## INTERVIEW WITH VIETNAM WAR PARTICIPANT

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_NGUYEN HANH (GVN)

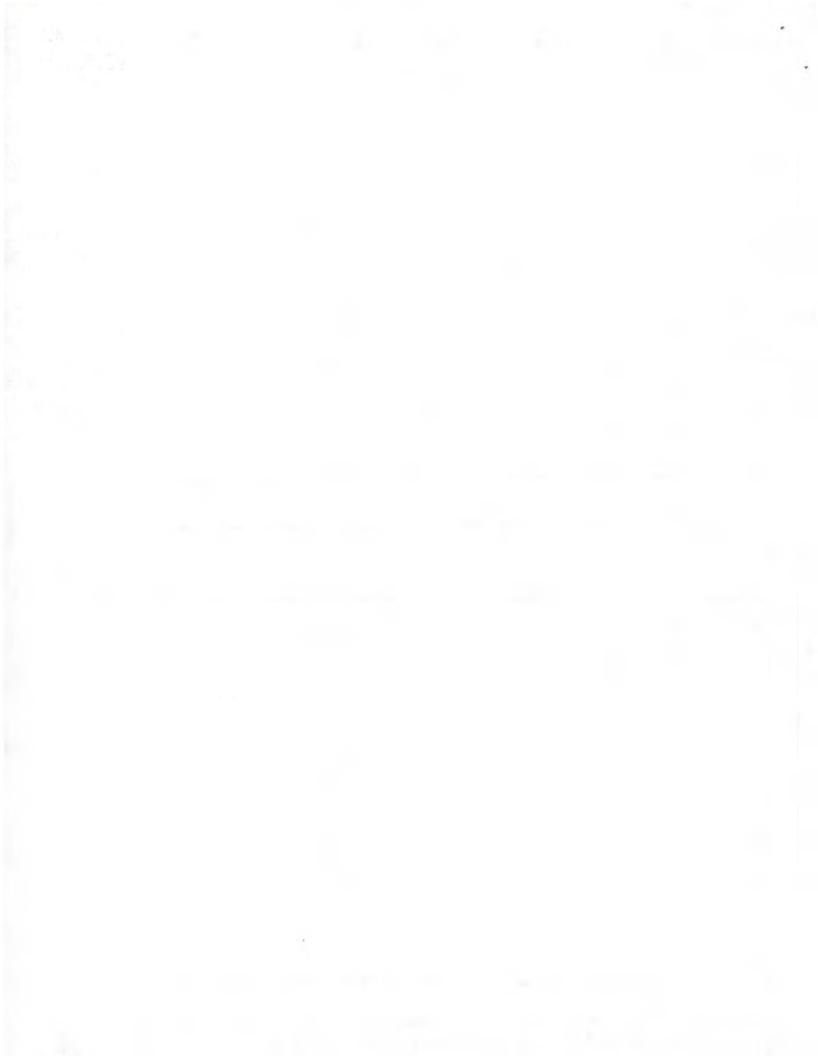
BACKGROUND ARVN Sergeant, Serial No 26-U-69865, captured and taken to

North Vietnam. Released afterwards in Quang-Tri

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# 24 - INTERVIEW WITH NOUVEN HANN

on 13-7-1972 at the Quang Tri Military Security office - Interviewed new stays temporarily at the Phu Vinh Primary School behind the "Quoc Noc" highschool in Nuc.

Subjects recorded on this tape also include conversations of the ARVN troops.

This is a separate interview with Sergeant Hanh, the man who the captured and taken to North VN by the VC's, and then was afterward liberated to return to Quang Tri -

- Q.- Please let us know your curriculum vitae i.e. your full name, your serial number and the unit to which you belong to.
- A.- My name is Nguyen Hanh
- Q .- What is your serial number ?
- A.- 26 U-69 65

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- Q.- What is your unit ?
- A .- Adjutant General, Quang Tri sub-sector.
- Q.- Now old are you Mr. Manh ?
- A.- I am actually 50-year old but my age in the file is 46.
- Q .- Where were you born ?
- A .- I was born at Kien Tao, , Quang Tri
- Q .- How long have you been in the Army ?
- A.- I joined the Army on March 1, 1957.
- 0.- Is it from 1-3-1957 ?
- Q .- Then were you made a Sergeant ?
- A.- In June 1963.
- Q .- Tou were promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 60, right 1
- Q .- Please let us know the place where you were captured ?
- A.- I was captured at Dien Son; I succeeded to escape and fled to Binh Da, but as I saw them there, I planned to come back to Quang Tri; I was captured when I reached Luong Xa.
- .- Please let us know in what case whee you captured ?

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- A.- It was allost 6:00 AM on the 2nd, I was denounced by a little boy.
- Q.- You said the VC's started to attack Quant Tri on the 29th of April. That did you do during that time ? Please tell us.

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- A.- During that time I worked in the Adjutant General Office. I was ordered to evecuate the files to La Vang on the 29th, then I was told to try to reach Cau Dai. I went directly to Cau Dai but could no go any further. I could not go further because the shellings were too intense.
  - Q .- You mean on April 29th you were ordered to nove away with all other personnel of the Adjutant General Office to Bue, but when you reached what bridge ?

A .- The Can Dai bridge.

