

BIOGRAPHY OF VIETCONG RETURNEE PHAN MAU.

Name: PHAN VIET DUNG

Alias: PHAN MAU

Given Name: BA MAU

Party's name: TRUNG

Ranks and Job Titles:

In North Vietnam: Captain, Commander of 11th Battalion (Arty)
324th Division.

In South Vietnam: Lt. Colonel, Commander of 165th Regiment (Q.12)
Work Site 7.

Date and Place of return: Binh Duong province on May 7th, 1968.

Place and Date of Birth: January 1930, Saigon.

Father and Mother: Mr. Phan Binh and Mrs. Ho Thi Kiem (both dead)

Residential Area: Khanh Hoa province

Religion: None

Marital status: Married, two kids of eight and six years old.

Education Level: VC 8th Grade

Activities during period 1945 thru 1954:

- 1945: Graduated primary school, went to Phu Yen province with family due to the war between France and Vietnam.
- 1946: Member of Armed Propaganda of Region 6. Soldier of Region 6's Main Force Battalion, in Nha Trang.
Reserved Communist Party Member and Assistant Squad Leader.
- 1947: Official Communist Party Member. Attending six-month politico-military course in Region 5.
- 1948: Assigned as Platoon Leader, Region 6
- 1951: Company's Political Commissar, Inter-Region 5.
- 1953: Company Commander.
- 1954: Deputy Battalion Commander until July 20th, 1954.

From 1954 to 1968:

- Dec. 1954: Regrouped to North Vietnam
- 1955: Chief of Staff of Artillery Battalion, 324 Division

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- 1957: Battalion Commander of the above mentioned Arty Battalion
- 1958: Promoted to Captain.
- 1963: Went back to Ha Dong province for training prior to infiltrate into South Vietnam.
Joined Cadre-Agency Team and assigned to Region 6.
- Feb. 1964: Team arrived Region 6. Battalion Commander of Region 6's Main Force Battalion.
- 1965: Chief of Combat and Training Section.
- 1967: Assigned to Work Site 7, Division's Chief of Combat and Training Section.
Deputy Regiment Commander, Work Site 7.
- 1968: Commander of 165 Regiment (Q.12), Work Site 7 until day of return to Government side.

Reasons for having rallied to SVN Government:

- Communism doesn't bring about happiness for people. On the other hand, Communism brings about suffering and distress to the people.
- There is misjudgment among Communist ranks. Labor and Peasant elements are used to be supported by Party, on the other hand, intellectual elements used to be ill-treated because they are stubborn.
- He disagreed the consideration of situation of other Communist officials, especially the consideration of the power of RVNAF and Allied Forces. That's why Communist combat guidances are not just, this leads troops into the path of death. Communist troops and cadres are always nervous because of such situation.
- He believes in Open Arms policy and National Reconciliation of SVN Government.

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