

1-6 went by bunker - drove beside
it - as it passed, light MG fired - CAPT
Hunt drove truck on it - 16-18 times
crushed it - 1 suffocated, 4 prisoners
young, really row - 16-17 - Co Co &
Political Officer took off - fled west -
down trail 1 mile - munitions or outfitting
point - bombed out - "

"The de
3-4 hours to break into that place -
jungle thick - "small dinks no matter
what anybody says" - 7/4 in, being back
most complex east of 2 columns - still
on main trail - opened up after RPG
on left-hand (west side) ?? finished crushing
bunker - no fire after opening up after 5/a
& RPG - lodged down area - dead -
just sat - 2 men on truck - dismounted,

much later - inter - (Moz) Chinese-Vietnamese -
ARVN - prisoner grabbed MAC by throat - pulling
guff out - left scratch marks on throat

commenced him we were sincere -
at his head -
2 came out of 1 bunker, 2 didn't
come out - 3 prisoners -

VR - saw them - sent up to recon -

• I thought my men displayed high
judgment ⁱⁿ ~~and~~ discrimination, those who
could be taken alive and those
who showed resistance, this resulting
in the maximum number of prisoners
captured. 271st UK Regt -

"Never did knock him down" - broke
the stock of the rifle the last time
he hit him - medic gave him 5 shots
of morphine - bandaged him up,
dusted him off - latrine - training
center - 1 RPG launcher, 60mm mortar
& pistols - black trousers, green shirt,
grey bukhti - grey trousers, & pajama
shirt ~~but~~ for officers - new
D Co had 5 (C & RPG's (add 3 bodies
to KIA total) - 3 in graves
photographs of ACAAC, LOH, OTH-1
Calua - on back was written
most venerable spots to hit then -
complete brochure - 160 meters from
Cambodia border -

slowed down considerably - 20' off to
right is Sher - B/1-7 - another 18-20'
beside big tree - bunch of thatched
hoses - Cam. rounds one on left -
well-concealed 30' 40' - 80A/VC - fired
RPG, stuck head out - hit tree beside
Sher - schrapnel in back, face, powder
burn - hit on far side of tree - cam-
on him - got 3 loads after they frogged
it - only 3 people - loads killed one
- vest bombs - shot NVA in head
with M-16 "Sarge, I got one, I got
one - thought he was going to
drag me out of the TC. - real
young - NVA lieutenant tried to fight -
4 wounds - trench line - dug out -
interpreters drag him out by gun -
NVA come out fighting, beat interpreters
up for a while - St Sargeant hit
prisoner 3 times in head with M-16

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200 - 3-8 200

Lead - 3-8 Sher -

SSA Norman T. Bellomy - S. P. B.

2 men ahead
wide trail, dusty,
foot-prints
dense, heavy jungle



3-8
makes assembly
point - 35 meters
from ass. point

3-0, behind 3-8. 7C got
off - bag in limbers - 55 meters -
canopies - leaves folded in
half - stitched together - blasting
caps - ripped push them out - 3-8
fell in - 3-0 pushed them out - noon -
really young - 15-16 - small - had
food - 1 RPA launcher - 60mm mortar
tube - got half of campervan - east of
VC/NVA on compass timing course

11 lodges on plank by greg / s/a
~~don't~~ 11 ~~to~~ 3 prisoners, hand green -
don't use M-79 - 20 meters apart -
had left plank - 6 bunkers - 15 x 20
6' - 5 of stream night before -
didn't have weapons - 4-5K5 - 1 MG
RPD - light - 7.62 mm - ChiCom -
pistols - ChiCom - 9mm - (Canad, Italian
Walther) - stayed until about 5 o'clock
3 people per tank - did most of searching
- getting fire - platoon - no casualties -
schrapnel - 3/5x MAR - Lieut - first
pris - wouldn't talk - tall - 5' 9"
one talked out of bunker - tall - 5' 9"
green unif - pale - dirt colored - grey -
green - blue - lodges, metals - one tank
working red & black / stripes plastic
covered cloth - sandals - web gear but
in bunker - small see - 272nd -
one WIA - 1st Plat - hunted off - young teens -
one looked 12 & 13 - 28, 29 - 1, scared like a
motherfucker - "interpreters - 'Chung Hoo'
helps - NVA - 'working like a prisoner' -"