- Q .- Is that the Trueng Phuoc bridge ? Isn't it?
- A.- Yes, 10 1s.
- Q.- Then you were pinned down by VC's shellings, and all of you turned to is Vang. Then on the 30th, the Adjutant General's convoy reached the Truong Phuce bridge but could not go any further, because it was stopped and attacked by the VC's, isn't it ?Then, what happened next ? Where did you go when you could not get any further ?
- A .- We went back to La Vang again.
- Q .- You returned to Le Vang again, isn't it? Then, what happened on Nay lot ?
- A.- On May let, at 12 o'clock ...
- Q.- 12:00 MM ?
- A .- At 12:00 Am a tank column arrived.
- Q .- At twelve in the afternoon, a tank column arrived. When they arrived did the Adjutant General's convey follow them ?
- A .- We could not run away with them because the trucks could not go further. But, at that time, we accommisselly ran away with them.
- Q .- At that time you automatically dispersed to flee away ?
- A .- Yes, we automatically scattered oursolves and ran away ...
- ----- On April 29, 1972, the Adjutant General Office received the order to move to line; when this Sergeant reached the Truong Phuse bridge, he found himself under 2227885 of VC's shellings; therefore the Adjutant General's convey ran back to La Vang. In the morning of the 30th, it left again for Hae. But upon reaching the place they had been the day before.

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they were again stopped and assaulted by the VC's, so, they once again went back to La Vang. Then, in the morning of May 1, 72, catching the opportunity in which there was a tank column which moved towards Hue, this Sergeant was instructed to tell his men to automatically scatter themselves and find means to reach My Chanh. When Sergeant Hanh reached the Dien Sanh village, he was anyrchended by 4 VC's. ----

G.- The 4 men who captured you were VC's or North Vietnamese troops? A.- They were VC's.

- Q.- After the VC's caught you, they took you towards what direction ?
- A.- In the direction of the Hai Lang district. In the morning, some interest planes arrived, and they shouled aloud to tell us to lie down. When lying down, I crawled away and escaped.
- Q.- When they first arrested you, they took you towards the Hai Lang district direction ?
- A.- Yes.
- g.- Do you remember at what time you were captured ?
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- Q .- Ten in the morning ?
- A .- No, ten in the avening.
- Q .- Did they tie your hands after they seized you ?
- A .- Yes, they did tied me but I succeeded to untie myself.
- Q. They tied your hands when they seized you. Now many people wore captured at the same time with you ?
- A.- I was with many friends but they all fled away because they were afraid of being captured.
- Q .- But, how many persons were captured with you ?
- A .- I was the only one.
- Q .- At that time you were dispersed, so you were the only one that was captured ?

A.- Yes, I an the only one.

Q.- Then they took you towards the Hai Lang district direction ? A.- Yes.

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- Q .- Then, while you were taken away, some planes arrived, and dropped some flares, the VC's were afraid and lay down. They shouted aloud telling everybody to lie down, isn't it ? After you lay down, you untied yourself and crawled away ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- But, after you escaped, could you run away ?
- A .- Yes, after they could not find me and left, I could run away.
- Q .- Where did you run to ?
- A .- I ran to Ben Da.
- Q .- Why were you re-captured after you arrived at Ben Da ?
- A .- When I reached Ben Da I found them everywhere.
- Q .- You mean when you reached Ben Da you found the VC's in all four directions ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- But, generally speaking, were they VC's or North Vietnamese troops ?
- A .- They were North Vietnamese troops.
- Q .- Then you saw that you were surrounded in all directions by the North Vietnamese troops so you could not cross the My Chanh river isn't it ?
- A .- Because I did not know the way.
- Q .- Then you had to run back to Quang Tri, isn't it ?.
- A .- I ran back to Quang Tri and ran to Thuong Xa.
- Q .- On your way back to Quang Tri, when you reached Thuong Ka, you were caught again ?
- A .- That's right.
- Q .- After they captured you, where did they take you in maniphanthan across and where did they imprison you ?
- A .- When they captured ...
- Q .- They caught you at what time ? .
- A.- At almost 6:00AM.
- Q.- When you were re-captured, it was almost 6:00AM on the 2nd, isn't it? Then, after they re-captured you, what places did they take you across ?
- A.- Across the Thuong Xa village. They took me deep into the Thuong Xa village.

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- Q .- Then, that did you do there ?
- A .- I was interrogated there.
- 0.- They interrogated you initially there ?
- A.- They first interrogated me there.
- Q .- Then you stayed there one day or how long ?
- A .- I stayed there until the evening of the 2nd, around midnight.
- Q .- At around midnight, they took you to the mountain by what road ?
- A .- By the Thuong Nguyen road.
- Q.- When you were at Thuong Xa, while they interrogated you, how many self-defense forces troops and regional forces troops didyou meet there ?
- A .- I was alone at that base.
- Q .- You were alone ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q.- Did they undress you and take your uniform and then give you other clothes ?
- A .- No, they took my money only.
- Q .- Were you in uniform or in plain clothes at that time ?
- A .- I was in plain clothes but I wore a jacket.
- Q .- Is that the jacket which preserved you from the cold ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Inside the jacket were a plain shirt and pants. The jacket was over the shirt isn't it ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- What was the first thing they did when they captured you ?
- A .- They took my money.
- Q .- They took the money themselves or they ordered you to give it to them?
- A .- They told me to give it to them.
- 9 .- They told you to give your money to them ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Sow about the other papers and documents ?
- A.- I threw away all my individual papers so they could not catch them.
- Q .- After that, where did they take you to ?
- A .- After that, they took me to Thuong Nguyen.

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- Q .- To Thuong Nguyen to go where ?
- A .- From Thuong Nguyen they took me to Hai Lang district.
- Q .- To their headquarters at Hai Lang district isn't it ? Where did they set up their headquarters at Hai Lang ?
- A .- The Ong Gio cavern.
- Q .- Their headquarters at Hai Lang is the Ong Gio cavern ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- You also do not know that place belongs to what area ?
- A .- No, I don't know what area that place belongs to.
- G.- Then when you arrived at their district headquarters, how long did you stay there ?
- A .- I just stopped over that place only. After they took my curriculum vitae, they took me away.
- Q .- After they interrogated you about your curriculum vitae, how long they left you there ?
- A .- It took them around one hour to get my curriculum vitae.
- Q.- After they interrogated you about your curriculum vitae for about one hour, where did they take you to ?
- A .- They took me to the province.
- Q .- They took you to the province headquarters ?
- A. Yes.
- Q .- Do you know where that province headquarters were located ?
- A .- Yes, at Ba Long
- Q .- At Ba Long ?
- A .- Tes, in the mountainous area of Ba Long.
- Q .- Then you arrived at their province headquarters in the mountainous area of Balong at what time and on what day ?

