

**TIME LOG**

Narrator: An Chau

Interviewer: Brandon Chau

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Location: West Covina, California

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Length of interview: 01:00:47

00:00:43: An talks about Chợ Lớn, describing the business area and his family's coffee shop

00:05:23: An talks about his memories of the war as a child. He describes the Tết Offensive from his point of view.

00:11:27: An describes the area after the conflict, including lack of food and communist rule.

00:15:12: Faking mental illness to avoid conscription by the new regime.

00:22:52: Starts to find ways to escape Việt Nam by boat and makes preparations.

00:33:30: An describes the morning he left and the beginning of his journey through the ocean.

00:40:12: An describes his encounters with the pirates in the ocean and what they did to people on the boats.

00:43:45: The boat finally reaches someone who can help the refugees reach land. They would land in Malaysia soon after.

00:50:57: An talks about how life in the camp was. He describes it as hard but fun and free. He gets a job working in a market within the refugee camp.

00:56:04: He arrives at the United States in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and can't find his sponsor, but it gets sorted out with the help of local police.