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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96257

ATTN: CA

24 November 1966

SUBJECT: ~~Actual Ambush Report~~ (U)

TO: Commanding General
II Field Force Vietnam
ATTN: G-3
APO SF Forces 96256

FROM: Commander
US Military Assistance Command Vietnam
ATTN:
APO SF Forces 96243

(1) Reference MACV Dir 335-3, dtd 2 Apr 66, Subject: "Reports, Combat Operations After Action Reports (MACV J3-32)," the attached report is herewith submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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A. B. Hull
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Major, Armor
Adjutant

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AMBUSH AFTER ACTION REPORT

1. Type of Action: Convoy Escort.
2. DTG: 211025H Nov 66.
3. Unit(s): Troop C, 1st Sqdn, 11th Armd Cav Regt.
4. Size of Unit: Armed Cav Plat (8 ACAVs from 1/C/1-11, 1 ACAV from 3/A/1-11)
5. Number of Troopers: 45 (not including personnel on trucks of escorted unit)
6. Estimated Viet Cong Forces: 2 VC Main Force Bns.
7. Estimated Number of Viet Cong: 500.
8. Location (6 Digit Coordinates): From YT29098 to YT299097.
9. Casualties:

FRIENDLY

VC

C/1-11

Convoy

* KIA:	<u>3</u>	and	<u>3</u>	<u>28 (BC) 75-100 (FOBS)</u>
MIA:	<u>7</u>	and	<u>unk</u>	<u>unk</u>
MIA:	<u>0</u>	and	<u>0</u>	<u>unk</u>
WPN:	<u>0</u>	and	<u>unk</u>	<u>1-57mm RR, 1-AKA Assault Rifle</u>

10. Short description of unusual losses of personnel, friendly or VC, by number or type, e.g., $\frac{1}{2}$ a unit MIA:

None.

11. Short description of unusual equipment losses, friendly or VC:

From item 9: VC lost 1-57mm RR & 1-AKA47 Assault Rifle. 1/C/1-11 lost two (2) ACAVs destroyed by AT fire. 4 Trucks from escorted unit destroyed.

12. Unit's mission or reason why it was where it was at the time of the ambush: 1st plat Trp C was escorting vehicles and equipment from LONG BINH staging area to XUAN LOC base camp.

13. Crew-served weapons carried by friendly forces:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>Cal .50 MG</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>7.62 M60 MG</u>

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14. Estimate of crew served weapons used by VC:

NUMBER	TYPE
<u>20</u>	<u>60mm Mortars (Ammunition found)</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>81 or 82mm Mortars (1 was seen being fired)</u>
<u>unk (est 5)</u>	<u>75mm RR (3 casings found)</u>
<u>unk (est 6-8)</u>	<u>57mm RR (1 captured)</u>
<u>25</u>	<u>Machine guns all types not incl AKA-47</u>

15. Reinforcements available:

	TYPE	SIZE	DISTANCE	TIME
Artillery	<u>105mm</u>	<u>1-11 How</u>	<u>had to displace</u>	
		<u>3 Lt fire tns</u>		
Air	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>(?)</u>	<u>from Bien Hoa (?)</u>	<u>(?)</u>
Ground Trps	<u>(2 Trp Armd Cav)</u>	<u>and 1 tank Co</u>	<u>25 Km (Approx)</u>	<u>30-40 min max time</u>
Naval	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>

16. Reinforcements used:

	TYPE	SIZE	DISTANCE	TIME
Artillery	<u>None Fired</u>		<u>1/11 How displaced and fired later</u>	
	<u>HU1B Armd</u>	<u>3 Lt fire tns</u>		
Air	<u>Fighters</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>?</u>	<u>?</u>
Ground Trps	<u>Armd Cav</u>	<u>4 Trps</u>	<u>25 Km</u>	<u>Arrived at site approx 30 min after initiation of ambush</u>
Naval	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	

NOTE: Some ARVN Forces used to block.

(est time)

17. What radios were carried by friendly force:

NUMBER	TYPE
<u>2</u>	<u>VRC-12</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>VRC-46</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>VRC-53</u>

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18. With whom did the force have communications?

<u>UNIT OR HQ</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
<u>HQ 1-11 AGR</u>	<u>25 Km (est)</u>

19. Estimated number of small arms rounds fired;

	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>VC</u>
0 - 3	_____	_____
4 - 10	_____	_____
11 - 30	_____	_____
31 - 100	_____	_____
101 - 300	_____	_____
301 - +	<u>20000</u>	<u>10000 (both estimate)</u>

20. Estimated number of rounds fired:

	<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>VC</u>
Grenades	<u>30</u>	<u>200</u>
M-79	<u>225</u>	<u>unknown - some rounds found at ambush site.</u>
60mm Mortar	<u>N/A</u>	<u>75-100</u>
81mm Mortar	<u>N/A</u>	<u>150</u>
57 RR	<u>N/A</u>	<u>50</u>
75 RR	<u>N/A</u>	<u>15</u>
Artillery	<u>Unk</u>	<u>N/A</u>
50 Cal	<u>9000</u>	<u>Unk</u>
7.62mm MG	<u>30000</u>	<u>10000</u>

21. Did the VC use mines? YES X NO _____

How many? UNK What Type? Claymore How emplaced? Side of road

How employed? Against vehicles (600 - 800 ft of blue wire).