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A .- On the third.
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- Q .- On the third ? At what time ?
- A .- I don't remember at what time.
- Q .- You do not remember what time it was ?
- A.- Tes.
- Q .- In night time or in daytime ? Was there still some daylights or it was dark already ?
- A .- In the afternoon, at around 5 or 6:00PM.

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- Q.- 5 or 6:00PM on the third. But after you arrived at their province headquarters, what did they ask you to do ?
- A .- They interrogated me.
- G .- They also asky asked you to depose as before, isn't it ?
- Q .- Then after you deposed, did they tell you where you should go?
- A.- To the Jestern area.
- C .- They told you that you must be taken to the prisoners' camp in the Western area ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- The Western area of the Ba Long mountainous area ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q.- How long did you stay in that prisoners' camp ?
- A.- Seven days.
- G .- Was that the Ba Long prisoners' camp ?
- A .- Yes, the mountainous area of Balong, in the western area.
- Q.- Now far was it from the province to the prisoners' camp ? It took you how many days to go there ?
- A .- I forget how many days it took me to go there.
- A .- I was captured on the 1st, on the 3rd I arrived there.
- Q But it was only the province headquarters; when aid you arrived to the prisoners' camp.
- A .- The prisoners' camp was right at the Ba Long mountainous area.
- A.- the Ba Long mountainous area is adjacent to the Laotian boundaries. It is very close to Laos.
- Q .- How long did you stay at that prisoners' camp.
- A. . I stayed there 7 days.
- Q .- There were about how many people who were detained there with you ?
- A.- Around one hundred fifty people.
- ... Do you remember to what arms they belong to ?
- A.- Yes, it is easy for me to remember the arms: regional forces; self-defense corps, main forces, ranger..
- Q.- Self-defense corps, regional forces, ranger and main force. How about the main force troops, to what division most of them belong ?

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A .- I don't know to what division they belong.

- Q .- You mean there were all kinds of arms: self-defense forces, regional forces, infantry, ranger, how about the Marines ?
- A .- The marines were also there too.
- Q.- The marines were there but there were no airborne troops isn't it
- A .- Yes, there were no airborne troops.
- Q .- While they imprisoned you, did they allow you to change your clothes ?
- A.- No, no change in the clothes. When we went outside where there were some women, we also did not change our clothes.
- Q .- During your 7-day detention, how did you feel about the way the communists treat their prisoners ? How did they theat the enemy fighters they captured ?
- A.- The way they theated us was as usual; they obliged us to do some works such as build houses, make doors, dig sweet potatoes etc...
- Q .- When you arrived to that camp, did they ask you to depose again?
- A .- Yes, they did.
- Q .- They asked you to depose again ?
- A .- Yes, deposition again.
- Q .- Did they give you any printed forms for deposition ? -
- A. No, no forms at all, they asked me and I answered.
- Q .- They asked you verbally only ?
- A .- They asked me verbally; after I deposed they told me to sign.
- Q .- After they asked you to depose, did they ask you to study during those 7 days ?
- A .- Yes they allowed me to study for two days.
- Q .- They let you study two days out of those seven days ?

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- A.- Yes.
- A .- Two days but I studied only 2 hours a day.
- Q .- You studied how many hours a day ?

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A .- Only two hours.

.- While deposing, did you tell them you were a sergeant ?

- A.- Yes, I did
- Q.- How ?
- A.- Yes, I told them I was a sergeant. I even told them the date on which I joined the army: March 1, 1957.
- Q .- Do you remember the subject of the study ?
- A.- The subject dealt only with matters such as the US toops are invaders, agressors and so on.
- Q.- That meant they explained their revolutionary policy, wasn't it? They taught you about the clomency of the revolution with regards to people going astray wasn't it ?
- A.- Yes.
- Out they propagandized the victories of the VC's in the South with you ?
- A.- Yes.
- C.- After they propagandized about the victories of the VC's in the South, they asked you to be constious of your responsibility to join the revolution to fight the US and save the country, wasn't it ?
- i.- Yes.
- Q .- How about their asking you to labor 7
- A .- Yes, they asked me to carry rice.
- Q .- When carrying rice, did you go by group of 150 men or by small groups ?
- A .- We went by small groups.
- Q .- Carrying the rice they produced ?
- A.- We carried rice and booked for firewoods.
- 2.- You carried the rice into the jungle and Looked for wood to make a fire and cook ?
- A.- We cooked rice with sweet potatoes and manioc we got from the highlanders.
- .- Each group like that consisted of about how many of our troops and each group had how many VC's guards.
- A .- Each group usually consisted of 20 men.
- C.- How many guards were there ?

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A. - Four guards.

Q .- The North Vietnamese troops or the VC's watched over you ?

A .- The main force troops of their side.

Q .- You mean the North Vietnamese troops ?

A.- Yes.

Q.- Were there any command echelons among the prisoners ? Did you see any officer among the captured people ?

A.- 10.

Q .- You did not see any officer ?

A .- I saw two ranger aspirants.

Q .- Were they jailed with you ?

A.- Yes.

Q .- Besides the two aspirants, did you see any other higher ranking officers ?

A.- No.

Q .- How about the way they treated the officers, non-commissioned officers and troopers, did they have any different criterion or there was only a same criterion ?

A .- They treated the officers differently.

Q .- How was the difference ? How did they treat the officers ?

A .- They treated them almost the same way but the idea was differen

Q .- How was the difference ?

