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No. 1829/K23CT/2

REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF VC DOCUMENTS

SUBJECT : Document seized by the 23d Division Tactical Area Intelligence Platoon at DAREAC YV 8448 on 11 August 1966.

The 23d Division Tactical Area noted the following information through the preliminary analysis of the above documents.

Designation of the Infiltration Unit :

The infiltration unit is the entire 84A Regiment. It is very possible that this regiment belongs to the 351st Artillery Division.

- The unit was designated Group 724 during infiltration.
- Group 724 was divided into 3 small groups.

Group 724A, aka d1 : 1st Battalion
Group 724B, aka d2 : 2d Battalion
Group ? , aka d3 : 3d Battalion

Organization of the 84A Regiment :

Composition of the 84A Regiment :

- 1st "Antitank" Recoilless Rifle Battalion composed of the 1st, 2d and 3d Companies.
- 2d "Antitank" Recoilless Rifle Battalion composed of the 4th, 5th and 6th Companies.
- 3d "Antitank" Recoilless Rifle Battalion.
- C10 Signal and Reconnaissance Company of the regiment was designated Unit 5.

Movement Formation during Infiltration :

- Group 724A, composed of the 1st Battalion /84A, and a Reconnaissance element of C10 Company, was the first to move.
- Group 724B, composed of the 2d Battalion/84A, the Regiment headquarters, a Signal platoon and a reconnaissance element of C10 Company, was the second to move.
- Group (?), aka the 3d Battalion/84A, was the last to move.
- The groups of the 84A Regiment moved three days apart.

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Date, Point of Departure and Assembly Area in South Vietnam :

The 84A Regiment departed from North Vietnam in late March 1966. It was subject to air strikes and discovered by the 23d Division Tactical Area intelligence forces on the Darlac border corridor YU.8448, from 5 to 11 August 1966 on its way to Hai Yen (WC cover designation of Western Nam Phan).

Strength of Group 724 : 84A Regiment :

- The 1st Battalion/84A : 724A :

On 1 April 1966 : 445 men
On 13 May 1966 : 426 men
On 30 June 1966 : 386 men

- The 2d Battalion/84A : 724B :

On the basis of the distribution of weapons and ammunition for the battalions subordinate to the regiment, it has the same strength as the 1st Battalion/84A.

- The 3d Battalion/84A : Group (?) :

Same strength as Group 724A and Group 724B.

- CIO Signal and Reconnaissance Company :

The unit had 73 men. Five men of this unit deserted and were sick and left behind at stations along the infiltration corridor.

- The regiment headquarters :

37 men (on the basis of the issue of weapons).

Weapons and Equipment :

- 54 recoilless rifles (issued to 3 battalions, 18 each).
- 18 RPD light machine guns (6 per battalion).
- 206 AK submachine guns (60 per battalion, 18 for CIO Company and 8 for the regiment headquarters).
- 284 CKC rifles (91 for the 1st Battalion, 91 for the 2d Battalion, 88 for the 3d Battalion, 10 for CIO Company and 4 for the regiment headquarters).
- 82 K54's (18 for the 1st Company, 18 for the 2d Company, 17 for the 3d Company, 4 for CIO Company and 25 for the regiment headquarters).

Ammunition : There is ammunition for such weapons as K54's, AK submachine guns, CKC rifles, and RPD light machine guns. However, the document does not list the quantity of recoilless rifle ammunition brought to South Vietnam.

Signal Facilities :

- Two 15w radios
- Twenty 2w radios

Composition and Ranks of 84A Regiment Cadre :

Composition of the 84A Regiment, aka Infiltration Group 724 :

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- 1 Lt Colonel : regiment commander
- 4 Majors : 1 regiment political officer
1 regiment deputy commander
1 regiment chief of staff
1 regiment assistant political officer
- 7 Captains : 1 assistant chief of the regiment political section
1 regiment assistant for signal
1 chief of the regiment rear service section
3 battalion commanders
1 battalion political officer.
- 15 Captains : 3 captains, battalion chiefs of staff
1 captain, chief of Regiment Military Personnel Section
1 captain, staff for Regiment Organization Section
1 captain, staff for Regiment Security Section
1 captain, staff for Regiment Engineer Section
1 captain, staff for Regiment Quartermaster Section
4 captains, battalion executive officers
1 captain, battalion political officers
2 captains, battalion assistant political officers

political officers, regiment doctors, staff members for Youth Section, signal cadre, staff members for Ordnance Section, staff member for Organization Section, etc.,....

- 41 Lieutenants : It is composed of company executive officers and platoon leaders.

- 47 Aspirants : It is composed of platoon leaders and their assistants,

List of names of cadre from the 1st Battalion/84A Regiment, aka 724A Infiltration Group :

- The list of the names of personnel of 724A Group, aka DL, aka the 1st Artillery Battalion. 84A Regiment/351st Division, is fully recorded on the document. The investigation section only records the names and positions of battalion cadre officers.

