

Fifty-four years after he died with his comrades, the only memento he left for her was the death notice DC S9 sent to her with the line where KBM died...died on the Southern front. So many years of searching, fumbling, connecting information, contacting via mail, email, phone, internet, radio. Searching for names in each cemetery and southern area. But still we could not find the cell [unit] name. Then, when the symbols and insignia of our martyred soldiers were gradually deciphered, we learned that he was at the Tay Ninh Camp [Patrol Base Frontier City]. But that was all. It just stopped there.

By chance, my family contacted me on the Resistance memorabilia page, accidentally scrolling through the memorabilia of martyr Lam Phuong, which had my grandfather's name and Comrade Lam Phuong's phone number posted by [Nguyen Xuan/Uncle] Thang. My director contacted you via messenger to ask for your help. Then I waited, hoping, even though I knew you were busy with professional work, and searching for martyrs was just a chance. But I still had hope.

And then, after nearly 8 years since our first contact, Uncle Thang had good news for my family. We have visited the former base, more than 1,600km from the remote mountains and forests of Quy Chau-Nghe An, where we live—to Tay Ninh.

We burned incense for him and his comrades at the place where he died, now a chili field. We went to the cemetery at the bridge to burn incense for the martyrs, and burned incense on the unidentified mass grave unearthed at the camp [Patrol Base Frontier City] where we believe the blood and bones of our loved ones are buried.

And then we heard that tomorrow a scientific conference will take place to conclude the identity of the martyrs who died on April 25, 1969 and were found in the mass grave at Tay Ninh. You guys [NVA KIA] now have a house, a way to get home.

People who do charity do not expect to receive gratitude. Thank you very much, Nguyen Xuan Thang. I hope you will soon connect more families and relatives like mine so that the martyrs lying somewhere in the heart of mother earth will have a way to return home.