- A .- They seemed to hate them more. They hated the officer and ACO's more than the troops.
- Q .- They hated the officer and NCO's more, but how did they treat them ?
- A .- The treatment was almost the same for everybody.

Q .- Consoling but how about their attitude ?

- A .- They had for them a more grudging attitude.
- Q .- Besides the two aspirants, there were also two officers.

A .- Yes there were two officers.

Q .- Did you hear about any other officer captured somewhere else ?

A .- No.

Q .- You did not hear about any other officer being captured, anywhere else ? Comparation.
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- A.- No.
- 0.- How many other people were detained there with you during those seven days ?
- A.- Tes.
- Q .- During the time they hold you there, there were how many other people who were also detained there with you ?
- A .- There were about one hundred fifty persons.
- Q .- One hundred fifty people, wasn't it ?
- Q .- What was the greatest suffering in the prisoners' camp ? Was that the food or ....
- A.- Yes, it was the food. Everyday we had only 600 grams; some days we got only 300 or 400 grams of rice while we also did not have the sweet potatoes or manioc; sometimes we had enough food and sometimes we did not have enough food.
- Q .- In night time how did they guard you when you slept ?
- A .- There was a guardroom.

Q .- A guards' room but was there any smooth or cemented area ?

- A .- Yes, there was a cemented platform.
- Q .- Was there any barbed wire around it ?
- A .- Yes there were barbed wires but there was also the ...
- Q .- the what ?
- Q .- Was that camp big enough to held 150 mon ?
- A.- Yes, that camp was big but ....it had 6 or 7 houses. All were empty houses with caches. Each house had its own cache.
- Q .- Were there any camouflage around it ?
- A.- Each house had its own cache. Around the cache were trees for camouflaging. At that place even though the trees were not very dense but, high on the planes, one could not see anything below.
- Q .- You found only Vietnamese there, were there any Americans ?
- A .- No, only the Vietnamese, there were no American at all. The same situation with Quang Binh.
- Q.- How was each house, in the camp at might time ? You said you lay on a platform, but how many people at a same place ? Did they manacle you in night time ?
- A.- No, they did not manacle us. We were two or three people at a blace.

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- Q .- There were how many houses, each house was how long and how wide?
- A .- The house was 4.5 meters wide
- Q .- 4.5 meters wide ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Did you see any radio poles ? For assuming the liaison.
- A .- There was no pole in there.
- Q .- Did you have blanket and mosquito-net ?
- A .- No, in the Western area, they did not issued anything to us.
- Q .- At what time they obliged you to go to bed ?
- A.- 6 o'clock. After having our meal at 6 pm they obliged us to go to bed.
- Q .- You went to bed since 6 pm ?
- A .- Yes, at 6 pm after we had our meal we went to bed.
- Q .- You mean about one hour later, you were sleeping
- A .- Yes, we must sleep when it was dark because we had no light at all.
- Q .- Did you use candles ?
- A.- No, nothing at all. When it was too cold, we lit some small fire but they did not allow us to light anything.
- Q .- Can you let us know what was the schedule for your day in their prisoners! camp ? What time did you wake up in the morning ?
- A .- We started working since 7:30 am.
- Q .- What time did you wake up ?
- A.- 6 am.
- Q .- After waking up, you cooked some rice ?
- A .- Yes, when we cooked, they were there ?
- Q .- They cooled?
- A .- Yes, because they said they were supposed to give us foods.
- Q .- They cooked themselves ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- You ate at around 6:30 am ?
- Q .- You worked from 7:30 am till what time ?Did they assemble you to assign you with your work ?
- A .- Yes, they assembled everybody to assign us to our cell leaders.

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- Q .- While you went to work like that, was the guard good to you; did he tried to threaten you or did he inquire or question our fighters about life in this area?
- A.- He did not ask anything. He walked silently. The men who walked ahead must walk straight, if not, he would thunder away at us.
- Q.- You said each house held mahant about 20 men thus, they probably had many houses. 150 men required many houses.
- A.- They had many small houses. But at that place, people in each camp must stay in their own camp; no question of jumping from one camp or house to another one.
- Q .- You mean one could not go from one house to another ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- When you went to cut the trees, did they issue machetes to you ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- They issued to each one of you how many machetes ?
- A .- For eachcell of five, they issued two machetes. We cut the trees in turn.
- Q .- They issued no axee to you ?
- A .- No, only machetes and knife, no ax.
- Q .- What do you mean ?
- A .- I mean the machetes.
- Q .- Then you work from 7:30 am until what time ?
- A.- Until 11 o' clock.
- Q .- You rested for how long before you ate your meal ?
- A .- We came back at 11 am and ate our meal at 11:30 am.
- Q .- You started working from 7:30 am, wasn't it ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- From your living quarters to your working place, wasit very far ?
- A .- Around one click. Sometimes more than one click.
- Q .- You ate on the spot, wasn't it ?
- A.- No we went back to the camp to eat.

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- Q.- After dating your meal, you rested for how long before resuming your work ?
  - A.- We restall for two house and came back to work.
- Q .- During these two hours rest, could you relam or do whith you want ?
- A.- Yos, we could do what we santed.
- Q .- Then, you continued to work Antil 6 pm ?
- Q .- Concerning those sessions of study, can you tell us how was a sussion of sobdy organized ?
- A .- In the morning, when we came back to work, they would lot the call leasers know that to-morrow they must assemble all the calls for studying surposes.
- Q .- You studied sail by cell but not altogether ?
- A.- No, we studyed altogether. When one cell announced that we had a session of study the next day, then, on that next day, asserthant everybody would gather together inside a house to study.
- Q .- Who conducted the session of study ?
- A.- Yes, we had a commander the was an officer.
- Q .- Was that man a Worth Vietnamese ?
- A.- 90% of them were North Victnamered.
- Q.- In those descions of study, how did the prisoners bit, and how did the commany stand ? How was his sttitude with regards to the audience.
- A.- His desk was at the other side of the room. We were not allowed to talk while studying. When he gave us 5 minutes to rest, we went to drink some water or smoke or want to the tellet, but we must let him lines.
- Q.- Did you troop the colors bafore the opening of the section ? A.- No.
- Q .- How old was that moun londer ?
- A .- Around 40 and more.
- Q.- After each sessions of study, did you have to shout shoul anything or express any determination ? Wid they oblige you to do so. After talking to you bout such or such subject, did the sam told you to shout sloud your determination or speak out your opinion or not ?