PSG dismounted, went over to Node
(4 people) looked in each betw
2 nodes - saw NVA who had crouc
in there to escape grenades blast -
NVA opened one eye, PSG talked in
2 others out of bunker - "~~I had~~
He knew I had him dead to right
1 KIA - sta from Plt. Baker's Truck
went through - next bunker, crushed
in from riding over it. 2 men
dis. found 2 logs of 60mm/
med. supplies, 60mm tube each -
few doc - another bunker -
(25 meters apart) large hatch -
classroom, benches, doc - papers,
training aids, mines, singhbat at
5 cloette of man - back rest of
reeds - black plastic - clay balls
had hit it -

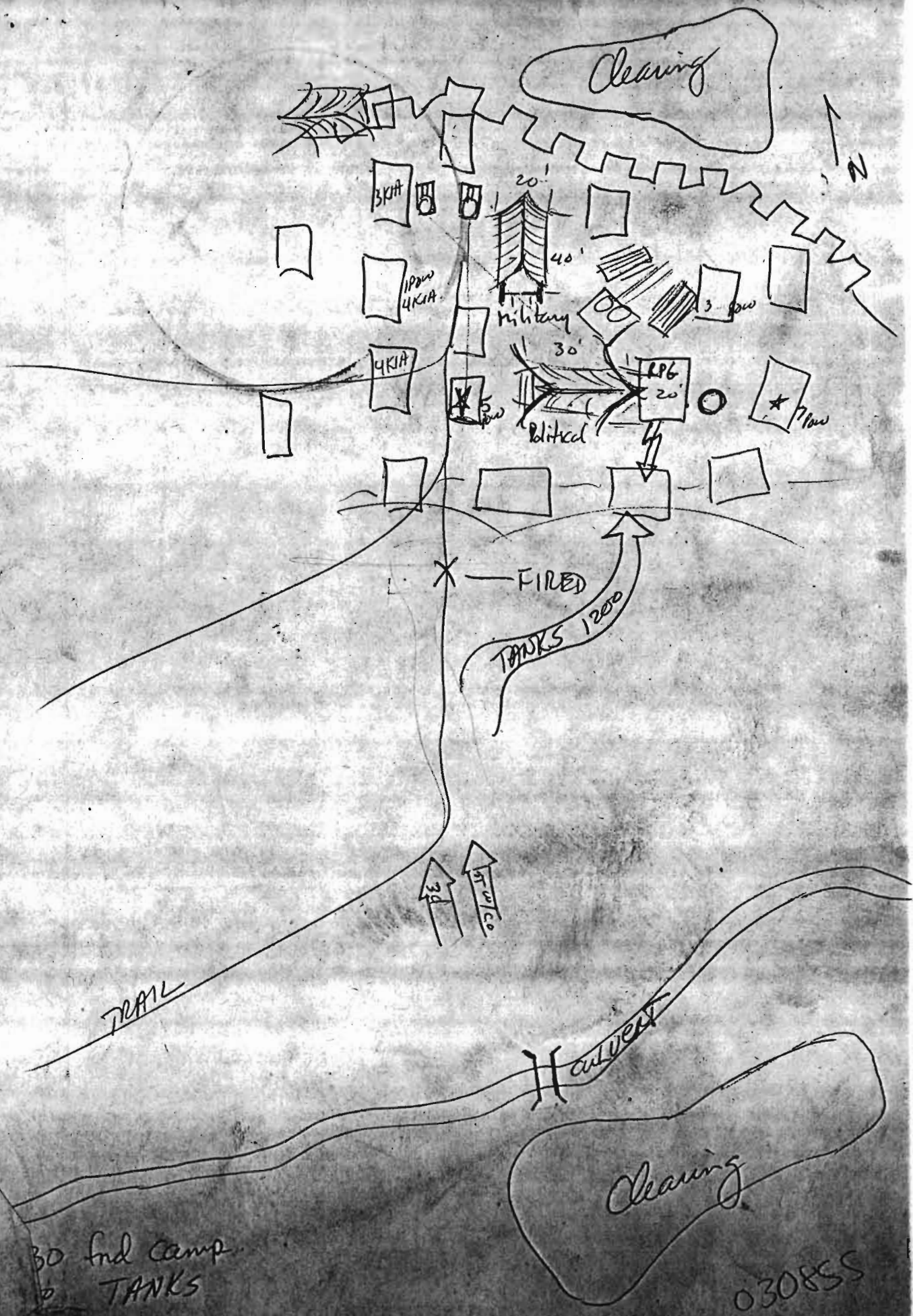
1LT Walter E. Chase - plt leader
interrogator - treated guys well -

