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COUNTRY Laos

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SUBJECT Poison Gas Attacks
Against Hmong Refugees

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- A) How was your general health prior to this incident? Good.
- B) Where were you when it happened? All attacks occurred at the confluence of two small streams named Nam Theng and Nam Ka in the southern Laotian highlands.
- C) When did it happen? February 1978.
Time of Day? Two attacks occurred early in the morning, approximately 0800-0900; one other attack took place at about 1300.
Weather? Clear for all three attacks.
- D) How many other people/animals were with you? About 5 thousand people, including children; there were no animals.
- E) Were the people/animals with you affected? Over 200 people were affected.
All? Wherever the poison dropped, people were affected.
Some? (See above)
A few? " "
No other? " "
- F) Were all those affected, affected at the same time? Yes.
- G) What did you see? Airplanes fired rockets which burst on impact with red smoke. The poison in the red smoke made one's eyes turn yellow and see stars. The effects of the poison lasted two to three days.
- H) What did you hear? Only the sound of the airplane and the noise of the rockets' flight, followed by the explosion of the rockets upon impact with the ground. Hearing was affected by the poison gas; there was a loss of acuity which lasted about five days if medicine was taken. If no medicine was taken, the loss of acuity persisted for about two weeks.
- I) What did you feel? There was no effect on the sense of touch.
- J) What did you smell? There was a bitter smell, an acrid odor, when the gas came.

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K) Did it affect your nose? Yes; it made the nose stuffy.

What did it smell like? The gas had an acrid, bitter odor.

Did your nose tingle? Yes; it tingled as if pepper had been inhaled.

Did it hurt to breathe through your nose? Yes.

Did your nose itch? No.

Did your nose run freely? Yes, a lot.

L) Did it affect your eyes? Yes; my eyes turned yellow as if I had jaundice, and my vision became blurred.

Did your eyes hurt? No.

Did it make you cry? Yes, a lot.

Did it feel like sand in your eyes? No. It did cause you to have a crusty mucous in the corners of your eyes. Your eyes felt warm, and hot.

Were your eyelids swollen? Yes.

Did you lose your vision? No.

Was your vision blurred? Yes.

Did you have a headache? Yes; the headache lasted two or three days.

Did your eyes turn red? Yes, like when you get drunk.

M) Did it affect your throat? Yes.

Did your throat hurt? Yes, but not like a sore throat--it felt hot in the throat, there was pain but it was not swollen. It hurt to swallow.

Did you cough? No.

Did you become hoarse? Yes.

Did you lose your voice? Only those most seriously affected lost their voice. I did not.

Did you have to spit a great deal? Yes; I salivated much, but my throat was dry.



- N) Did it affect your chest? Yes; my chest felt warm.
Did it hurt to breathe? Yes; it felt like a knife in the ribs.
Was it hard to breathe? Yes; there was a shortness of breath.
Did it hurt deep in your chest? Yes.
Did it feel like your chest was being crushed? Yes.
How did your heart beat? Very fast.
- O) Did it affect your stomach? Yes, but there was no vomiting.
Was your stomach upset? Yes.
Did you belch? No.
Did you vomit? No.
Did you have diarrhea? Yes; there was severe dysentery, lasting about five or six days.
- P) Did it affect your bare skin? There was an affect on the skin.
- Q) Did it affect your sleep? Yes.
Did you lose sleep? Yes.
Did you have disturbed sleep? Only in that the gas caused you to worry about the poison and its effects.
Were you able to sleep? Yes, about one-third of the normal amount.