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- A .- No, he compelled each one of us to voice our opinion. When we did not voice our opinion, he would ask cach one of us.
- C.- At the time for enunciating one's opinion, he would permit those who willingly raised their hands, wasn't it ? Or he just pointed at each one of you ?
- A.- He pointed at each men. If no one wanted to voice his opinion when the time for do bccame, he would point at each one of the men who were there. All of them, without any exception.
- Q .- He pointed at everybody present ?
- A .- Yes, everybody has to speak.
- Q.- In case he pointed at you, what would you my after the political lesson which he taught on that day ?
- Q.- What lesson did you study on that day, and how did he compel you to voice your opinion ?
- A.- I would say that the Americans are invaders, agressors and so on.
- Q .- That was the question he asked you ?
- A.- The question was :" what did the US aggressors plan to do in this area 1. e. in the South?
- Q.- How did you answer ?
- A.- I answered accordingly to them
- Q .- That did he say ?
- A.- He spoke only after we've studied.
- Q .- did he what in the study session ?
- A.- He said the US aggressors planned to take South Vietnam to use it a stepping stone to attack Laos and Cambodia and other countries.
- Q.- In such study sessions, had someone ever stood up to show a protesting attitude or to say that what the command r said wasn't right ?
- A.- Never.
- Q .- Suppose that someone acted like that, what would you think ?
- A.- If such a thing supposedly happens, I would not pay attention to it.
- Q .- After you stayed there seven days, they called you up one by one, right ?

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- Q.- You better tell the truth; you should depose today the way you did yesterday. Your deposition has to be?cleareut one. After you stayed there 7 days, what happened to you next?
   A.- After 7 days, they brought me to North Vietnam.
- Q .- They called your name to take you to the North ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Besides yourself, how many other people were also taken to North Vietnam with you ?
- A.- 150.
- Q .- Besides yourself, there were about 150 other people who also went to North Vietnam with you in that phase?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- When the VC's took you away and said they were taking you to North Vietnam, do you remember by what ways and through what ways they had taken you ?
- A .- Tes, we crossed the Ben Hai river.
- R .- Please repeat what you said yesterday; initially you left that place to go where ?
- A .- To the Western area.
- Q .- Yesterday you said you went through a certain place called "Cua", please repeat it.
- A.- I went through "Cua", through the Ho Chi Minh trail, then I crossed the Ben Hai river.
- Q .- Did you remember what portion of the Ben Mai river you've crossed ?
- A .- We crossed the Ber Hai river at a short cut at the end of which was a mountain.
- Q .- How big was that portion of the river ?:
- A .- About 15 or 20 meters only.
- Q .- That portion of the river was around 15-20 meters, right ? A.- Yes.
- Q .- Were the trees and bushes on the two riversides very dense ?
- A .- Yes, very dense.
- Q .- Were there people living on the riversides ?

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- Q .- Was the land around that riverside filled with red pepbles, white stones or ?
- A .- There were stones.
- Q .- Blue stones ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- When you crossed the Ben Hai river did you see any mountain on your right or left side ?
- A .- There were lot of mountains.
- Q .- Were they very close ?
- A .- No, very far.
- Q.- Far, but the mountains were located in the Eastern or Western direction ?
- A .- In the Western direction.
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- A .- We went through "Cua" and the Ho chi Minh trail.
- Q .- How do you like the portion of the Ho Chi Minh trail you've passed by; can you describe it ?
- A .- There was inside the No Chi Minh trail a large ditch, after we crossed that ditch, we went straight ahead for another 2 clicks when we reached the actual No Chi Minh trail.
- Q .- How was the Ho Chi Minh trail ? Was it level, was it paved with stones or asphalt ?
- A.- No, no stone or asphalt pavement at all. Some bridges on it were destroyed by bombings and were repaired with additional wooden ladders. Without such additional wooden ladders their trucks would not be able to go through.
- Q .- How could you know that it was the Ho Chi Minh trail ?
- A .- I heard them say so.
- Q .- Other people said that ?
- A .- Yes, those who went with me said that.
- 9.- When taking you to North estume Vietnam in a column like that, did they tie your hands ?
- A .- No, they did not the our hands. How could we run away at that place ?
- Q .- Did you go with the other fellows of yesterday ?

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- A .- No, I was taken there before them.
- C.- According to you the VC's took you to North Vietnam after you stayed in that prisoners' camp 7 days. They took you away from that camp which was located at the Western direction of Ba Long. So, it took you how long to reach the prisoners' camp in the Worth ?
- A.- It took us about 12 days. But when my group went there, I got sick so they left me behind at a certain place for one month and one day. I arrived to North Vietnam after one month.
- Q .- You went for how many days when they told you to stay behind 2: for one month ?
- A .- No, one wonth was from the time I was seized, i.e. from the 2nd.
- 2.- Less the 7 days you spent at Ba Long ?
- A .- Including those 7 days too, one wonth altogether.
- Q .- You walked unceasingly 7
- A .- Wes, we walked unceasingly, but we stopped for studying and re-started again. One long month. When we arrived there, we studied.
- Q .- You walked about how many clicks ?
- A.- 10 clicks.
- Q .- The first day you walked about 10 clicks then you stopped ?
- A .- Yes, for studying purperes.
- Q .- That did you study ?
- A .- We studied about the revolutionary policy.
- Q .- You kept on studying on your way to the North ?
- A.- Yes we studied, but at that time I was sick and could not go; they were very angry and compelled everybody to stop to study; as for me I was sick and lay there.
- Q .- That's a point. station. You were sick at the station you've stopped for studying ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Did you hear people say what station was it ?
- A .- Tes, it was a medical station.
- Q .- Nodical station but what number ?

