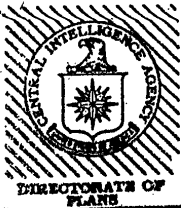


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COUNTRY CAMBODIA/ SOUTH VIETNAM
DOI JANUARY-15 AUGUST 1970
SUBJECT POW CAMPS FOR ALLIED PRISONERS IN CAMBODIA
SUBORDINATE TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM--
PROBLEMS CREATED FOR THE CAMPS AND HOSPITALS IN THE
AREA BY ALLIED MILITARY ACTION

ACQ VIETNAM, SAIGON /21 JANUARY 1971/ []

SOURCE [] NORTH
VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ SERGEANT ASSIGNED TO THE
[] REAR SERVICES
GROUP /RSG/, SUBORDINATE TO THE REAR SERVICES STAFF
DEPARTMENT, HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH VIETNAMESE LIBERATION
ARMY /SVNLA/, WHO RALLIED TO CAMBODIAN TROOPS []
SEPTEMBER 1970 []

[] HE BECAME A
PROBATIONARY PARTY MEMBER [] DECEMBER 1967 AND A
FULL MEMBER [] OCTOBER 1968. [] JOINED THE NVA
[] DECEMBER 1967 []

[] HIS UNIT
BEGAN INFILTRATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA []
[] MARCH 1968 AND ARRIVED IN KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE,

PW / ALLIED POLICE
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CAMBODIA, IN SEPTEMBER 1968. IN OCTOBER 1968, []
ATTENDED THE H.11 SAPPER TRAINING SCHOOL AND UPON
GRADUATION WAS ASSIGNED TO THE [] RSG. []

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SUMMARY. A PRISONER OF WAR /POW/ CAMP FOR ALLIED PRISONERS WAS
LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF KRABAS VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG
CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA, AS OF AUGUST 1970. TWELVE U.S. PRISONERS
AND 24 ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM /ARVN/ PRISONERS, WHO HAD
BEEN CAPTURED BY ELEMENTS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY /NVA/ 5TH,
7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS, WERE DETAINED IN THE CAMP. THE CAMP WAS
ADMINISTERED BY THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP, WHICH HAD TWO COMPANIES AND
SIX TANKS ASSIGNED TO IT. ON 7 JANUARY 1970 FOUR U.S. POW'S AND 70
WOUNDED NVA SOLDIERS WERE TRANSFERRED FROM A POW CAMP NEAR KRAVIEN
VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT. THE 50TH REAR SERVICES GROUP /RSG/ HANDLED
THEIR TRANSFER TO THE 300TH RSG IN KRATIE PROVINCE, WHICH WOULD TAKE
OVER THEIR PASSAGE TO NORTH VIETNAM /NVN/. DURING MARCH 1970 THREE
CAMPS FOR ALLIED POW'S WERE MOVED FROM THE VICINITY OF KRAVIEN VILLAGE
TO A LOCATION NORTH OF THE CHHLONG RIVER BECAUSE OF AIR STRIKES,
WHICH HAD KILLED APPROXIMATELY 870 NVA TROOPS ASSIGNED TO THE D.250
NVA CONVALESCENT REGIMENT AND HAD KILLED AND WOUNDED STAFF MEMBERS
OF THE K.52 HOSPITAL. D.52 HOSPITAL AND THREE OTHER HOSPITALS WERE
MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS. A PRISON FOR UNDISCIPLINED NVA TROOPS WAS
ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. A POW CAMP FOR ALLIED PRISONERS WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY
OF KRABAS VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE, CAMBODIA.
THIS INSTALLATION, CODED KA 2, WAS LOCATED AT XU278188. []
[] VISITED THIS INSTALLATION ON THREE OCCASIONS, THE LAST TIME
ON 15 AUGUST 1970 WHEN HE OBSERVED 12 U.S. PRISONERS, INCLUDING TWO
NEGROS, AND 24 ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM /ARVN/ PRISONERS IN
DETENTION. THE U.S. PRISONERS WERE INFANTRYMEN WHO HAD BEEN CAPTURED

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BY ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 5TH, 7TH AND 9TH DIVISIONS. THERE WERE NO WOUNDED PRISONERS IN THE POW CAMP.