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22. Distance at which action was initiated: 10 ft to 25 meters.
23. What was the duration of the fire fight? 25 minutes then mop-up action for remainder of day with sporadic contact.
24. If convoy operation, was air cover provided continuously? YES
25. Why was the engagement broken off?

Reinforcements arrived

Began arriving 30 min (est) after start of ambush.

(type) 3 Tns and C, V, 1 + B Co

Reinforcements on the way

Airstrikes

(type) _____

Friendly resistance stopped

VC stopped shooting and withdrew

211050H Nov (Approx)

(other) _____

26. Generally, what was friendly reaction and behavior?

Stand and fight

Most Definitely

Try to maneuver

Yes

Withdrawal: Organized

None

disorganized None

27. Was the area of the ambush defoliated? No

28. Names of the US advisors/LNO's present: N/A

N/A

29. Attached a scaled diagram indicating the following:

a. Sketch of friendly formation prior to and deployment immediately after initiation of ambush.

b. Sketch of VC deployment and/or maneuver.

c. Target locations of suppressive and supporting fires by type (i.e., UFF, Arty Conc, etc)

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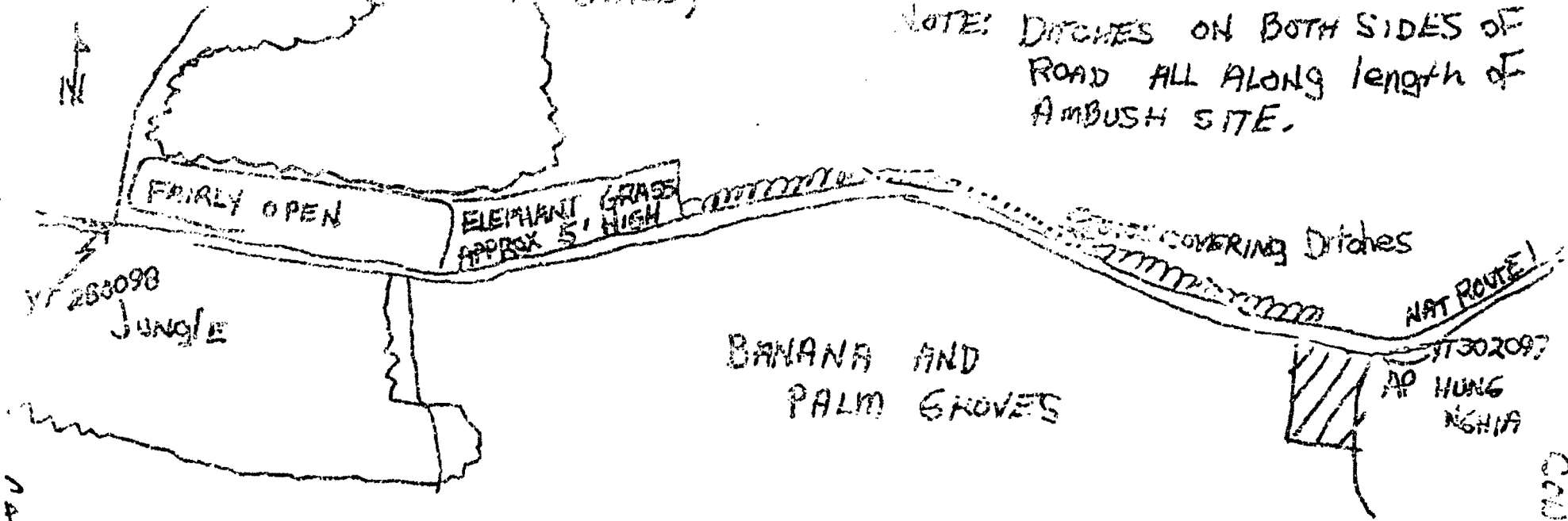
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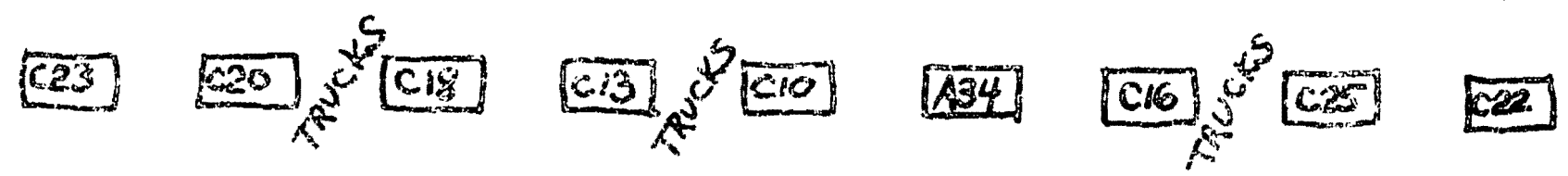
AMBUSH AREA (NOT TO SCALE)