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- A .- It was a medical station but now they've left.
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- A.- There were some highlanders coming back and forth but there was no rice.
- Q .- You started to go to the North at 7 am, right ?
- A.- Tes.
- G .- You welked until what time when you reached the halting area ?
- A .- I walked ustil 6:30.
- Q.- 6:30 pm ?
- A.+ Yes.
- Q .- You travelled until 6:30 pm whom you stopped at that first point. But on your way, did you meet with any North Vistnamese troops moving towards the South ?
- A. Yes, I did.
- Q .- You met about how many of them ?
- A .- About 30 of them.
- Q .- You met 30 troops moving towards the South, then, on that day you met only those 30 people ?
- A.- Ies.
- Q .- Did you meet any of their types of vehicles ?
- A.- No, I didn't.
- Q .- You arrived at that halting place at 6 pm and stayed there for now long ?
- A .- 3 or 4 days.
- Q .- The road you took was a large one or a shall one ?
- A .- It was only a small trail. I was sick so I lay down. Some other people studied and some went to carry rice. We studied the 10-point policy of the Revolutionary Provisional Government of South Visinan.
- Q .- You studied one hour in the sorning and one hour in the afternoon 7
- A.- Yes. ton.

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Q.- What time did you start in the morning ?

- A.- In the morning we sometimes started to study at 8 am mometimes at 9 am. We studied only when the commander ordered us to do so.
- Q.- Bid they base themselves on any criterion when they classified you and divided you into groups like that, or they just did that indifferently ? Did they divided you by classes such as the farmer's class, the worker's class or the trader's class ?
- A.- No, they just divided us into 10-men groups.
- .- but, in cells just like that, the main force troops stayed separately and the regional forces troops stayed apart?
- A .- No they were all mixed up.
- Q.- Please let us know when you were divided into groups of 10 men, who was assigned or elected cell leader. If the cell leader was elected how was the election ?
- A.- I have said that we were divided into 10-men groups and the commander said each group shall elect its cell leader.
- Q.- The organization into cells was proposed by the prisoners or it was carried out by the VC's with lists readily made ?
- A.- Yes, they had lists of ten men then they allowed those ten men to elect their own cell leader.
- Q .- That election of cell leaders took how long ? How many hours ?
- A.- Only one hour.
- Q .- By voting, right ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- You were permitted to raise your hands ?
- A.- 105.
- Q.- You were permitted to stay in that halting place for how long and when did you resume your walk ?
- A.- 4 days.
- 9.- What do you mean by 4 days. What did they do at the end of the fourth day ?
- A .- They told us to walk a distance and they told us to come back.
- C .- They ordered you to go, but for how long when they told you to retrace your steps ? -

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- A.- We walked until the afternoon when we were ordered to come back on our steps.
- Q .- You returned to that old camp ?
- A .- Tes, because at that time some aircraft came to attack.
- C .- What was the way of living in that camp ?
- A .- We assembled three times a day.
- Q .- How about the houses ? How about lodging and feeding ?
- A.- We slept on the ground. Sometimes we slept near the fence.
- Q .- You slept on the earth floor ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- How was the earth at that time, was it dry or wet ?
- A .- The earth was dry but it was very very bad on rainy nights because we were all wet and soiled.
- Q.- At that camp, when looking at the traces left on the ground one could know whether that was a place where the enemy often used or, it was only a temporary station used for your group only. If the grasses are dead, this means.
- A .- I think there were probabbly people coming back and forth there.
- Q .- The highest tree at that place was about how many meters high ?
- Q .- How many people could put their arms round such a tree ?
- A.- 2 people.
- Q .- Were there many trees and bushes ?
- A .- There were many.
- Q .- What were the types of trees that grew in that place, can you remember ?
- A .- The "doc" tree.
- Q .- That means that place belongs to the jungle area ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- How about the bushes, were they numerous ?
- A .- They were very few.

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- Q .- How about the problem of water at that place, where could they get the water ?
- A .- They took water from the river.
- Q .- Was it very near from that place to the river ?
- A .- The river was located at about 300 meters.
- Q .- The river was in the Eastern, Western, Southern or Northern direction ?
- A .- In the Northern direction.
- Q .- Do you know the name of that river ?
- A.- I don't.
- Q .- Were there hills and mountains around that place ?
- A .- Tes, there are.
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- A .- Alling mountains.
- Q .- How big wassthermon were the mountains ?
- A .- Very big.
- Q .- The mountains were in the Western or Northern direction ? In the direction of the sunrise or the sunset ?
- A .- In the direction of the sunset.
- 9.- After you were pinned down there for one day because of aircraft's attacks in the Northern direction, the next day you resumed your walk ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- You walked at one gulp for how long ?
- A .- We walked at one go until the evening when we stopped.
- Q.- A little beyond the place of yesterday, the point at which you returned ?
- A.- This time we did not take that same read. We returned because the aircraft attacked. We had a reconnaissance team of 2 men who went ahead and came back to warn us that the aircraft were there. So we returned but took another path.
- Q .- They went from the Western direction and turned to the Northern direction or what ?
- A .- They still kept the Western direction but they took another path.
- Q .- How was that other path, was it larger, wider ?

