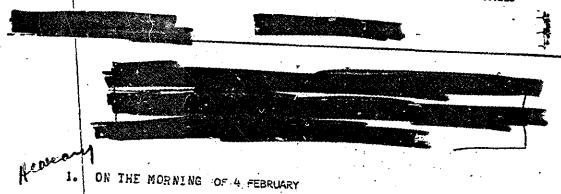


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CAPTURED A UNITED STATES ARMY MEDIC AND SERGEANT SOURIGE ABOUT FOUR KILCHETERS EAST OF LANG VEI, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE TWO MEN HAD GONE ON PATEOL WITH 13 OTHER MEMBERS OF BV 33 AND BOTH HAD BEEN WOUNDED SERIOUSLY IN THE LOWER LEFT LEG WHEN NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AMBUSHED THE PATROL. THE OTHERS ESCAPED.

2. ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDIC, A SERGEANT, HAD ARRIVED AT LANG VEI ABOUT 2 FEBRUARY. HE WAS ABOUT SIX FEET TWO INCHES TALL, WEIGHED 200 POUNDS, AND HAD LIGHT BLUE EYES, LIGHT EROWN HAIR IN A CREW CUT AND A MOUSTACHE. HE WAS BETWEEN 20 AND 30 YEARS OLD.

3. ON 6 FEBRUARY NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS ATTACKED A POSITION AT XD 790358 HELD BY 12 UNITED STATES ARMY AND 300 SOUTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS. BY 7 FEBRUARY EIGHT OF THE AMERICAN AND 50 OF THE SOUTH

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VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAD WITHDRAWN TO A POSITION AT XD 798361 HELD
BY THREE UNITED STATES ARMY AND 466 BV 33 TROOPS AMONG WHOM WAS
TWO OF THE 12 AMERICANS HAD BEEN KILLED AND TWO OF THEM, A MEDIC AND
AN INFANTRYMAN, HAD BEEN CAPTURED. A MAJORITY OF THE 366 SOUTH
VIETNAMESE HAD ALSO BEEN CAPTURED. AT 1662 HOURS HELICOPTERS BEGAN
EVACUATING THE MEN FROM THE XD 798361 POSITION. WHEN ONLY 156
BV 33 TROOPS REMAINED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTACKED, DISPERSED THE
BV 33 TROOPS AND TOOK THE POSITION. AT 1966 HOURS

BV 33 TROOPS WERE CAPTURED BY 15 NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS
AT XD 800367. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TOOK THEIR CAPTIVES ALONG A

TRAIL THROUGH KD 812360 AND XD 830360 TO XD 890345 WHERE THERE WERE
ABOUT 100 NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AND KEPT THEM THERE FOR THE
NIGHT. AT ONG THE WAY 13 MORE BV 33 CAPTIVES HAD BEEN TURNED OVER
TO THE > NORTH VIETNAMESE GUARDS.

4. ON 8 FEBRUARY THE CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN ON A TRAIL
THROUGH X') 926333 AND XD 926316 TO XD 939282. ALONG THE WAY

16 MORE BY 33 CAPTIVES WERE ADDED TO THE GROUP. ONE OF THE GUARDS
CARRIED A FIELD TELEPHONE AND USED IT ABOUT SIX TIMES AFTER

CONNECTING IT WITH UNE OF FOUR TELEPHONE LINES RUNNING ALONG THE

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GROUND BY THE TRAIL.

- 5. XD 939282 WAS A CONTROL POINT FOR FOOT TRAFFIC FROM NORTH VIETNAM THROUGH LAOS TO SOUTH VIETNAM. AT THAT POINT THE TRAIL CROSSED A SMALL STREAM. A DENSE FOREST CANOPY COVERED THE AREA. THERE WERE ABOUT 20 UNOCCUPIED TWO-MAN HUTS ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF THE TRAIL. ALONG THE WEST SIDE WERE SEVERAL PILES OF AMMUNITION FOR HEAVY WEAPONS AND FOR SMALL ARMS.
- ARMS IN GROUPS OF ABOUT FIVE AND PLACED IN A PIT A HALF METER DEEP AND FIVE METERS SQUARE WITH A PONCHO SPREAD OVER IT TWO METERS ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.
- 7. ON THE MORNING OF 9 FEBRUARY THE WERE TAKEN OUT OF
- BEEN CAPTURED WITH HIM ON 4 FEBRUARY WAS STILL IN THE PIT AT THE TIME HE WAS TAKEN OUT. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIC WAS IN RELATIVELY GOOD CONDITION ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT WALK. HE HAD RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND WAS BEING FED AND TREATED WELL.
 - 9. NONE OF THE OTHER BY 33 PRISONERS SAW THE AMERICAN MEDIC.

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10. THE 15 NORTH VIETNAMESE GUARDS TOOK THE BV 33

FROM THE XD 939282 AREA AT 0600 HOURS ON

9 FEBRUARY. THREE HOURS AFTER THEY LEFT, SAW FOUR AIRCRAFT

STRIKE THE VICTION OF XD 939282 BUT COULD NOT TELL WHAT DAMAGE

THEY DID. THE GROUP WENT BY WAY OF XD 950260, XD 960240,

XD 980180, XD 980140, XD 970090, XD 960270 AND XD 92000 TO

XD 928053 WHERE THEY SPENT THE NIGHT. THE NEXT DAY THE GROUP

CONTINUED ON THROUGH XD 897180 AND XD 939162 TO XD 887157.

THE SEW 33 CAPTIVES WERE PLACED IN A TEMPORARY DETENTION CAMP

AT XD 867157 WHERE THERE WERE ALREADY ABOUT 260 SOUTH VIETNAMESE

SQLDIERS, 16 BV 33 SOLDIERS AND ONE UNITED STATES ARMY SOLDIER.

A SECOND UNITED STATES ARMY SOLDIER WAS BROUGHT TO THE CAMP ON 12

PEBRUARY. HEARD LATER THAT THE TWO AMERICANS, A MEDIC AND

AN INFANTRYMAN, ESCAPED FROM THE CAMP ON 15 FEBRUARY.

11. ON 23 FEBRUARY ALL THE BV 33 CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN FROM .

THE CAMP AT XD 887157 TO XD 550130 WERE THEY REMAINED FOR FOUR DAYS. EN ROUTE THREE BV 33 TROOPS CAPTURED NEAR HOUEL SANE (XD 647357) WERE ADDED TO THE GROUP. FROM XD 550130 THE

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CAPTIVES WERE TAKEN TO A PATHET LAC DETENTION CAMP AT WD.

959271, ARRIVING ON 4 MARCH. ON 13 APRIL

ESCAPED. THEY SEPARATED ON 14 APRIL AFTER BEING FIRED

UPON BY FIVE PATHET LAC AT WD 876329. MADE HIS WAY WEST AND

JOINED THE FAR TROOPS AT BAN PHON BOK (WD 396424) ON 16 APRIL.

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