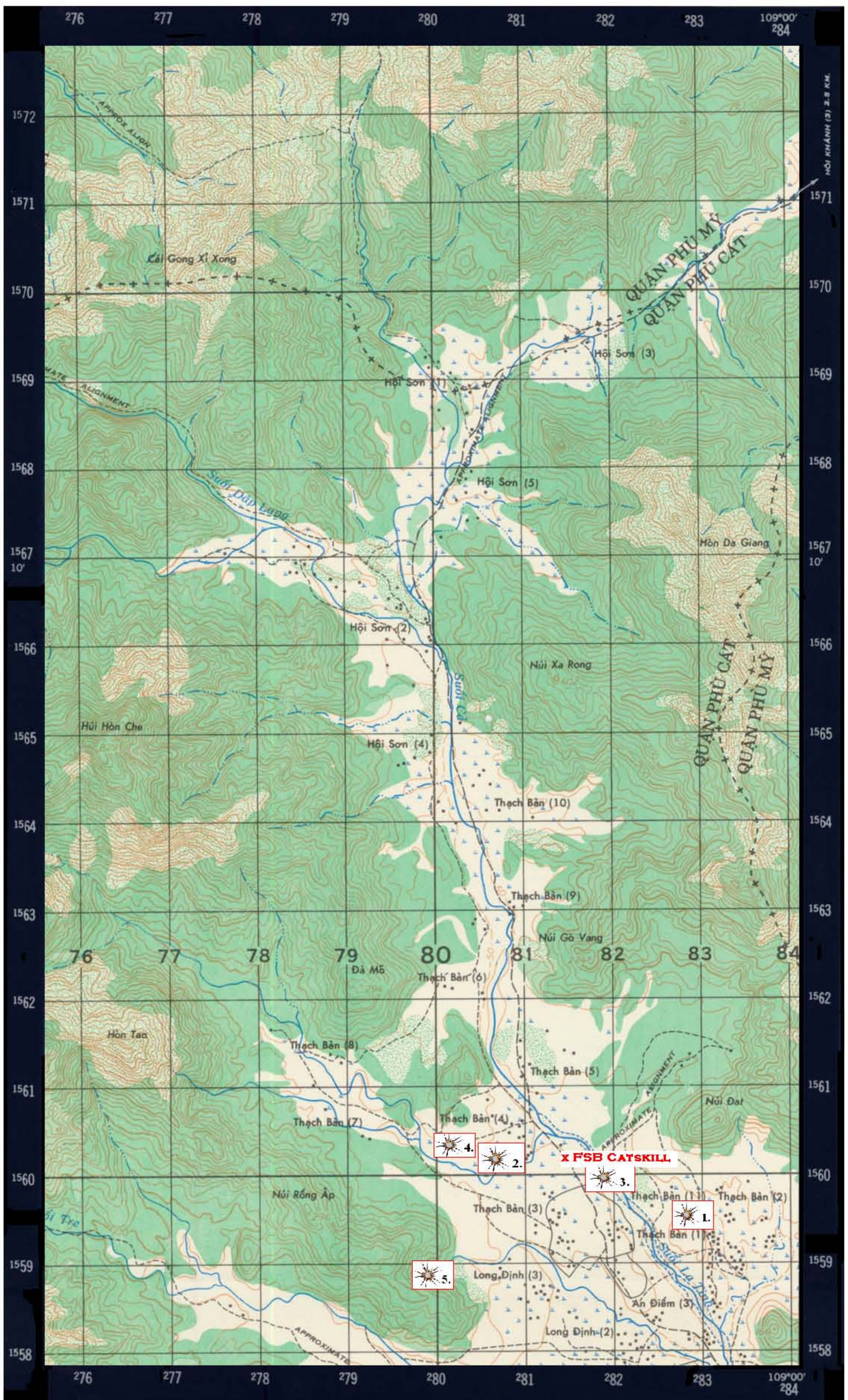



SUOI CA VALLEY



 : Indicates location of action documented on following pages.

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The following entries were taken from the Battalion History for the period:

1 July to 30 September, 1968



1. On July 10th at 0900 at BR828596, a soldier from “B” Company hit a mine of unknown type, resulting in 1 US KHA and 1 US WHA, Most probably Gary Lee Strouse and Larry Hays Smith, one of whom possibly died later from his wounds. (See **Battalion KIA Information for 10 July 1968**)



2. On July 25th the 1/50th “C” Company moved into the valley with a platoon of tanks from the 1/69th Armor. They moved to BR814603 where FSB Catskill was to be established. Enroute to that location, “C” 1/50th captured 2 NVA, 1 AK-47 and 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher in the vicinity of BR807602.



3. On July 27th at 0300 hrs, FSB Catskill (BR814603) came under heavy small arms, automatic weapons and rocket attack resulting in 5 US WHA. 2 APCs were hit with B-40 rockets. One APC suffered extensive damage to it’s wiring system while the other had extensive road wheel and casing damage. At 1215 hrs a grenade being carried by PFC Joseph Ralph Franckowiak, from “B” Company, exploded killing him and wounding 3 others.

On July 28th at 0215 hrs FSB Catskill received 6 to 8 mortar rounds resulting in 1 US KHA, Jerry Lee Graves, and 3 US WHA.



4. On July 31st at 1025 hrs the Scout Platoon engaged 3 individuals in the vicinity of BR801603, killing one NVA. They also captured documents, flags and webbed gear.



5. On August 3rd at 1116 hrs, elements of the Scout Platoon hit a booby trapped hand grenade in the vicinity of BR799588. 4 personnel were wounded, including the Platoon Leader.

NOTE: *The preceding is NOT a comprehensive listing of all 1/50th activity in the Suoi Ca region. Several instances occurred just outside the range of this specific map. Others may have been documented at other times during our tours in this Area of Operations. This is just a small sampling of events specific to this map during the period between July and September of 1968 as taken from the official Battalion History for the period.*