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- A.- This time the path was very difficult to take. It was not a regular road like the former one. This second path was very hard to advance.
- Q .- Hard to advance but you saw that it was a new path ?
- A .- Yes, it was.
- Q .- The second path you took had no traces on it ?
- A.- No.
- Q .- Did you advance across the jungle ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q.- The place you rested on that day showed that many other people had passed by it. How about the grasses around it, were they dead ?
- A.- Yes, some were.
- Q .- Comparing the second resting place to the first one, which one was larger ?
- A .- The former one was larger.
- Q .- Did this new place have big trees ?
- A .- No, the trees were smaller.
- Q .- How hig was the biggest thee there ?
- A .- The highest tree measured around 1.70 meters or 1.60 meters.
- Q .- About 1.70 or 1.60 meters high ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- How about the width, how many people could put their arms round it ?
- A .- No, not so big as 2 or 3 people could put their arms round it
- Q .- About 1 person ?
- A.- Not up to 2 persons. But in the former place there were trees or 2 people could put their arms round.
- Q .- What did you do the following day ?
- A .- We continued our merch.
- 9.- The whole journey, from the prisoners' camp in the western part of Balong to the place you crossed the river, took you how long ?
- A .- It took me one month to arrive to Quang Binh .
- Q .- One month from the moment you were taken prisoner ?
- A .- Yes, one month from my being capture to that moment.

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- Q.- You crossed the river how many days after you left the Ba Long camp. 3 or 4 days after ?
- A .- You mean I travelled along the riverside.
- Q .- The rivers you've crossed.
- A .- There were too many of them.
- About how many of them, approximately ?
- A.- About 3 or 4.
- Q.- Both large and small rivers; not counting the springs or fords. You crossed by bridges or you forded them.
  A.- 30 rivers.
- G.- From Ba Long to Quang Binh, at the place they kept you, how many rivers have you crossed altogether ?
- A.- 13 or 14 of them.
- Q. From Ba Long ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q.- Upon your arrival at Quang Binh, how did you kike the questions of housing and feeding ? How was their prisoners' organization ?
- A.- ----
- Q.- Please tell us the last camp was about how large ? 1 or 2 acres ?
- A .- Tes, about that
- Q .- Was it surrounded by a barbed wire fence ?
- A.- Yes, it was.
- Q .- Was it a bamboo fence or a barbed wire one ?
- A.- A bamboo fence.
- Q .- How many houses were there; how many thatched houses ?
- 4.- About 20 thatch-houses, in the garden and outside the garden.
- G .- They probably set that camp inside a jungle area, right ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Were the trees high or low ?
- A.- Low.
- Q.- There were about how many houses in that camp ?
- A.- Some have 7- partitions, some have 4 martitions and some have 3 partitions.
- ".- How many houses ?

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Q .- Inside the garden ?

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Q .- Did you see people living around there ?

- A.- No.
- Q .- Were there any field fortifications and trenches in that camp ?
- A .- Trenches were everywhere; even the houses had trenches.
- Q .- The houses were covered with what material ?
- A .- With thatch.
- Q .- Did the houses have partition walls ?
- A .- No partition walls, only fence.
- Q .- Were there beds inside the houses for the prisoners ?
- A .- No, two men shared a mattreasurement reed mat.
- Q .- Was it a big mat ? Was it enough for two ?
- A .- It was a narrow and small mat.
- Q .- Were there any mosquito-nets ?
- A.- No.
- Q .- Did the mosquitoes bite you in night time ?
- A .- Yes, they did.
- Q .- Did you change your clothes there ?
- A .- No, no change of we were issued two other sets.
- Q .- What color ?
- A.- Blue.
- Q.- Azureblue or green ?
- A .- Dark azureblue.
- Q .- They gave two sets of clothes to each one of you ?
- A.- One short-sleeved shirtaand a short and one long-sleeved shirt and a trousers.
- Q .- The shirt had some pockets ?
- A .- Only one pocket.
- Q .- Both the short and long-sleeved shirts have one packet ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Did they take your shoes ?
- A .- No, they didn't.
- Q .- They allowed you to wear shoes ?
- A .- Yes, but we took off our shoes to go to cut the wood.
- Q .- You took off your shoes ?

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- A.- We took off our shoes and left them home.
- Q.- Was that camp close to a river ?
- A.- Very close, at a distance of around 20 meters.
- Q.- The river was in the Northern or Southern direction ?
- A.- It was in the western direction.
- .- The river was in the western direction ?
- A.- Yes.
- 2.- Did the water in the river flow or it remained stagnant ?
- A.- It was flowing.
- Q.- It was flowing towards the Northern, Southern or Eastern direction ?
- A .- It was flowing towards the eastern direction.
- Q .- How many days did you spend there before they liberated you ? A.- 15 days.
- Q .- You spent all those 15 days in that camp ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- The other people did not fall sick ?
- A.- No, but if they fell sick they also stayed in the camp and had medicines.
- 9.- Did you hear about another group of around 140-150 men, who were splitted into small groups, and trusted to various families of the local people, so that those families could manage them, and watch over them ?
- A .- Yes, there was a group of more than one hundred people who went to work at Binh Chat.
- Q.- Was that group a different group ?
- A.- That was a different group. When I left that group arrived. Then they went to Binh Chat to work the day before the day I left.
- Q .- How many other people remained there ?
- A .- Those who fell sick remained there.
- Q .- The other 100 people also remained there ?
- A.- Yes, those 100 people also stayed there.
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- A.- 100 people.
- Q .- Your 100 people and the group of 150 people were two different groups ?

