

Uong

## Nha-Huon / Loven War

He established the village at Ban Njuir at Houei Sung, after that the villages were fishing. When they are going to fish they are taking the nature, ~~the~~ the leaves and the bark of the tree and he told the boys to ~~hit~~ the bark before dipping them in the water. He said to the boy when you cry, you are making a noise like hitting the bark on the back of a stone. So in return the boys are laughing at him (the boy who is crying) He was getting very angry and so he took a stick and beat the kid to death (Nha-Huon kid dead).

Then he took the leaves and the bark ~~to~~ them and hit them together and did that in the ~~water~~ <sup>water</sup> which made the fish die. (Loven kids' did) One fish died at first, called pa phiik. He took the dead fish and put it on the top of the stones. The fish grows bigger and bigger until he is the size of a buffalo. No other fish had died, just the pa phiik, 1 fish.

The Loven boys divided the one fish among the father of the dead Nha-Huon boy, who refused to take his share because his son

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thing.)  
want any part of it. I've never seen such a  
This fish is also died and grew from you. I don't  
had died from these boys beating. ↑ This  
is how it all began.

~~date as time went on~~

When boy took fish to his village  
of Nong hom, before it was a small  
small village; When they reach home,  
they prepare the fish and boil it. He  
filled the boys mouth of the hot soap of  
fish. The boy run home crying.  
The dove ~~to~~ boy runs away from village  
and turned around to see the water  
flooding the village.

Since that time those people had never  
go to fish at Howei Sang. And so they  
moved to situate their village at  
Nong Pen. They ask the advice of  
the old people in the village if Nong  
Pen is a good place because it is  
a small house. Once again they  
situate their houses about 30 houses  
there. Then the women of the village  
went out to gather food from the  
forest. The women saw a very  
tiny snake. When they returned to  
the house that night they dreamed  
that an old man w/ a stick  
said to them you must keep my  
snake very well. If you do not

you must be aware. My snake's name is "Hii Tou Nang." ~~It~~

As time went on, they raised the snake well. As day they let it go, in the night return it to the village.

When the snake had reach 4 hands high, there were two families who had children who were going to marry. The boy and girl were to marry so they needed to killed the snake, for the ceremony.

In the night they saw 2 old ~~men~~ <sup>people</sup> and one old man and one old woman. Then the old man said ~~It~~ to them 'I have come to look for my snake, which had been ~~caught~~ <sup>towed</sup> by her, & I had named it Nang. I have warned you to be aware.

Then he picked his stick up and poked holes in the village grounds, and the water sprung out and filled the village. The village was flooded and became a big pond.

The people in the wedding who had killed the snake all died. Those who had not died from the flood because they were working in the rice fields,

The remaining people take counsel of how they are going to overcome constant grief and where they will resituate their village and how.

They decided to go and ask advice from the Nha-Heun at Ban "Nhee Chu" (Thong Nyao). The Nha-Heun know how to situate their village and they are skilled in situating villages, every village constructed by them, there has been no ~~death~~ <sup>disease</sup> or hunger. The Loren said, we have lost relationship of the Nha-Heun because we have had fighting between our ancestors and the Nha-Heun. They said to the Nha-Heun, we came to ask your help. We know that we have fought you then moved our village else where we have built our village in two places but these places have been emerged by water. The Nha-Heun answered, we do not like you because we have been enemy since the fighting. You have killed some of our children, you can go to settle your village anywhere you want.

The Loven answered, we repent for our trespasses and now we come to ask your help. We want ~~you~~ the friendship of Nha-Heun and Loven to begin again. If you help us to build a village which can not be submerged by water and where everyone will live free of disease and in peace, ~~the~~

~~Nha Heun said "we are"~~

We will give you everything we have even our children and wealth but let's be friends from this point on.

Nha Heun said, if you want us to build you a village, we want all your territory. Could you divide some of your territory to us.

The Loven said yes, that was OK. Nha-Heun continued, when we build you a village, we will choose the best area for us and build your village in another place. Loven said "you may do as you wish."

Then the Nha-Heun and the Loven built the village at Ban Nong Clak. Then the Nha-Heun said to the Loven, "You have no customs. That is why the spirits do not like you." For our part, we have our customs and spirits

and therefore the spirits respect us." Then they built the village and began a lasting relationship. They never fought each other since then.

The Nha-Han made 2 jugs of hoo hai (rice wine) of jars that were worth the value of 6 buffaloes, the N.H. also got seven basket of fish and they make fish festival. They make festival 3 days and 3 nights.

After they have built the village of Nam Clok for the hoven, the Nha-Han bring their village to the other side of Senamnoi River.

Then there was a contest of eating between N.H. and hoven and in the contest they ate a pig. The hoven still indebted to the N.H. But they were ~~to~~ skillful in returning their debt. The hoven had a big buffalo which has vulnerability.

After that they went to see the authorities and asked them settling their debts w/ the N.H. If the authorities can do that, they will be glad to give the security ~~and~~ of the buffalo in safe keeping (pon). Authority suggested giving the 1 buffalo to N.H.)

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## Onkeo War

Onkeo was Alak and he married a Nghe woman.

