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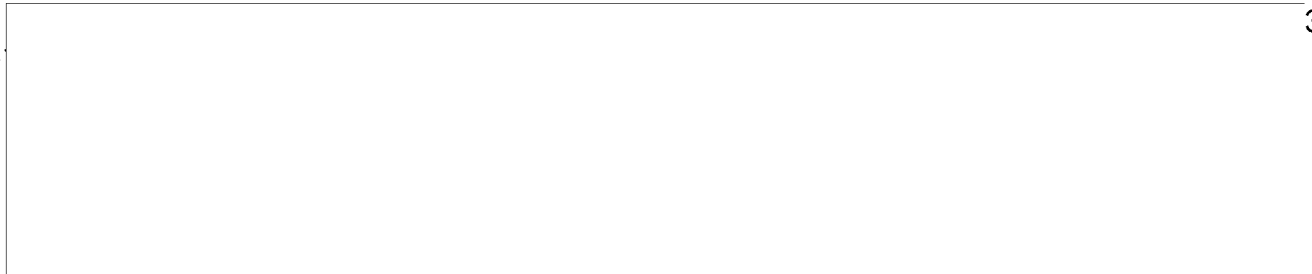
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1. When the VC drafted Source in 1967, they told him that he was obliged to come along since he had reached military age and the GVN would take him if he did not join the VC. Source said that beginning in 1962, the VC were able to draft successfully many village youths because the strategic hamlet program of the GVN failed to provide villagers with security. At the time Source was drafted, five other youths were also taken along. Some tried to escape by fleeing to CHOLON, but were caught; no punishment was meted out. Source became part of the [redacted] guerrilla unit for two months. Their duties were to guard cadre meetings, to patrol the village's six hamlets, and to protect a hamlet in which a meeting was held. 3.3(h)(2)
2. Source and five other members of his guerrilla unit were transferred to the army on 30 December 1967. (Village guerrilla units contained from five to 10 men. If a unit became too large, the VC would transfer the excess members into the army.) They were assigned to Company 3, Battalion 6, which quartered at VUON THOM. Company 3 was formed from village guerrilla unit members and had a strength of 60 men. About 5 January 1968, Company 3 went to BA THU area (XT 248025) Cambodia, an area in which many Cambodians were living. The trip took about four nights. Company 3 remained in BA THU for almost a month and received military training. The company bought its food locally at BA THU. Since the soldiers were not permitted outside of their quartering area, Source had no knowledge of other VC units which might have been there. Company 3's leader spoke Cambodian.
3. Company 3 left BA THU on 27 January and returned to VUON THOM where it remained until the 29th. Its leader then led the group from VUON THOM to BAU CO, TAN NHUT, TAN TIEN, PHU LAM, and finally, to PHU THO HOA. The soldiers were told that they were going to fight, but were not advised where. One of Source's comrades told him that he was at PHU THO HOA, otherwise, Source would not have known. This comrade later escaped. [redacted] 3.3(h)(2)
[redacted]
(The commander was later killed by GVN troops who thought that he was faking his wounds.) Source did not know where Company 3 intended to go or what its objective was.
4. There were four people in the house which the VC approached, an old woman, an adult man and woman, and children who were heard crying. The VC knocked at the door and were admitted even though the occupants were much afraid of having them stay because of probable GVN reprisals. The occupants were not in favor of the VC and gave them no help. The four VC had been ordered to remain in the house until the situation became less serious, and they believed that their comrades would return to take them to safety. [redacted] 3.3(h)(2)
[redacted] Source did not know the fate of the house's occupants.
5. (Interrogator's Comment: Although Source appeared to be cooperative, his company was shifted about and was not advised on their final destination or target in the SAIGON-CHOLON area. Since the unit was composed of village guerrilla youths, its morale was not high. Source's knowledgeability is negative.)

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