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15. SUMMARY: (C) This report contains limited information relative to two American PWs observed by Source on 10 Oct 70, in BINH DUONG Province, RVN, to include circumstances of sighting, description of PWs, clothing worn by PWs, physical condition, personal information, and resemblances to those in the US PW Photo Album. Both PWs wore the yellow and black 1st Air Cavalry Division patch. THIS IS A BRIGHT LIGHT REPORT MACV FOR JPRC.

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1. (C) Background Information:

- a. Name: DANG CONG GIANG (DEANGV, COONG JANGV), CMIC 0058-71
- b. Rank: PFC
- c. Position and Unit of Assignment: Soldier; 1st Sqd, C-514 Sig Det, SR-5
- d. DPOB: 1949; MY HUNG Village, MY LOC District, NAM HA Province, NVN.

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e. Parents' Names: Father, DANG CONG PHACH (DEANGV, COONG FACHS), living; Mother, unknown, deceased

f. Circumstances of Capture. On 17 Dec 70, Source was on a rice transporting mission between BAU HAM Hamlet, XUAN LOC District, LONG KHANH Province, RVN, and the base camp of the 514th Sig Det, located near the PHUOC THANH area, BINH DUONG Province, RVN (exact location unknown). Source was traveling with seven other men from his unit when he was surprised by an unidentified US unit. Source was the only one captured; he had one AK-47 and 90 rounds of ammunition in his possession at the time of his capture.

g. Significant Activities. Source attended school at his POB from 1961 to 1964, and worked with his parents as a farmer until 1969. He was drafted into the NVA in Oct 69, and underwent basic training in the 2d Sqd, 1st Plat, 2d Co, 1st Bn, unidentified regiment, located in unknown district, ~~TRANG HOA~~ ~~Province~~, NVN. Source finished basic training in Dec 69, and after a 10 day leave, began preparation for infiltration to the RVN. On 10 Dec 69, the 1st and 2d Companies of the 1st Bn were redesignated the 286th Infil Gp; and 400 personnel, including cadre, began infiltration. Source was promoted to PFC in Jan 70. The group walked over the TRUONG SON Mountains into LAOS and ended its infiltration at the B-3 Front (location unknown) in Mar 70. At the B-3 Front, the group rested one week before cadre of the 514th Sig Det came to pick up approximately 10 men. Source did not know the final disposition of the other personnel. Source traveled for approximately one month before arriving at the base camp of the 514th Sig Det located in the PHUOC THANH area of BINH DUONG Province, RVN. Source's sole mission was to transport rice from the BAU HAM arsa, LONG KHANH Province, RVN, for the detachment. Source remained with this unit until his DOC.

h. Additional References: CMIC PW/Rallier Exploitation Guide; US PW Photo Album, Hq, 525th MI Gp, dtd 10 Nov 68

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

a. Circumstances of Sighting. On 10 Oct 70, Source and seven other men from his unit were returning from BAU HAM Hamlet with rice when they passed two US PWs from the 1st Air Cav Div and five guards traveling in the opposite direction (exact location unknown). These two groups passed within a meter of each other and slowed down momentarily to talk. These two Americans were not bound in any way. The five guards were armed with four AK-47s and one K-54 pistol (basic loads unknown). The group walked in single file with two guards to the front, then the two prisoners, and the other three guards following. There was 1.50 meters' distance between each man. From the short conversation between the two groups, Source learned that the guards were from the DONG NAI Regt (NFI), that three of the guards were NVA and the other two were VC, and that the guard with the K-54 pistol was an officer. The guards wore no special uniforms. Source saw these PWs for approximately four minutes and heard one American ask for cigarettes and a drink of water from the transporters in Vietnamese.

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Source discussed the encounter and the resulting conversation with the other carriers, Source was therefore able to obtain information concerning the guards and the prisoners' unit.

b. Description of PWs:

(1) PW No 1:

(a) Name: Unknown

(b) Rank and Branch of Service: Rank unknown; Army

(c) Nationality: US

(d) Physical Description:

Height: 1.60m (Interrogator's Note: Interrogator is 1.70m tall. Source estimated the PW as being 0.10m shorter.)

Weight: 90kg (Interrogator's Note: Interrogator weighs 88kg; Source estimated the interrogator's weight to be 95kg.)

Color of Hair and Eyes: Black; Unknown

Race: Caucasian

Complexion: Light

Hair: Long and straight (Interrogator's Note: Source stated that the hair style of the PW in picture No 97 (NIEHOUSE, DANIEL) in the US PW Photo Album was similar to the hair style of the PW.)

Nose: Long, hooked upwards

Scars, Tattoos, Birthmarks: No distinguishing marks were noticeable on this PW.

Build: Heavy

Age: 19 (Interrogator's Note: Interrogator is 24 years old; Source estimated interrogator's age at 25 or 26.)

Glasses Worn: None

Rings/Watches Worn: None

(2) PW No 2:

(a) Name: Unknown

(b) Rank and Branch of Service: Rank unknown; Army

(c) Nationality: US

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| <p>(d) Physical Description:</p> <p>Height: 1.70m</p> <p>Weight: 70kg</p> <p>Color of Hair and Eyes: Dark brown; Unknown</p> <p>Race: Caucasian</p> <p>Complexion: Ruddy</p> <p>Hair: Long and straight</p> <p>Nose: Long, hooked upwards</p> <p>Scars, Tattoos, Birthmarks: None noticeable</p> <p>Build: Thin</p> <p>Age: 21 (Interrogator's Note: Source estimated this PW's age as two years older than the first PW.)</p> <p>Glasses Worn: None</p> <p>Rings/Watches Worn: One plain, gold, medium-wide wedding band on the ring finger of the left hand</p> <p>(3) Clothing Worn by PWs. Both of the PWs wore green jungle fatigues with the sleeves rolled up and the pants unbloused. Footwear consisted of brown tongs. Both PWs wore the 1st Air Cavalry Division patch on the left shoulder. Source described this patch as having a black horse's head on a yellow background. Above this patch was another thin patch with a yellow background and black printing (NFI). Source noticed no patches on the right shoulder nor any rank insignia on the collars of either PW. Both PWs wore olive-drab T-shirts; neither wore a hat.</p> <p>(4) Physical Condition. Neither of the PWs appeared to be sick or injured.</p> <p>(5) Personal Information. Source heard PW No 1 ask the transporters for cigarettes and a drink of water in Vietnamese. He did not speak Vietnamese well. Source assumed that PW No 2 was married since he wore a wedding type band on his left hand. Source was unable to provide any other personal information concerning the PWs.</p> <p>(6) Capture Data. Source was unable to provide any capture data on either of the PWs.</p> <p>c. Evacuation Procedures. Source knew nothing concerning the evacuation procedures used.</p> | | <p>(Leave Blank)</p> |
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| <p>d. Photo Identification. Source was shown the US PW Photo Album but was unable to make positive identification of either captive. Source, however, did notice a similarity in facial features and hair style between PW No 1 and photo 97 (NIEHOUSE, DANIEL) and a similarity in facial features between PW No 2 and photo No 47 (PYLES, HARLEY B).</p> <p>(C) COMMENTS: Source was administered the Cross-Cultural IQ Test and scored Average (24). He was cooperative throughout the interrogation and answered all questions consistently. Source did not volunteer information, however. This report partially satisfies the requirements of SICR D-7CS-49018. Collection action continues.</p> | | <p><small>(Leave Blank)</small></p> |
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