

Song Be

UNCLASSIFIED

Song Be

784-217

Information:

In late 1975 or early 1976, while Source was working at the Lai Uyen New Economic Zone located near former Bau Bang (V) (see Incl 1), he added to his income by searching the old US and ARVN encampment areas for old military items and equipment to sell. While searching, he discovered a set of human remains, charred pieces of a military uniform and US style jungle boots. The set of remains appeared to be complete and in good condition. While collecting the remains, Source discovered a dogtag and dogtag chain. The name recorded thereon was an American name, but Source paid it little attention, and buried the remains and dogtag on the spot in a shallow grave, under approx three decimeters of dirt. The estimated location of discovery and burial is XT 785481. The grave measured approx one meter square and was located approx 15 or 20 meters from the abandoned railroad track, on a fairly straight line east of km marker number 72 posted on Highway 13.

Source marked the grave with a single stick which he stuck into the dirt covering the grave. Source's younger brother, Nguyen Van Hoa, also was aware of the remains and grave but died at sea in an escape attempt in 1980.

X

Source paid little attention to the incident and name on the dogtag. He stated had he been aware of the importance to the US Government, he would have attempted to recover the remains and bring them out with him on his escape.