- SFC L7 Terry G. Dodson

Plat Sq of 3rd Plat -

RIF - sweeping NVA units in
area - recon W of NPP - heavy
jungle, flat 15-20 meters - follow
ing trail - recent activity - HCM
sandal prints - est plat - smaller
joining trails led into main
one - follow main couple
turns, now or less straight -
10-11:00 - came to big tree
at intersection -  on tree - lat in
center - 3-8 led, PSG on 4th
veh, double column - bear on R,
Shes on left -  represented assault
point - came upon large hootch
100 meters after tree -

more carefully, observing, slow
going - noticed numerous fighting
positions, holes - RPG holes - started
moving in on hootch, VC/NVA stuck
head out & fired RPA - landed 5'
to right - blew hootch away carrying
round - hootch had ground level
lumber underneath it - passed all
the ladders - 5/a fire from ladders
on right by 1st Platoon ~~hooter~~ last,
1st Plt 15 meters to right -
D Co 200 meters behind -
CO ordered medic track to run
over hootch & crush it - 3
K in there - as 3rd passed
hootch on left - 50 cal Sgt killed
gook stuck head out - of hootch on left
then used gren. to kill other 2 in
there with RPG & pistol - hootch
10 meters in front of ~~Plt~~ ^{Plt leader} track -



trench - overhead cover - dug a little
hole in side of trench - trying to hide -
curled up - interpreter came over - 1-6
saw him - bullet in ribs, chest wound
smacked him 3 times with M-16 across the
back of head - 3 from 1st

(after crushed truck, second bunker
first platoon - 5/a at gunner when he
tried to look in bunker - 14 prisoners
out of that one - grayish - pretty
hard to pry him off - pretty
dirty - guy indicated some fled west -

