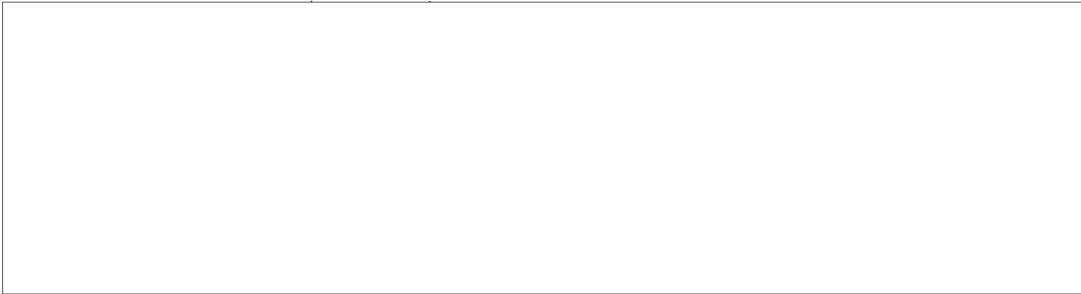


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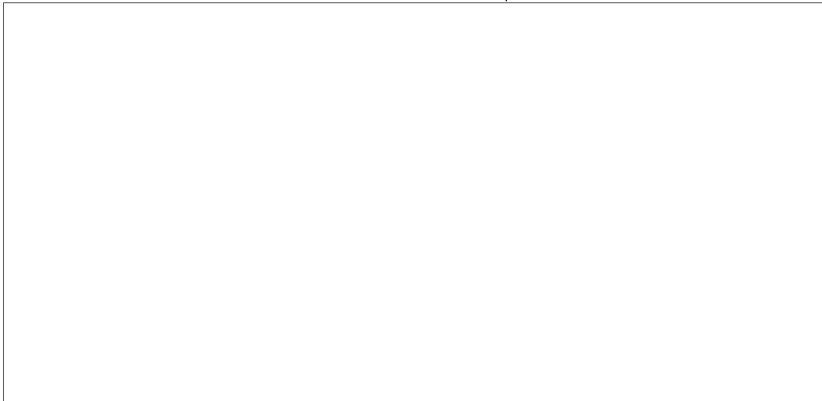
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SUBJ: ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP OF THE PAVN 4TH DIVISION, 9TH  
MILITARY REGION; ORGANIZATION, LEADERSHIP, TROOP STRENGTH,  
AND ACTIVITIES OF THE 30TH REGIMENT, 4TH DIVISION;  
ASSIGNMENT OF FIVE CHEMICAL DEFENSE PERSONNEL TO THE 30TH  
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SUMMARY: AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 1985, THE PAVN 4TH DIVISION, 9TH MILITARY  
REGION, WAS HEADQUARTERED AT PHUM TRAPEANG RUNG, KOH KONG PROVINCE,  
CAMBODIA. IT WAS COMPRISED OF THE 2ND, 20TH, 30TH, 91ST AND 92ND  
INFANTRY REGIMENTS, FIVE SUBORDINATE INFANTRY BATTALIONS, AND  
SUBORDINATE SUPPORT BATTALIONS. THE 30TH REGIMENT WAS COMPRISED OF  
THE 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND SUBORDINATE SUPPORT  
COMPANIES. IT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 1,150 MEN. FROM  
4 DECEMBER 1984 THROUGH 14 FEBRUARY 1985, ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH  
DIVISION WERE INVOLVED IN ATTACKS AGAINST DK POSITIONS. FOLLOWING  
THE ATTACKS ON THE DK, THE TROOPS OF THE 4TH DIVISION WERE ORDERED  
TO CONSTRUCT A FENCE AND TO PLANT MINES ALONG THE THAI-CAMBODIAN  
BORDER FROM HILL 400 TO KOH KONG PROVINCE. DURING 1985,  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR KOH KONG PROVINCE WAS TO BE PASSED TO MILITARY  
SPECIALIST GROUP 9907. FIVE CHEMICAL DEFENSE SERGEANTS, TWO CHEMICAL

OFFICERS AND TWO CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE SOLDIERS WERE ASSIGNED TO

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THE 30TH REGIMENT.

