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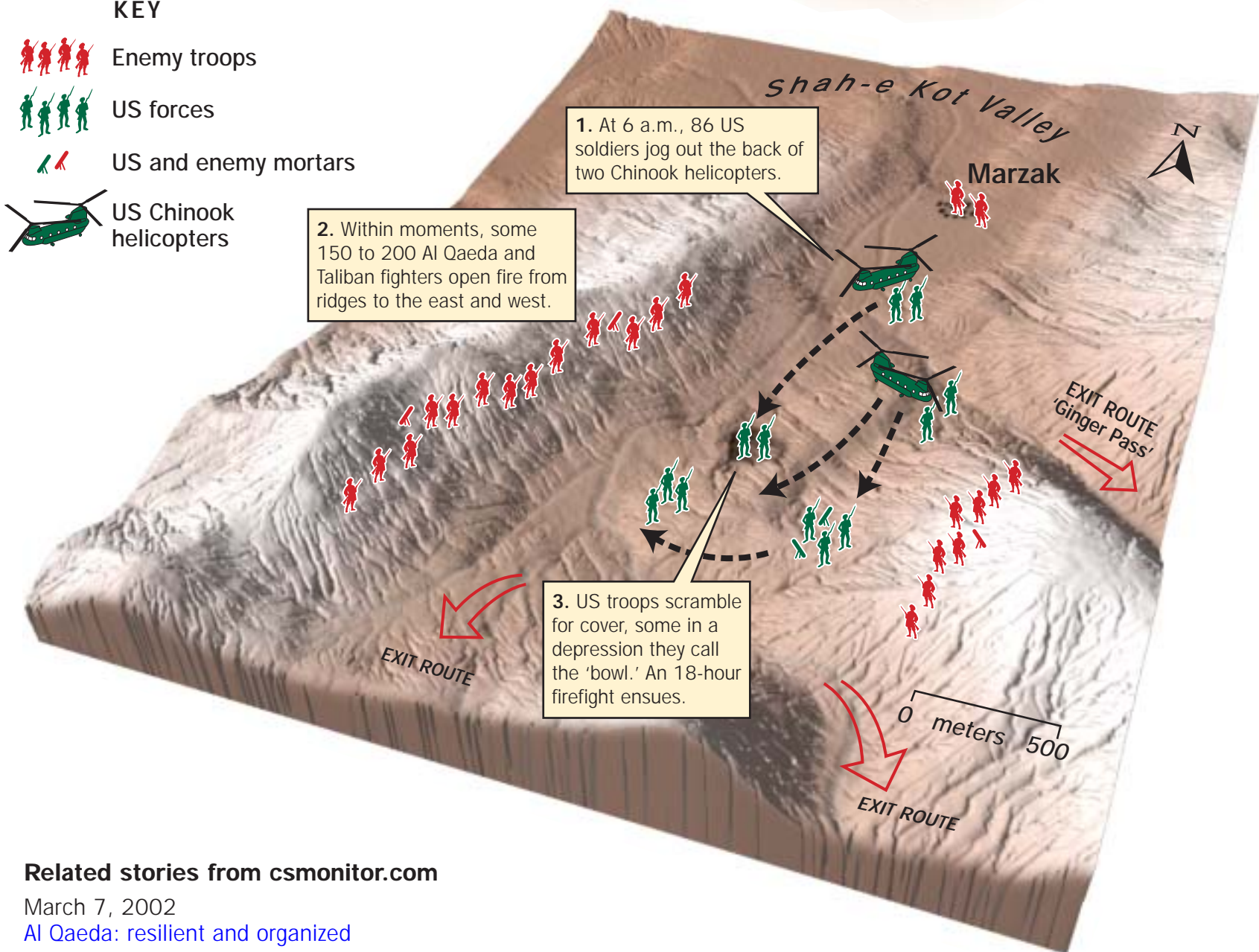
**Straightforward mission,
unexpected challenges**

THE GOAL OF OPERATION ANACONDA was straightforward: Friendly Afghan forces and US Green Berets were to attack an estimated 200 to 400 enemy fighters in the Shah-e Kot Valley, driving them south toward US blocking positions. One of those positions was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division's 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment. The unit's Charlie Company landed near the pass code-named Ginger March 2 to block several exit routes. The unexpected battle that followed was one of the fiercest of the two-week campaign.



KEY

-  Enemy troops
-  US forces
-  US and enemy mortars
-  US Chinook helicopters



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