2. THE POW CAMP WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP, WHICH WAS DEPLOYED NEAR KRABAS VILLAGE IN THE VICINITY OF XU310188. /FIELD COMMENT--THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP IS ALSO KNOWN AS J-16, AKA UNIT 429, AKA SAPPER COMMAND, HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH VIETNAMESE LIBERATION ARMY /SVNLA/, CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM /COSVN/. THE 429TH SAPPER GROUP HAD TWO COMPANIES AND SIX TANKS ASSIGNED TO IT. /FIELD COMMENT-- KNEW OF THESE TANKS BECAUSE ONE OF HIS DUTIES WAS TO PURCHASE GASOLINE FOR THE TANKS./ THE TANKS HAD BEEN CAPTURED FROM U. S. FORCES AND WERE OPERATED BY NVA PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN TRAINED AT THE VINH PHUC TRAINING CENTER, VINH PHUC PROVINCE, NVN.

3. THE POW ENCLOSURE CONSISTED OF SEVEN STRUCTURES, ONE HOUSED U.S. PRISONERS, TWO WERE FOR ARVN PRISONERS, THREE FOR THE GUARDS, AND ONE MESS HALL. THESE BUILDINGS WERE APPROXIMATELY 3 METERS HIGH WITH ABOUT 1/2 METER OF CONSTRUCTION UNDERGROUND AND WERE GUARDED BY ROUGHLY 40 GUARDS. SIX OR SEVEN OF THE GUARDS WERE DISABLED VETERANS AND THE OTHERS WERE CLASSIFIED AS BEING IN A3 PHYSICAL CONDITION, SOMETHING LESS THAN THE NORMAL STANDARD. THE POW CAMP WAS PROTECTED BY MINE AND GRENADE FIELDS WHICH ENCIRCLED IT. PRIOR TO 1970, PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED 4 CAMBODIAN RIELS PER DAY FOR FOOD. /THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE IS 55.5 TO US\$1.00./ IN 1970, THIS ALLOWANCE WAS RAISED TO 6 RIELS PER DAY. A STANDARD MEAL CONSISTED OF RICE, VEGETABLES AND FISH. THE PRISONERS RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL RATION OF PORK OR BEEF TWICE A WEEK.

4. ON 7 JANUARY 1970, OBSERVED FOUR U.S. POW'S AND 70 NVA WOUNDED SOLDIERS BEING TRANSFERRED FROM A POW LOCATION NEAR ROAD BRIDGE NO. 48 AND KRAVIEN VILLAGE, MIMOT DISTRICT, KOMPONG CHAM PROVINCE. THE 50TH RSG, WHICH WAS DEPLOYED IN MIMOT DISTRICT, HANDLED THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AND THE TRANSFER OF THE POW'S AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS TO THE 300TH RSG WHICH OPERATED IN KRATIE PROVINCE,

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CAMBODIA, AND WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THE MEN TO NVN.
/SOURCE COMMENT-- IN JULY 1970, THE 50TH RSG STOPPED MOVING POW'S AND
NVA WOUNDED BECAUSE OF HEAVY LOSSES ALONG THE TRAILS./

5. DURING MARCH 1970, BECAUSE OF AIR STRIKES THREE CAMPS FOR
ALLIED POW'S WERE MOVED FROM THE VICINITY OF KRAVIEN VILLAGE TO A
LOCATION NORTH OF THE CHHLONG RIVER WITHIN THE SQUARE FORMED BY
COORDINATES XU310230, XU340230, XU310220, AND XU340220. THESE AIR
STRIKES KILLED APPROXIMATELY 870 NVA TROOPS ASSIGNED TO THE D.250
NVA CONVALESCENT REGIMENT AND KILLED 12 AND WOUNDED EIGHT STAFF
MEMBERS OF THE K.52 HOSPITAL. HOSPITALS K.70, D.71A, D.71B AND
D.52 WERE LIKEWISE MOVED TO NEW LOCATIONS. A PRISON FOR
UNDISCIPLINED NVA TROOPS WAS ALSO LOCATED IN THIS GENERAL AREA.
THE THREE POW CAMPS FOR ALLIED PRISONERS, THE NVA PRISON AND THE
FOUR CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS ALL FELL UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
50TH RSG.

6. FIELD DISSEM-- STATE, USMACV, USAID, CORDS, DIR/JUSPAO
/MR. NICKEL ONLY/, 7TH AIR FORCE, USARV, NAVFORV, 525TH MI GP.
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