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COUNTRY SOUTH VIETNAM

DOI MID-FEBRUARY 1967

SUBJECT SIGHTING OF A GROUP OF EIGHT U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR
IN BA TO DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM

AGO VIETNAM, SAIGON (13 MARCH 1973)

SOURCE

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1. IN MID FEBRUARY 1967 AT ABOUT 1100 HOURS, [REDACTED] OBSERVED, FROM A DISTANCE OF TWO METERS, A GROUP OF EIGHT U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR (POW) BEING MOVED ALONG A TRAIL IN THE YUC LIEN MOUNTAIN AREA (BS659389), BA TO DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM (SVN). [REDACTED] GAVE THE DATE OF HIS OBSERVATION AS THE FOURTH DAY OF THE FIRST MONTH BY THE LUNAR CALENDAR, THIS WOULD MAKE THE DATE ABOUT MID FEBRUARY 1967 ON THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR.) THE POWS, ESCORTED BY FOUR ARMED VIET CONG (VC) SOLDIERS, WERE HEADING NORTH. THEY STOPPED FOR LUNCH ON THE TRAIL BUT BUU CONTINUED ON WITHOUT CONVERSING WITH THE VC SOLDIERS. [REDACTED] QUESTIONED HIS COMMO/LIAISON GUIDES, WHO HAD TALKED TO THE POWS ESCORTS. THE GUIDES TOLD HIM THE ESCORTS SAID THAT THE POWS HAD BEEN CAPTURED IN AN AMBUSH THE PREVIOUS

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MONTH AT PHO TRANG VILLAGE, ABOUT SIX KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DUC PHO HELIPORT, DUC PHO DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, BY A UNIT OF THE 3RD NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) DIVISION, AND THAT MORE THAN 20 MEN IN THE POWS UNIT HAD BEEN KILLED AT THAT TIME.

2. ALL OF THE POWS WORE GREEN FATIGUE UNIFORMS. SOME OF THEM WORE COMBAT BOOTS AND OTHERS WORE RUBBER CLOGS, SOME WERE BARE HEADED AND SOME WORE JUNGLE HATS, ALL OF THE POWS APPEARED TO BE IN BAD HEALTH, BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO WALK AND HAD NO VISIBLE WOUNDS, TWO WERE NEGROES AND THE OTHERS WERE CAUCASIANS, THE OLDEST LOOKING MAN IN THE GROUP WAS A NEGRO, WHO APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 34 YEARS OLD.

[REDACTED] WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANY OF THE POWS FROM THE ALBUM OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSING AND CAPTURED PERSONNEL IN SEA.)

3. [REDACTED] THE FOLLOWING IS THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATION OF THE REPORT: JCRC RECORDS INDICATE THIS REPORT POSSIBLY DESCRIBES SIGHTING OF 1ST SERGEANT EDWARD GUILLORY, U.S. ARMY, THE AGE DESCRIPTION OF A NEGRO ABOUT 34 YEARS OLD FITS GUILLORY? GUILLORY WAS

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MISSING IN ACTION 8 JUNE 1967 IN THE VICINITY OF BS310110
NEAR THE LOCATION OF THIS REPORTED SIGHTING (BS659389),
ADDITIONALLY, COMUSMACV (CMIC) IR6029107171, DATED 19 NOVEMBER
1971, CONTAINS INFORMATION IDENTIFYING GUILLORY ALIVE AND
IN LAOS IN JUNE 1970.)

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8. FIELD DISSEMI DEFENSE ATTACHE FOR JCRC REPRESENTATIVE
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