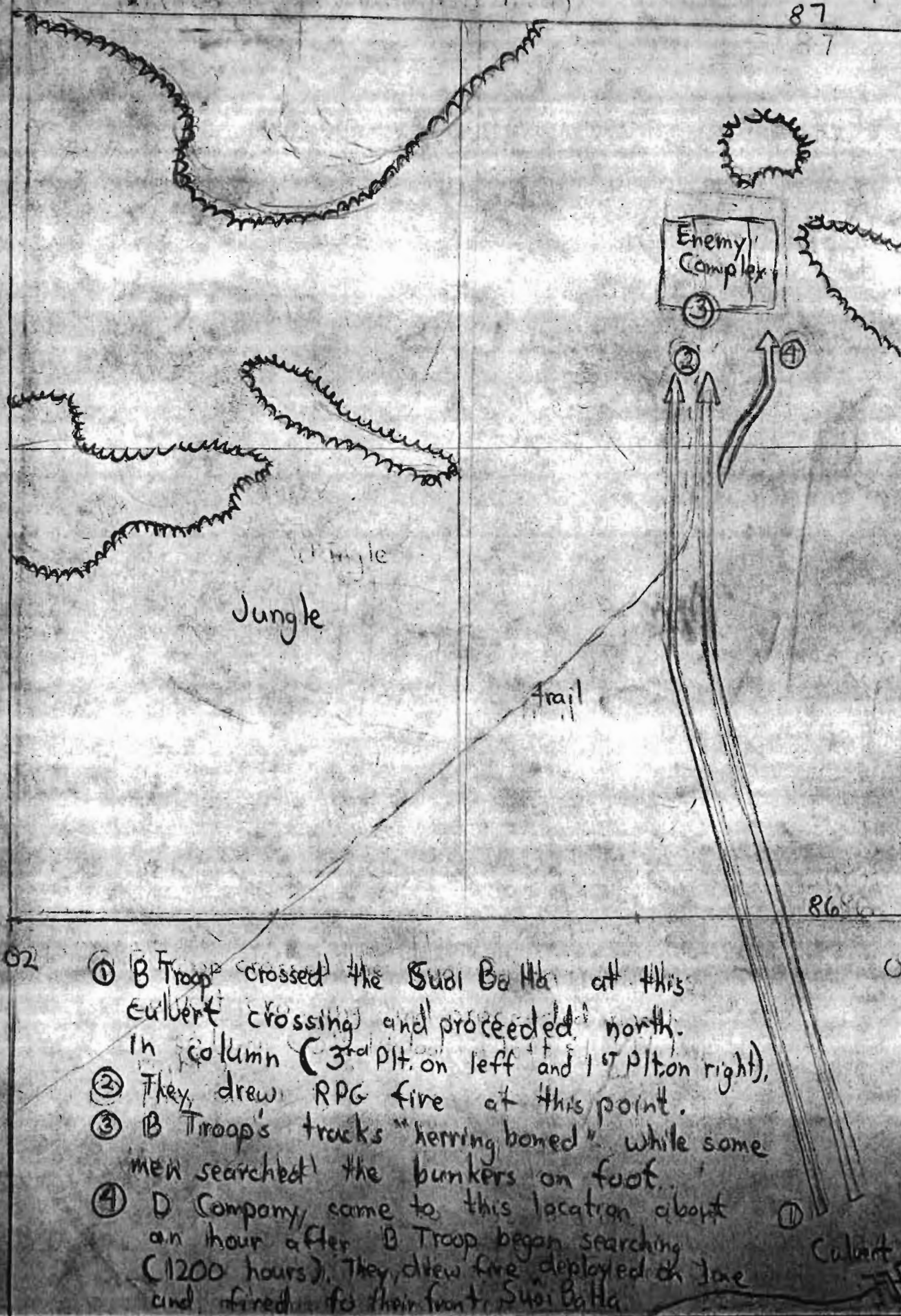
1400 - Calmas, Pink 7 ears - worked
out the western trail - screened the left
Suoi Da Ha River

D Co got hit by RPG - opened up straight
ahead - couldn't fire to R flank - became
of dismounted B Troopers - worked out on
area with comms - thought RPG came from
B Troop area - CO, 1/11 - up there somewhere