TEXT: 1. AS OF 17 FEBRUARY 1985, THE PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM (PAVN) 4TH DIVISION, 9TH MILITARY REGION, WAS HEADQUARTERED AT PHUM TRAPEANG RUNG (UT 1057), KOH KONG PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. IT WAS COMMANDED BY COLONEL LE XA ((HOI)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1930 IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS WAS LIEUTENANT COLONEL NGUYEN VAN ((TIEN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1940 IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WAS LIEUTENANT COLONEL TIEN ((PHONG)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1943, ALSO IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THE 4TH DIVISION WAS COMPRISED OF FIVE INFANTRY REGIMENTS: THE 2ND REGIMENT BASED ALONG THE STOENG METOEK IN THE VICINITY OF TU 6808; THE 20TH REGIMENT BASED NEAR THE FERRY (UT 336370) ON THE PREK PIPHOT RIVER; THE 91ST AND 92ND REGIMENTS BASED AT THMA PEANG (UNLOCATED); AND THE 4TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT BASED AT KEP FERRY (TT 9679). IT ALSO INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE INFANTRY BATTALIONS: THE 1ST BATTALION, BASED AT THE FERRY NEAR PHUM SRE AMBEL (UT 6569); THE 2ND BATTALION, BASED IN THE SAMIT ISLANDS ((TT 9000)); THE 3RD BATTALION, BASE UNLOCATED; THE 4TH BATTALION, BASED NEAR THE 30TH REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT UT 3337; THE 5TH BATTALION, BASE UNLOCATED; AND A SQUAD TRAINING BATTALION, AN ENGINEERING BATTALION, A SIGNAL BATTALION, A RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, A TRANSPORTATION BATTALION, A MEDICAL BATTALION AND A PRODUCTION COMPANY, THE LOCATIONS OF WHICH WERE NOT KNOWN.

2. THE 30TH REGIMENT, 4TH DIVISION, WAS COMMANDED BY MAJOR NGUYEN MINH ((THANH)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1948 IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER AND CHIEF OF STAFF WAS SENIOR CAPTAIN BUI NGOC ((KHA)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1946 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS WAS SENIOR CAPTAIN (FNU) ((SON)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1942 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS WAS SENIOR CAPTAIN BUI XUNS (SIC) ((MY)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1940 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR REAR SERVICES WAS SENIOR CAPTAIN NGUYEN QUANG ((TRUNG)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1940 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF WAS SENIOR CAPTAIN PHAN CHAU ((TUAN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1949 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE 30TH REGIMENT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 1,150 MEN.

3. THE 30TH REGIMENT WAS COMPRISED OF THE 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND THE FOLLOWING SUBORDINATE COMPANIES:

A. THE 16TH MORTAR COMPANY. THIS COMPANY WAS COMMANDED BY 1ST LIEUTENANT (FNU) ((CHIEN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1947 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. IT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 55 MEN. ITS EQUIPMENT HOLDINGS INCLUDED ONE 82-MILLIMETER (MM) MORTAR, ONE 60MM MORTAR, ONE 120MM MORTAR WHICH WAS SUPPLIED IN JANUARY, AND ONE 100MM MORTAR.

B. THE 17TH RECOILLESS RIFLE COMPANY.

C. THE 18TH MACHINEGUN COMPANY. THIS COMPANY WAS COMMANDED BY SECOND LIEUTENANT (FNU) ((VAN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1960 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THIS COMPANY HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 50 MEN. IT WAS ARMED WITH TWO 12.7MM MACHINEGUNS.

D. THE 19TH ENGINEERING COMPANY. THIS COMPANY WAS COMMANDED BY FIRST LIEUTENANT (FNU) ((THUAN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1957 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. IT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 60 MEN.

E. THE 20TH SIGNAL COMPANY. THIS COMPANY WAS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN TRUONG VAN ((CHIEN)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1955 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. IT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 60 MEN. THE COMPANY WAS COMPRISED OF THREE PLATOONS, A TELEPHONE PLATOON, A RADIO PLATOON, AND A MESSENGER PLATOON.

F. THE 21ST RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY. THIS COMPANY WAS COMMANDED BY FIRST LIEUTENANT DANG VAN ((KY)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT

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1958 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. IT HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 70 MEN. IT WAS COMPRISED OF THREE PLATOONS.

G. THE 22ND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

H. THE 23RD DISPENSARY COMPANY.

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4. THE 30TH REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS WAS COMPRISED OF THREE SECTIONS: STAFF, POLITICAL, AND REAR SERVICES. THE STAFF SECTION CONSISTED OF EIGHT SUBSECTIONS: MILITARY OPERATIONS, ORGANIZATION AND MOBILIZATION, SIGNAL, RECONNAISSANCE, ENGINEERING, ARTILLERY, CRYPTO AND ADMINISTRATION. THE POLITICAL SECTION CONSISTED OF SIX SUBSECTIONS: ORGANIZATION, CADRE, PROPAGANDA, MILITARY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, PARTY INSPECTION, AND CIVILIAN AND ENEMY PROSELYTIZING. THE REAR SERVICES SECTION CONSISTED OF SEVEN SUBSECTIONS: QUARTERMASTER, ARMAMENT, QUARTERS, TECHNICAL, VEHICLE, FUEL, AND FINANCIAL. THERE WAS ALSO A WAREHOUSE PLATOON.