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- A .- Yes, two different groups but they stayed very near from each other. They came when I left, they lived with the people in the people's houses and did not live in the camp.
- Q .- They stay with the local inhabitants and did not stay in . the camp.
- A.- At first they stayed in the camp, then they went to live with the local inhabitants. They went to live with the local people only after they achieved their works at Binh Chat That was the group of section chiefs of yesterday.
- Q .- As for you, you were not permitted to live with the local inhabitants ?
- A .- No, because I was sick and did not go to work.
- Q .- When they caught you just like when they captured the other people, did they search your bodies ?
- A .- Yes, they did.
- Q .- When they received the order to liberate you, they took you through the old itinerary or ?
- A .- We returned along the seaside. I started to roturn on the 17th and arrived at the village on the 20th.
- Q .- That village ?
- A .- The Dau Canh village at Truong Phong.
- Q .- When they liberated you and while they were taking you back, did they maintain the rate of 5 or 6 of them to keep 1 prisoned or not ?
- A .- No, only one of them.
- Q .- One of them took you back ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Did they issue to you any kind of paper ?
- A .- Yes, they issued me a paper wearing no seal.
- Q .- They issued a piece of paper to each one of you.
- Q .- Did they ever check and ask you to produce that pass ?
- A.- No because one of them took us back so they did not ask for our papers.
- Q .- When you almost arrived to your homeplace, did they take that paper back from you ?
- A .- When I came back to my home place I reported to the area chief who took that paper and issued me another one.

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- C.- According to you, among the people who were captured and liberated like you, do you feel that any of them could be entrusted with a mission by the enemy or not ?
- A.- They did not give any of us any mission; they only said that upon returning to our places, we must not re-join the army.
  - But, they told us that they want us to work hard to earn our living. If they happen to catch us again as soldiers, they will punish us.

Q.- On your way home were you shelled or bombed by our forces ? A.- No.

Q .- You went home in daytime or night time ?

A.- We want in day time but when the landscape was too clear, we went by night.

Q .- When the site was clear you went by night ?

- A.- Yes, if the situation seemed critical they compelled us to run; at about a few clicks from our home places they told us to run.
- Q .- While they took our prisoners back to this side of the Ben Hai, did they took them through villages out there ?
- A .- Yes, they did, and we not with people living in those village
- Q.- Did the people in those villages come out to insult our soldiers ?
- A.- No, but after we crossed the Ben Hai river, they seemed to have pity of the people. While in the North they were very cold and did not say anything.
- Q.- In the North, on the other side of the Ben Hai, how did you like the way of living of people overthere ?
- A.- Life was very hard there. There were not much food because everything were sold by lists and tickets and people could buy only a limited amount. When they sold something, they registered such thing in their books.

Q .- Did you see many people children there ?

A .- No, very few children.

C .- What age ? If you saw them, to what class of age they belong?

A.- 4-5 years old. I did not see any 1-year old or newborn.

Q .- Did you see any youth ?

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- A .- No, I saw no youth but I saw many young girls.
- Q .- Were they in great number ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- Were they armed ?
- A .- Some were armed, someother held books.
- Q .- How were they dressed ?
- A .- They wore black shirt, black pants and rifles.
- Q .- They wore turbans, chignons or covered their heads with kerchiefs?
- A .- They used kerchiefs.
- Q .- What type of weapons they had 7
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- But what kind of weapon ?
- A.- AK's, CKC's.
- Q .- Or carbine ?
- A .- No only AK's.
- Q .- The papers on which you deposed, did they ask you to print your fingerprints on them ?
- A .- They asked me to sign.
- Q.- They asked you to give them your curriculum vitae how many times altogether ?
- A.- 9 or 10 times. From our side to their side, they asked me to do so everywhere.
- Q .- They asked you to give your curriculum vitae everywhere ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- How many times did you have to write down and how many times they just asked you orally ?
- A .- They took notes themselves.
- Q .- They asked and took notes only ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- How many times did you have to write yourself ?
- A .- Two times. When I was captured and at the time I was about to be liberated.
- Q .- At the time you were freed ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- While you were captured and held as prisoner overthere, what
  - did you hear about the? Situations at Quang Tri and Hue ?

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A.- They said that our troops came to fight them but they won, in Hue and at Quang Tri. They said the price of a bowl of salt was 500% and one hundred kilos of rice costed some 15000% or 25000%.

C .- They told you so ?

- A.- Yes.
- Q.- They talked to you about that or they turned on the radio to let you hear ?
- A.- They spoke to us as we talk to each other. They said they wanted to take Hue but were afraid too many of our people would die. The people were mixed with the troops so they could not get Hue. After the civilians were all gone, they would take Hue.
- Q.- When you went back and forth, did you see any tank ?
- A.- Yes, I did but not many of them. At some places I saw two, three, or five; at some other places I saw 7 of them.
- Q. Were those tKenks ?
- A.- 705.
- Q .- Now about the Nolotova trucks ?
- A.- Only one or two. There were lot of tanks on the Ho Chi Minh trail. I did not count so I did not know, but there were many tanks there.
- Q .- The tanks ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- You net many of them ?
- A .- Many of them on the Ro Chi Minh trail.
- Q .- Have you seen many tanks that were still operating ?
- A .- I saw two or there of them.
- Q .- Were there any troops behind them ?
- A.- No, their tanks had no troops behind; they only carried weapons and ammunitions.
- Q.- Carging weapons and ammunitions were the Molotova trucks ? The 6-wheel-trucks ?
- A.- Yes.
- Q .- By groups of one or two ? They went by daytime or nightime ?
- A .- By night time because in daytime the aircraft stopped them.
- Q .- Was that on the Ho Chi Minh trail ?
- A .- Yes. The other roads were constantly harassed by the aircraft. Sometimes they could not have sumplies and had no

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- Q .- What was their reaction whenever the aircraft came ?
- A .- Everybody lay in the camp by their orders.
- 9 .- What did they re-act to fight back the aircraft ?
- A .- They fired at the aircraft with their AK's.
- Q.- Did you see or hear bigger guns or explosions caused by their rockets ?
- A.- No.

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- Q.- When they took you out there, it took you and them a long time, but when they liberated you, from that station to this side, how long did it take you ?
- A.- I started to return on the 17th and arrived on the 20th.
- Q.- That-is-to-say it took you only three days ?
- A .- Yes, three days and two nights.

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