- Commander of the 1st Battalion : Đỗ Trọng Thu (born in 1925, senior captain from Duy Tiên District, Nam Hà Province)
- Political Officer of the 1st Battalion : Biền Văn Hòa (?) or Hiêm (?) (Senior captain from Thạch Hà District, Hà Tĩnh Province, born in 1924).
- Battalion Executive Officer : Đoàn Ngọc Ba (?) or BI (?) (captain, born in 1925 in Bình Lục District, Nam Hà Province).
- Captain Nguyễn Quang Biền from the 1st Battalion Headquarters.
- Captain Lê Duy Dân from the 1st Battalion Headquarters
- Lieutenant Nguyễn Văn Hách from the 1st Battalion Headquarters
- Lieutenant Phùng Văn Minh from the 1st Battalion Headquarters
- Senior Lieutenant Phạm Xu, Commander of the 1st Company/1st Battalion.
- Senior Lieutenant Đặng Đình Mai, Political Officer of the 1st Company/1st Battalion.
- Lieutenant Nguyễn Văn Minh, Assistant Political Officer of the 1st Company/1st Battalion
- Senior Lieutenant Lê Văn Rich, Commander of the 2d Company/1st Bn
- Lieutenant Mai Xuân Cap, company executive officer of the 2d Company/1st Battalion
- Senior Lieutenant Vũ Mạnh, Political Officer of the 2d Company/1st Bn
- Lieutenant Đặng Quang Trung, Assistant Political Officer of the 2d Company/1st Battalion
- Senior Lieutenant Hoàng Minh Giang, Political Officer of the 3d Company/1st Battalion

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- Senior Lieutenant Nguyen van Huu, Commander of the 3d Company/1st Battalion (he was sick and stayed at the station).
- Lieutenant Vu Quoc Luoc, Company Executive Officer of the 3d Company/1st Battalion
- Lieutenant Truong Ba Ngu, Assistant Political Officer of the 3 Company/1st Battalion
- Sick and missing cadre from 724A Group :

On 19 July 1966, upon arrival at T6 (station T6), 724A Group recorded the number of sick and missing cadre who stayed at the station, totalling 51 men.

Cadre and situation of 724B Group :

- Commander of 724B Group : Nguyen Hop. Since 724B Group was accompanied by C10 Company, the information on a number of cadre of this company is known as follows :

C10 Company Commander : Senior Lieutenant Nguyen Trong Xich
C10 Executive Company Commander : Lieutenant Nguyen Hanh Bach
C10 Assistant Political Officer : Lieutenant Phan Tan Duc
C10 Reconnaissance Platoon Leader : Lieutenant Nguyen Duy Tong
C10 Signal Platoon Leader : Aspirant Phan Gia Le.

On 18 July 1966, 30 cadre including the following from 724B stayed at the station :

Aspirant Truong Quoc Dien
Lieutenant Nguyen van Huu
Lieutenant Phan van Duc (formerly reconnaissance platoon leader).

Remarks by G-2/23d DTA :

a/- According to the statement of rallier Nguyen Dai Nghi, Assistant Platoon Leader of the 2d Platoon/5th Company/2d Battalion, rallying on 10 Aug 1966, at Darlac, YV 8448, 724A and 724B Groups are armed with various types of 66mm recoilless rifles. (The diameter of the barrel is 18 centimeters, the barrel is 4.20 meters in length, the shell measures 1.70 meters [sic] in length including its tail and fin).

b/- According to the order of battle, the 351st Division includes the 84th Regiment, which is armed with 85mm guns.

c/- Rallier Nghi stated that : the regiment commander was NGUYEN BA HAU, political officer : NGUYEN DUY HOP who died on 10 August 1966. The statement may be true, because the document seized may belong to the regiment political officer.

d/- The document mentioned the 84A Regiment, thus in the future, the 84B Regiment/351st Division possibly will infiltrate SVN too. This is based upon the VC infiltration organization discovered by us, for instance the 18A and 18B Regiments, 95A and 95B, 101A and 101B Regiment/325th Division etc....

e/- In the document, names of regiment commanding cadre are not found. However, all details pertaining to ranks, dates enlisted in the Army, battles participated in, family relationships, close friends, positions and dates admitted into the Party of all cadre from the regiment commander to party members are seen.

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This indicates that, the identification cards of regiment cadre might be kept by other personnel or handed to another man by the regiment political officer when the holder of the card dies.

APC. 4074, 18 August 1966

For Brigadier General NGUYEN VAN MANH
Commander of 23th Infantry
Division and 23d DTA
Lieutenant Colonel TRAN VAN DINH
Chief of Staff

(Signed & Sealed)

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