NOTE: DITCHES ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD ALL ALONG length of AMBUSH SITE.



COLUMN ORGANIZATION WHEN AMBUSHED

DIRECTION OF MARCH
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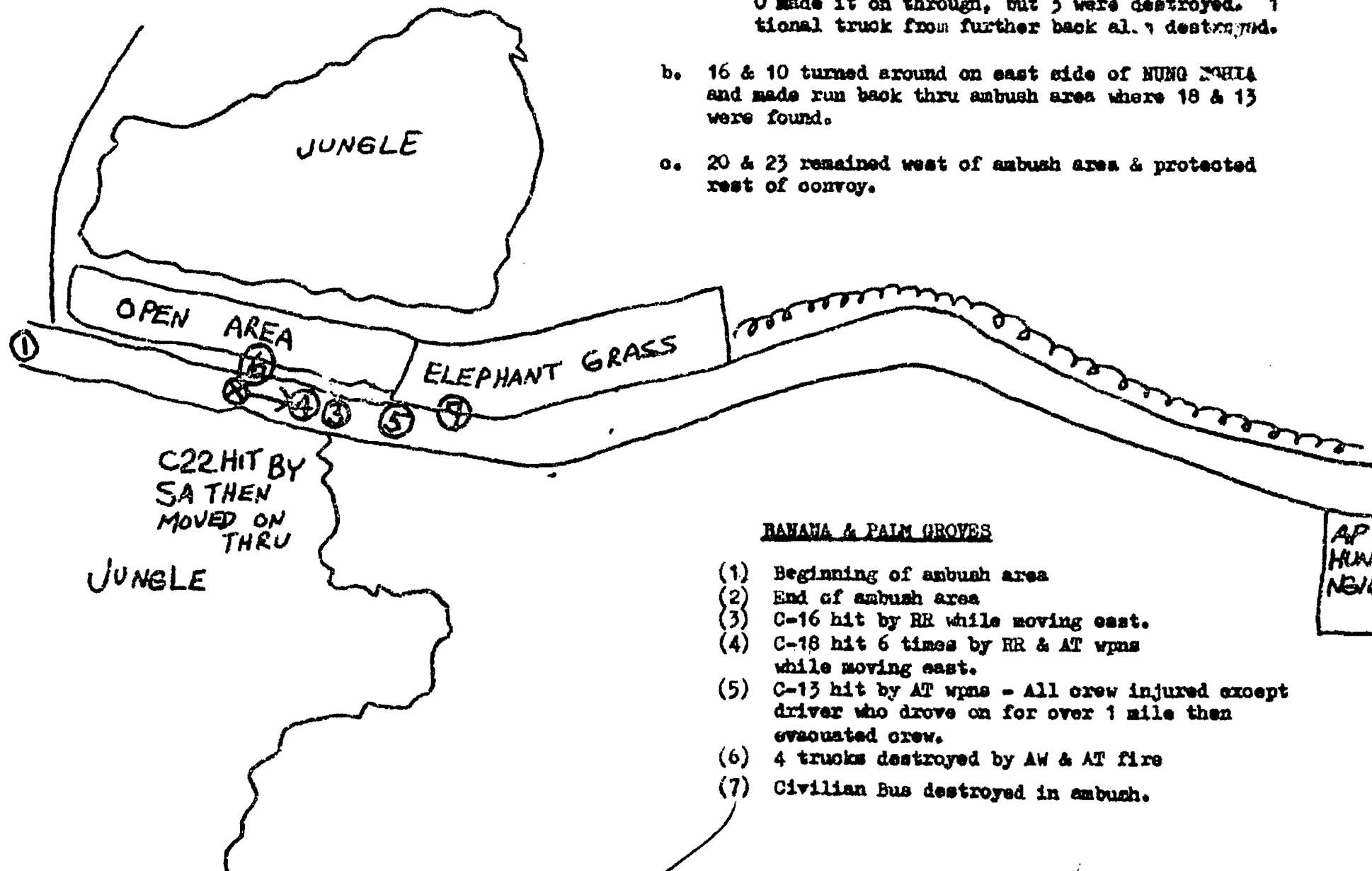
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FRIENDLY ACTIONS

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On 10/25, C25, C24 and trucks between C10 & C25 proceeded out of ambush area. Some trucks between C-13 & C-10 made it on through, but 3 were destroyed. 1 additional truck from further back also destroyed.

