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SUMMARY (Leave Blank)

This report contains information relative to two American PWs observed by Source in Mar 67 on an infiltration trail in a jungle area of QUANG TRI Province between the BEN HAI and CAM LO Rivers. A physical description of the captives and limited capture data are included. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT. MACV FOR JPRC.

1. Background Information:
- a. Name: SOURCE
 - b. Rank: Sr SGT
 - c. VC/NVA Position and Unit of Assignment:
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d. EPION: SD

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e. Parents' Names: Father, SD
SD Mother,

f. Circumstances of Capture. DATA . Source was on a rice-procuring mission between Hamlet in KOPPOW CHAM Province, CAMBODIA. He was ambushed and captured by the DATA

g. Significant Activities: Between 1957 and 1965, Source received his civilian education at the DT School in his home district. While still attending school in Sep 65, he was drafted into the NVA. From Oct to Dec 65, the DT
DT Div, received basic training in HAOU LAC District, THANH HOA Province, NVN. During the first six months of 1966, Source received SD training. From Jun 66 to 25 Mar 67, the Regt (2500 men) infiltrated as the DATA Area of QUANG TRI Province, RVN. The DATA assumed several subsequent aliases DATA and the during the time that Source remained with the unit until his DCC.

h. Additional References: CNIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; US PW Photo Album, HQ, DT

2. US PW Sighting in QUANG TRI Province, RVN. The following is in response to SIGR D-7CX-49018 (Prisoner of War Intelligence):

a. Circumstances of Sighting:

(1) Location. The sighting occurred sometime during the month of Mar 67 on an infiltration trail between the DEN HAI and CAM LO Rivers. Several hours prior to the sighting, Source's infiltration group DT had crossed the DEN HAI River via manually-operated sampans at a point approximately 200 meters south of Commo-liaison Station 4A (exact loc unk). The first station after the sighting was the B-20 Transportation Station (subordinate to an unknown battalion), which Source estimated to be about five kilometers south of the DEN HAI River, at the foot of what was called the NHUYEN VAN DE (NGUYEENX, VEAN DES) Mountain (exact loc unk). (Interrogator's Note: Extensive attempts were made to retrack Source with no success, because Source was not familiar with any terrain features.)

(2) Source's Mission. At the time of sighting, Source was in the final stages of infiltration with the DT Infil Cp and had just crossed the DMZ into QUANG TRI Province, RVN.

(3) Extent of Sighting. The trail at the point of sighting was only 0.8 meters in width and ran through a jungly, mountainous region. At the time, the infiltration group had stopped to take a rest break. Coincidentally, two American captives and their two guards also decided to take a break at the same time, within a

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low meters of Source's position. The break period lasted for about 30 minutes, during which time Source freely conversed with the two guards and observed the two Americans.

(4) Guards. The two US PWs were accompanied by two (NVA) guards. When moving on foot, one guard preceded the group while the other marched in the rear. Both soldiers were armed with AK-47s and four magazines (120 rounds). They were dressed in the blue cotton NVA uniform (Chicom) and wore a soft canvas jungle hat with a wide brim and of the same blue color as the uniform. Footwear consisted of HO CHI MINH sandals. No rank insignia was worn on the uniforms, and the two guards referred to themselves simply as commo-liaison soldiers. Both were assigned to Commo-liaison Station 4A and had been sent down to the B-20 Transportation Station to pick up the two American captives. According to the guards, they would only accompany the prisoners as far as the 4A Station, where two new guards would further evacuate the captives to Commo-liaison Station 4B, located approximately 15 to 16 kilometers east of 4A near the bank of the BEN HAI River (exact loc unk) (NFI). Neither of the guards was able to speak English. Communication with the PWs was accomplished by means of a printed card given to each PW. The card contained several English-Vietnamese phrases concerning a person's basic needs (e.g., thirst, hunger, and elimination). If the PW needed something, he would point to one of the numbered phrases on the card, from which the guard would read the Vietnamese translation.

b. Description of PWs:

(1) Identification:

(a) PW No 1:

1 Name: Unknown

2 Rank and Branch of Service: Unknown; Source had been told by the guards that both PWs had been tank drivers (NFI).

3 Nationality: American

4 Physical Description:

a Height: 1.75m (Interrogator's Note: The interrogator is 1.77m tall. Source identified the PW as being about 2cm shorter.)

b Weight: 75kg (Interrogator's Note: The interrogator weighs 68kg; Source estimated the interrogator's weight to be 68kg.)

c Color of Hair and Eyes: Hair, dark brown; eyes, blue

d Race: Caucasian

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e Complexion: Unbleached, with a reddish hue; PW appeared to have been slightly overexposed to sunlight

f Hair: Short, approximately 3cm in length; no appearance of balding

g Nose: Long, narrow, and straight

h Scars, Tattoos, Birthmarks: None noticeable

i Build: Heavy, with a noticeable potbelly

j Age: 24 to 25 (Interrogator's Note: The interrogator is 25 years old; Source estimated the interrogator's age to be 29 years.)

k Glasses: None worn

l Rings: PW had one ring on the middle finger of his left hand; the ring was described as a wide, gold band with a large, blue, oval stone set in it; there were printed engravings in the band around the stone which Source was unable to recall

m Watches: None observed

(b) PW No 2:

1 Name: Unknown

2 Rank and Branch of Service: Unknown; as noted under PW No 1, Source only heard that both PWs were tank drivers (NFI).

3 Nationality: American

h Physical Description:

a Height: 1.70m (Interrogator's Note: Source estimated the PW's height in comparison to the interrogator; the same is true of the weight and age estimates.)

b Weight: 79kg (estimate)

c Color of Hair and Eyes: Hair, black; eyes, light brown

d Race: Caucasian

e Complexion: Slightly weathered and pimpled; this was explained by the man

f Hair: Short, approximately 3cm in length; no appearance of balding

g Nose: Long, thin, and hooked in the middle

light-brown hair fell to shoulder length. The three adult males, including the PW, all appeared to be in their early 20's; each wore a suit and necktie. Of the three children, one was a boy less than five years of age; the other two children were girls, possibly between the ages of 10 and 13 (NFI).

2 PW No 2. This PW had five single-person photos as Source recalled. Three of the pictures were of young ladies, one of an elderly man, and one of the PW himself as a civilian. Source was only able to describe the latter photo in which the PW was sporting a yellow shirt with wide, vertical, black stripes; a blue necktie was also worn. The PW's hair in the photo was considerably longer, and he was wearing what was described as round, gold, wire-framed, granny glasses (NFI).

(b) Cigarette Lighters. Each PW carried a wick-type cigarette lighter. The described lighters compared favorably with the standard ZIPPO lighter, though Source was unable to positively confirm the manufacturer's name. Both lighters exhibited an identical metal, engraved, oval insignia on one side of the case. The design consisted of a centrally-located yellow flame flanked on each side by a black snake, the two snakes facing one another above the flame. Below the design was engraved printing which Source was unable to identify.

(5) Capture Data. From his conversation with the guards, Source learned that the two captives had been apprehended the day before (exact date unk; Mar 67) somewhere in the TAIL LAM Area of QUANG TRI Province, RVN. Both PWs were tank drivers for an unidentified unit that had engaged in battle with the K-8 KINH GIANG Bn (NFI). The PWs had fled their destroyed tank(s) in the heat of the battle and were subsequently captured by members of the enemy battalion. At the time of capture, three PWs had actually been apprehended. As evacuation commenced, the third member of the captive group refused to go and was subsequently executed on the spot (NFI).

c. Evacuation Procedures. Source was unable to provide details concerning the procedures of evacuation. He assumed that all travel was done on foot through the commo-liason network to the north. Guards, as previously noted, were provided by the various stations en route. These particular PWs had apparently been permitted to retain most of their personal possessions (NFI).

d. Photo Identification. Source was shown the US PW Photo Album with negative results on a positive identification of either prisoner.

COMMENTS: Source was administered the Cross-Cultural IQ Test and scored average (21). His consistency regarding all queries was unimpaired. The interrogator received the fullest cooperation throughout all interrogation sessions, with the Source frequently volunteering information to the best of his ability. Source's ability in exp reading was noted. This report partially satisfies the requirements of SBR 0-703-49010. Collection action continues.

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