

## CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

**Editorial note:** During the war, the PAVN (People's Army of Vietnam or North Vietnamese Army) used underage children, many of them below the age of 15, to wage war against South Vietnam.

They not only recruited juvenile soldiers but also killed civilian children and women indiscriminately by firing rockets, bombs at cities and villages throughout South Vietnam.

### I. JUVENILE SOLDIERS



(NY3-June 23)FIGHTER TURNED SIGHTSEER--Phan Van Ty, 12-year-old ex-soldier of the Viet Cong Dong Nai Regiment, tours the Saigon zoo. Top photo shows him, right, on June 13, 1968 when he and other Viet Cong troops surrendered in Saigon rather than fight on. Their decision was beginning of what was to become the biggest mass surrender from the ranks of an elite Viet Cong unit in the history of the Vietnam war. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Saigon)(See Story by Horst Faas)(hrm11009rca)1968 (EBS: Top picture previously serviced as NY3, June 13,1968)



Soldier enlisted at age 9 and died at age 12



Teen North Vietnamese prisoners, captured on HCM Trail (1968)



PAVN soldiers captured during the Tet Offensive (1968) in Saigon



Captured PAVN soldiers age 12 to 16 going to school in South Vietnam

## II. SOLDIERS CHAINED TO THEIR TANKS OR WEAPONS

<http://www.vietvet.org/pushback.htm>

*I was surprised by the intensity of the NVA's opposition, considering the punishment they'd just received from the B-52's. Upon further reflection, however, I realized they probably had little choice in the matter, **chained to their weapons** as some undoubtedly were. As soon as we landed, I crawled out to inspect the damage. I found it was from a high-explosive round from an anti-aircraft gun, not a missile strike. A clean hole had entered the nose of the Cobra just above the turret, where the projectile then traveled inside the wall a few feet before exploding between the copilot and me.*  
*Xạ thủ Bắc Vn chiến đấu tới chết vì bị xích vào súng.*

<http://jobrelatedstuff.com/archive/topic.html?b=1&f=5&t=1161527>

*Lính xe tăng Bắc VN muốn chạy cũng không được vì bị xích vào xe tăng.*

*On one rather humorous occasion, one Blue Max pilot rolled his Cobra in on an NVA tank and fired a perfect pair of the new rockets toward one of the armored beasts and it appeared that he would indeed score another kill. The spread between the rockets was just enough to put one on either side of the lumbering giant and they exploded only feet away, but caused very little actual damage, certainly not fatal. Suddenly though the tank stopped, the hatches came up and the crew all exited, running quickly away before another set of rockets arrived. Unfortunately for them, they instantly became excellent targets for every machine gunner around and they were quickly cut down in their tracks. The abandoned T-54 tank was captured by the ARVN completely intact with the engine still idling. After that incident, **some NVA tank crews were found chained inside their burned-out tanks**. The enemy commanders had solved the problem of their tank crews making early, unauthorized exits.*

*( NVA : North Vietnamese Army)*

<http://www.ibiblio.org/173abn/2bat/Issue5.pdf>

*VC bị xiềng cổ vào súng máy.*

*"I later wrote up Vose and Renfro for the Distinguished Service Cross for their heroic actions that morning. Renfro eventually received a Silver Star. Sometime later he went AWOL to Europe for two months to be with his wife. When he came back he got busted, made the rank of Sergeant again, and was later killed. Following the battle **a dead VC was found shackled by his neck and chained to the heavy machine gun** Vose and his men took out. Bill and his men were awarded Bronze Stars for their heroic actions." **Gus Vendetti***

<http://www.literotica.com/s/the-artifact>

*Tài xế xe tải bị xích vào tay lái.*

*The new trail was more like a road. Many of the trees showed evidence that their branches had been trimmed back so that large trucks could get through; but I saw no evidence of recent travel. The parts of the trail were wide enough for two large trucks to pass side by side. While I was following alongside the road I saw several more craters, and two burned out trucks that had been pushed off the road, into the jungle. When I looked into the cab of the truck, I saw **the burned skeletons of the truck drivers that had been chained into their trucks**. I noticed that there were a couple of places that parking places were cut into the jungle.*

### III. BLOWING UP CIVILIAN CARS

**Editorial note:** The communists blew up civilian cars, buses, and even restaurants. The well known case was that of the My Canh floating restaurant on the Saigon River. Women and children were also victims of these attacks.



VC blowing a civilian bus



VC blowing up a three-wheeler rickshaw carrying civilian passengers



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