- b. 16 & 10 turned around on east side of NUNG NUNGIA and made run back thru ambush area where 18 & 13 were found.
- c. 20 & 23 remained west of ambush area & protected rest of convoy.



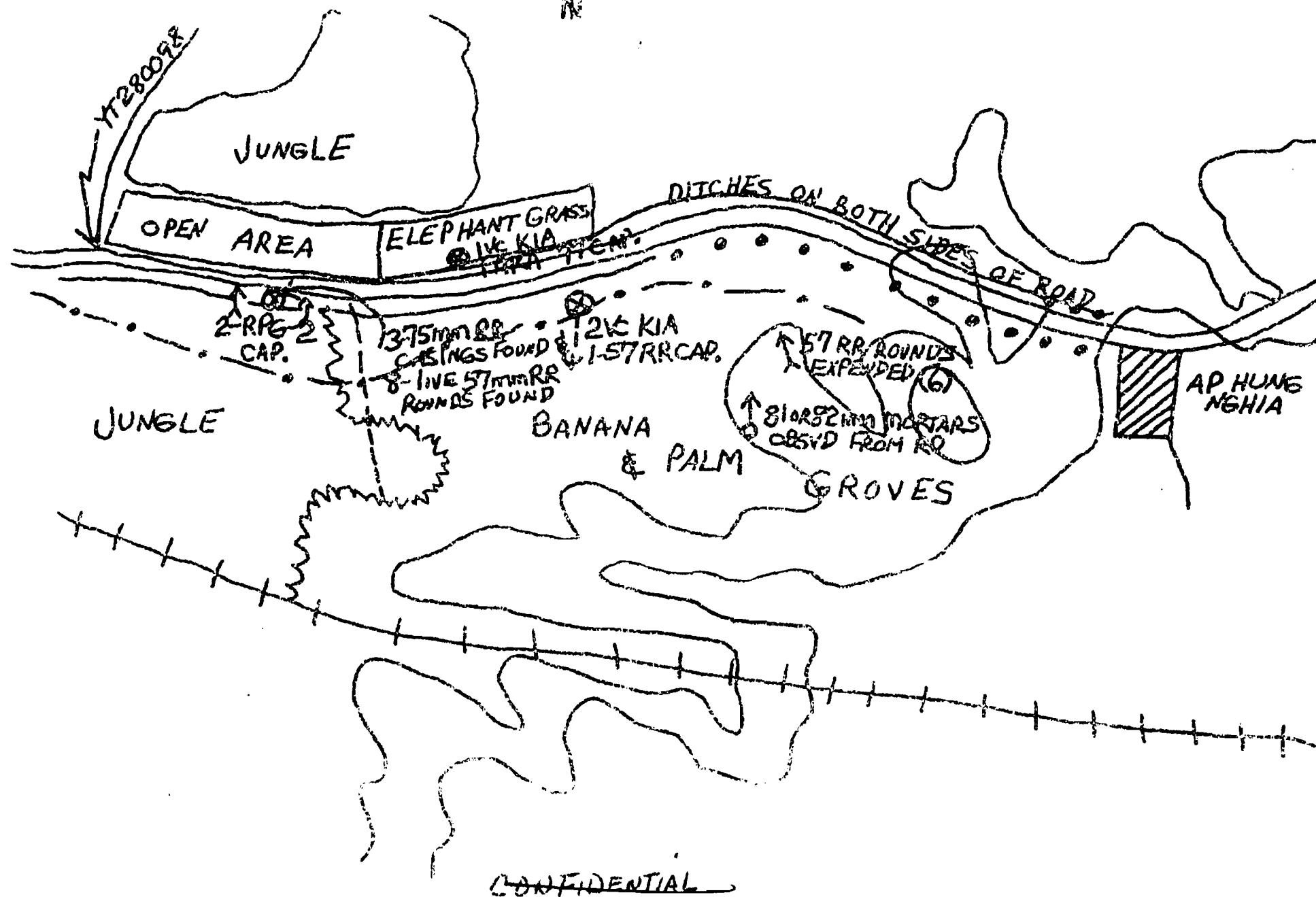
BAHANA & PALM GROVES

- (1) Beginning of ambush area
- (2) End of ambush area
- (3) C-16 hit by RR while moving east.
- (4) C-18 hit 6 times by RR & AT wpns while moving east.
- (5) C-13 hit by AT wpns - All crew injured except driver who drove on for over 1 mile then evacuated crew.
- (6) 4 trucks destroyed by AW & AT fire
- (7) Civilian Bus destroyed in ambush.

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