

NORTHERN VIETNAM

DOI: 16 JUNE 1976 - DECEMBER 1980

SOURCE: [REDACTED]

TEXT: 1. FROM 16 JUNE 1976 TO 18 SEPTEMBER 1978 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT CAMP-1 OF INTER-CAMP-2 IN HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. CAMP-1, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SON LA REEDUCATION CAMP, WAS LOCATED NEAR PHU LUONG VILLAGE, PHU YEN DISTRICT, HOANG LIEN SON PROVINCE, ABOUT 16 KILOMETERS (KMS) NORTHWEST OF PHU YEN DISTRICT TOWN AND ABOUT 80 KMS FROM NGHIA LO DISTRICT.

2. BEFORE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT BEGAN TO MOVE PRISONERS TO CAMP-1, THIS FACILITY HELD FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS CAPTURED DURING THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE, AND OTHER ARVN PERSONNEL CAPTURED IN LOWER LAOS, IN KHE SANH IN 1971 AND DURING THE MUA HE DO LUA CAMPAIGN OF 1972. THERE WERE ALSO THAI PRISONERS AT CAMP-1.

3. CAMP -1 CONSISTED OF THREE ZONES WITH ABOUT 200 PRISONERS PER ZONE. THERE WERE ABOUT 550 FORMER ARVN LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND 50 ARVN MAJORS IMPRISONED AT CAMP-1. THE ZONES WERE DIVIDED INTO LABOR CELLS OF 20 TO 60 PRISONERS EACH. CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS NGUYEN VAN ((THUAN)) AND DINH VAN ((THUAN)), AND BUDDHIST CHAPLAIN THICH THANH ((LONG)) WERE INCARCERATED AT THIS FACILITY.

4. AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN UNIT OF THE 776TH GROUP IN YEN BAI ADMINISTERED THE CAMP. PAVN SENIOR CAPTAIN ((QUI)) WAS CAMP COMMANDER. A STAFF OF ABOUT ONE PAVN COMPANY OF OFFICERS AND MEN WERE DETAILED TO THE CAMP. [REDACTED] COMMENT: CURRENT INFORMATION IS LACKING ON THE PAVN 776 GROUP.)

5. THERE WAS A DISPENSARY MANNED BY FORMER ARVN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS IN ZONE 1. THIS DISPENSARY WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO INTER-CAMP-2 HEADQUARTERS. ARVN PRISONERS FROM ALL THE REEDUCATION CAMPS WITHIN THE INTER-CAMP-2 WERE SENT TO THIS DISPENSARY FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

6. CAMP-1 COMMUNICATED WITH INTER-CAMP-2 AND GROUP 171 WITH A RADIO TRANSMITTER OF UNKNOWN MAKE. CAMP-1 OF INTER-CAMP-2 WAS TURNED OVER TO PHU YEN DISTRICT AS AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1978.

7. FROM 13 SEPTEMBER 1978 TO DECEMBER 1980 THERE WERE NO AMERICANS AT ZONE B OF NAM HA REEDUCATION CAMP IN HA NAM NINH PROVINCE, NORTHERN VIETNAM. THIS CAMP WAS LOCATED MORE THAN 30 KMS SOUTHEAST OF PHU LY DISTRICT TOWN IN HA NAM NINH.

8. THE NAM HA CAMP CONSISTED OF ZONES A AND B, AND WAS ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (BNV). A STAFF OF ABOUT 250 BNV CADRE AND MEN WERE ASSIGNED TO THE CAMP. [REDACTED] COMMENT: OTHER SOURCES REPORTED THAT NAM HA CONSISTED OF ZONES A, B AND C. [REDACTED] WAS NOT AWARE OF A ZONE C.) ZONE B WAS COMMANDED BY A BNV SENIOR CAPTAIN (LNU) ((NGUYET)). ZONE A DETAINED COLONEL AND GENERAL GRADE OFFICERS AS WELL AS HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM OFFICIALS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.

9. ZONE B DETAINED ABOUT 500 PRISONERS ORGANIZED INTO 10 [REDACTED]

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UNITS OF ABOUT 50 PRISONERS PER UNIT. UNITS WERE DIVIDED INTO TWO TO FIVE CELLS OF ABOUT 11 INMATES EACH. PRISONERS AT ZONE B WERE DETAINED IN FIVE LONG HOUSES LOCATED ABOUT FIVE TO 20 METERS APART. THERE WERE ABOUT 300 FORMER JUNIOR GRADE ARVN OFFICERS AND ABOUT 100 EACH ARVN MAJORS AND LIEUTENANT COLONELS AT ZONE B. ZONE A WAS ABOUT 1.5 KMS FROM ZONE B. THE NAM HA CAMP WAS PREVIOUSLY USED AS A CORRECTION FACILITY FOR NORTHERN PRISONERS. FROM ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1978 TO MARCH 1979 ABOUT 50 NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS WERE RETAINED AT THE NAM HA CAMP B TO PREPARE MEALS FOR THE INMATES AND PERFORM OTHER MISCELLANEOUS JOBS. THE NAM HA PRISON CONTINUED TO FUNCTION AS OF OCTOBER 1986.

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COMMENT:

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VIETNAM. AFTER 30 APRIL 1975 HE WAS INCARCERATED IN THE LONG GIAO AND TAM HIEP REEDUCATION CAMPS. IN DONG NAI PROVINCE: REEDUCATION CAMP-1 OF INTER-CAMP-2. ALSO KNOWN AS THE SON LA REEDUCATION CAMP, IN HOANG LIEN SON: NAM HA B CAMP IN HA NAM NINH AND THE THU DUC 2300 CAMP IN THUAN HAI PROVINCE.

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