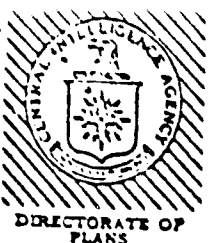


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SUBJECT Estimated Enemy Prison Order of Battle in Laos

CAMP

ACQ Laos, Vientiane (27 July 1969)

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1. As of 25 July 1969, there were an estimated 500 personnel committed to guarding, escorting, and providing support for prisoners of war (POWs) in 54 confirmed enemy camps in Laos. These personnel are reflected as a portion of the command and support personnel for Laos, mentioned in the summary of estimated enemy order of battle for Laos as of 15 July 1969.

2. Living conditions. Generally, POWs receive humane treatment by Asian standards. (comment: Some POWs have stated that they had received unhumane treatment or were subjected to various indignities.) Food, although often reported as minimal, unclean, and unseasoned, is sufficient for existence; however, it often leads to malnutrition and disease which claims a large number of POW casualties. Medical treatment, while not adequate by Western standards, is normally available in primitive form.

3. POW camps. POW are confined to a cave and/or stockade type structure during the night, but are permitted to go outside sometime during the day for exercise. POW

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camp locations are changed frequently to provide better security. In some cases, all or part of the POWs are allowed beyond the prison confines under light guard to forage for jungle foods. Prison guard forces are usually made up of personnel who due to their age or physical condition are unfit for regular military duty. Pathet Lao soldiers normally make up escort and guard forces. Many POW camps have full or part time North Vietnamese Army (NVA) advisors. NVA interrogators occasionally question POWs.

4. Political indoctrination. The enemy makes a concerted effort to indoctrinate POWs to the Communist cause through long periods of political training ("brain washing"). If and when a POW shows favorable improvement, he is released to become a soldier, a Farmer, or often a propagandist.

5. As of 25 July, enemy prisons were confirmed at the following locations:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Possible nationality and/or number of prisoners</u>
TK 0102	450 to 500 prisoners, complex surrounded by bamboo fence
QD 5118	
QD 6455	
TJ 0134	
TJ 4210	
TJ 7449	300 to 500 Royal Lao Army (FAR) prisoners
TJ 752449	FAR prisoners released
TJ 747500	100 FAR prisoners
VJ 1101	
RC 1290	Political prison
RC 1291	
TH 531773	17 crippled FAR prisoners
TH 6391	31 prisoners in a cave
VH 0157	American prisoners
VH 195545	Possibly 20 American pilots
VH 196556	Prison for American pilots
VH 1362	American prisoners
VH 1965 vic	Possibly two Americans
VH 2048	Possibly 15 Americans

VH 2761 American pilots  
UG 1145 vic  
UG 1351 vic  
UG 134542 Over 100 prisoners  
UG 147536  
UG 1552  
UG 1553  
UG 1758 vic  
UG 1360 Deuanist prison  
UG 2741 Possibly 100 prisoners  
UG 2268  
WF 0427  
WE 2125 Possibly 50 FAR prisoners  
WE 397316 Possibly 130 prisoners  
WE 4401 vic Possibly in a cave  
WE 4032 Possibly 80 prisoners  
WE 4131 90 prisoners  
WE 4132  
WE 433332 Possibly 80 prisoners  
WE 8805 American and Thai prisoners  
WD 7884  
WD 8089  
WD 827323 60 FAR prisoners  
WD 850820 FAR prisoners  
WD 9727 vic 51 FAR prisoners  
WD 9829 vic 35 FAR prisoners  
XD 0927  
XD 094312  
XD 198757  
XD 3047

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XD 3244

Possibly 145 FAR prisoners

XD 3356

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Over 100 prisoners, possibly  
four Americans

XD 365508

Over 100 FAR prisoners

XD 366584

Possibly 167 prisoners

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