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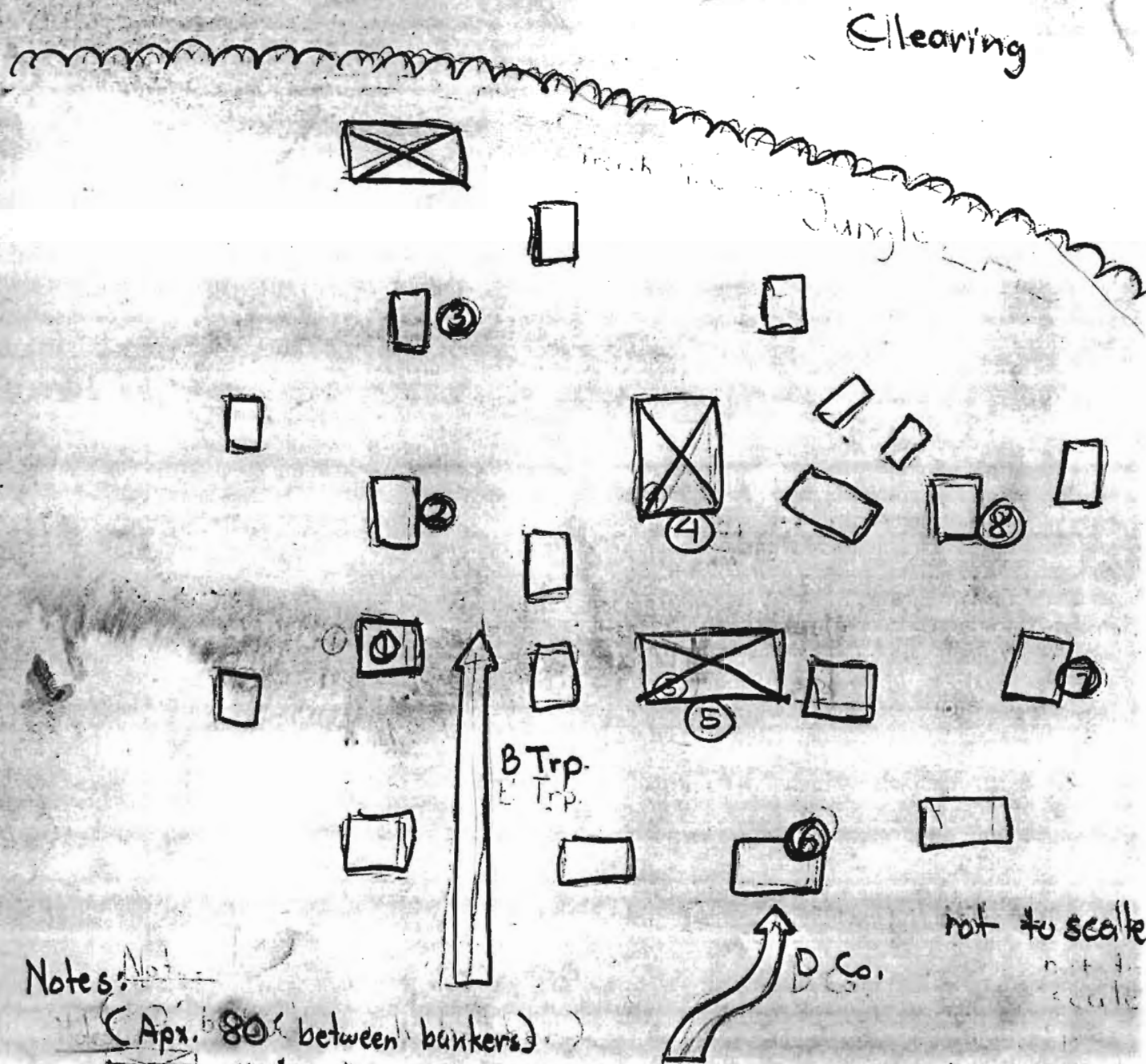
1 VC - nest NVA
VC - ast plat leader - NCO
Several 30 - soaked young, fresh
nails - 22, 24, 27,

Sketch 1 (Movement into area)



- ① B Troop crossed the Suoi Ba Ha at this culvert crossing and proceeded north in column (3rd Plt. on left and 1st Plt. on right).
- ② They drew RPG fire at this point.
- ③ B Troop's tracks "herring boned" while some men searched the bunkers on foot.
- ④ D Company came to this location about an hour after B Troop began searching (1200 hours). They drew fire deployed on line and fired to their front, Suoi Ba Ha.

Sketch 2



Notes:

(Apx. 80' between bunkers)



Huts above ground (40' x 30') These had bunkers beneath



Bunkers underground (15' x 20' x 6')

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| ① 4 NVA KIA | ⑤ Building for political instruction |
| ② 4 NVA KIA, 1 PW | ⑥ Location from which RPG fired |
| ③ 3 NVA KIA | ⑦ 7 PW |
| ④ Building for military instruction | ⑧ 3 PW |