5. THE 7TH BATTALION, 30TH REGIMENT, WAS BASED IN THE VICINITY OF UT 3135. IT WAS COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN NGUYEN DUC ((THINH)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1955 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. THE BATTALION WAS COMPRISED OF THE 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD COMPANIES AND SUBORDINATE MORTAR, RECOILLESS RIFLE, 12.7MM MACHINEGUN, RECONNAISSANCE, SIGNAL AND TRANSPORTATION PLATOONS. THE BATTALION HAD A TOTAL TROOP STRENGTH OF ABOUT 200 MEN. ITS EQUIPMENT HOLDINGS INCLUDED TWO 82MM MORTARS, TWO 82MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, AND TWO 12.7MM MACHINEGUNS. THE 8TH BATTALION WAS BASED IN THE VICINITY OF UT 2636, AND THE 9TH BATTALION WAS BASED IN THE VICINITY OF UT 1846.

6. ON 4 DECEMBER 1984, THE 30TH REGIMENT MOVED FROM ITS BASE AT UT 336370 TO THE 4TH DIVISION'S HEADQUARTERS AT PHUM TRAPEANG RUNG TO PREPARE FOR THE 1984-85 DRY SEASON CAMPAIGN. ON 14 DECEMBER, THE 5TH DIVISION'S FORCES ATTACKED DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA (DK) FORCES AT TU 6326, A DK WAREHOUSE AT TU 5422, AND HIGH POINT 199 (TU 6520). THE 30TH REGIMENT PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE POSITION AT TU 6326. ON 17 DECEMBER, PAVN FORCES OVERRAN ALL THREE OF THE DK POSITIONS. ON 21 DECEMBER, THE 30TH REGIMENT MOVED TO HIGH POINT 199. ON 28 JANUARY 1985, THE 30TH REGIMENT MOVED TO HILL 322 (TU 6028), BUT ON 4 FEBRUARY MOVED AGAIN TO HILL 796 (TU 6334). ON 8 FEBRUARY, THE 30TH REGIMENT'S FORCES PARTICIPATED IN AN ATTACK AGAINST A DK POSITION AT HILL 336 (TU 5932). PAVN FORCES CAPTURED HILL 336 ON THE SAME DAY. ON 14 FEBRUARY, THE 7TH BATTALION, 30TH REGIMENT AND THE 1ST BATTALION, 2ND REGIMENT, ATTACKED A DK POSITION AT HILL 400 (TU 5834), AND THAT EVENING JOINED TROOPS OF THE 339TH DIVISION, WHO WERE ATTACKING THE DK FORCES FROM THE NORTH. AS OF 17 FEBRUARY, THE 30TH REGIMENT REMAINED IN THE AREA OF HILL 336 AND HILL 400. DURING THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE DK FORCES, THE 30TH REGIMENT'S TROOPS SUFFERED CASUALTIES OF 25 SOLDIERS KILLED AND FROM 85 TO 90 TROOPS WOUNDED.

7. ON ABOUT 14 FEBRUARY, DURING A DISCUSSION WITH SEVERAL REGIMENTAL OFFICERS, THE 30TH REGIMENT COMMANDER MAJOR THANG SAID THAT THE 4TH DIVISION WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTING A FENCE AND FOR LAYING MINES ALONG THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER FROM HILL 400 TO KOH KONG PROVINCE. ON 14 FEBRUARY, AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF MINES WERE TRANSPORTED TO HILL 336. ADMINISTRATIVE SUBSECTION CHIEF CAPTAIN TRUONG VAN ((QUE)), WHO WAS BORN ABOUT 1943 IN NORTHERN VIETNAM, SAID THAT IN 1985 THE 4TH DIVISION WOULD TURN OVER THE 91ST AND 92ND REGIMENTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR KOH KONG PROVINCE TO MILITARY SPECIALIST GROUP 9907. THE 4TH DIVISION WOULD THEN BE REDEPLOYED AT UNSPECIFIED LOCATIONS ALONG NATIONAL HIGHWAY FOUR.

8. ON 24 JANUARY 1985, FIVE CHEMICAL DEFENSE SERGEANTS WERE

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ASSIGNED TO THE 30TH REGIMENT. THE SERGEANTS HAD ATTENDED A CHEMICAL DEFENSE SERGEANTS SCHOOL IN NORTHERN VIETNAM. DURING THE ATTACKS ON THE DK POSITIONS, THE 30TH REGIMENT WAS REINFORCED WITH TWO ADDITIONAL CHEMICAL OFFICERS AND TWO CHEMICAL RECONNAISSANCE SOLDIERS FROM THE 9TH MILITARY REGION'S CHEMICAL COMPANY, WHICH WAS BASED IN PURSAT. IT WAS RUMORED AMONG THE TROOPS OF THE 30TH REGIMENT, THAT THE MISSION OF THE CHEMICAL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WAS TO ASSIST THE TROOPS OF THE REGIMENT IN THE EVENT THE DK FORCES USED CHEMICAL WEAPONS AGAINST THEM.

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