Onkeo said to Thao Lamh, that ~~you~~ the spirits look upon you favorably, he give all the minerals gold silver, brass, and all the other things that make him wealthy and lack nothing. They won't be poor anymore. The rice will grow itself. It shall not be difficult for us. People would have all the happiness w/ a pagoda. Onkeo propogandized this to the people.

The people believed him. The hoven, hao Nghe and Alak believed him and for 25 yrs didn't work did not plant rice. There has been a famine. Those who stayed w/ onkeo always waited year after year but not rice. Then they started growing rice and stay away from Onkeo. But onkeo always say the rice will come soon. Everything is still w/in the ground. "It will appear soon."

The people believed him again but they waited and waited and then was famine again. They

wanted to kill him Ongkoo. He fled when he knew the people wanted to kill him.

He fled away in the forest near the Vietnamese border. The Fr. heard the news that Ongkoo had pagodas and riches and everything they came on the spot. But didn't see anything.

The people talked to the Fr. that Ongkoo has lied to them. He had told them, they would have a King who would possess everything and has the power of growing rice for everybody. They need not look for these things themselves.

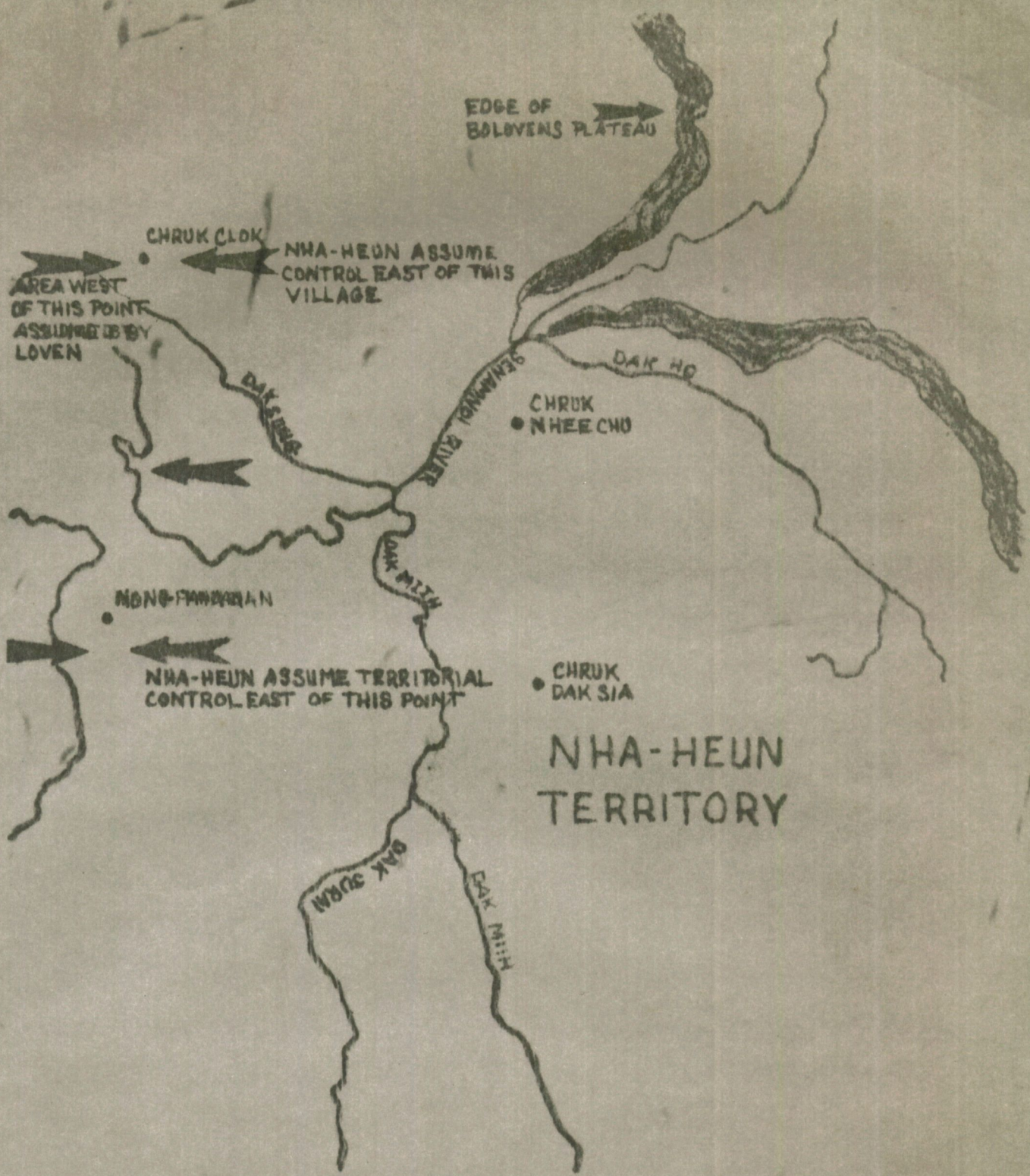
By this time Ongkoo made many people die, from famine. The Fr took the people of this place w/ them, to the Vietnam border. The French sieze Ongkoo and cut his throat. They took a knife and cut his throat and cried like a cow.

Ongkoo has 2 children. The first one is not remembered by Vong, but the second one is Thap Num. They did everything to kill him but he did not die, shoot not dead, knife not pierced; Fr take him to

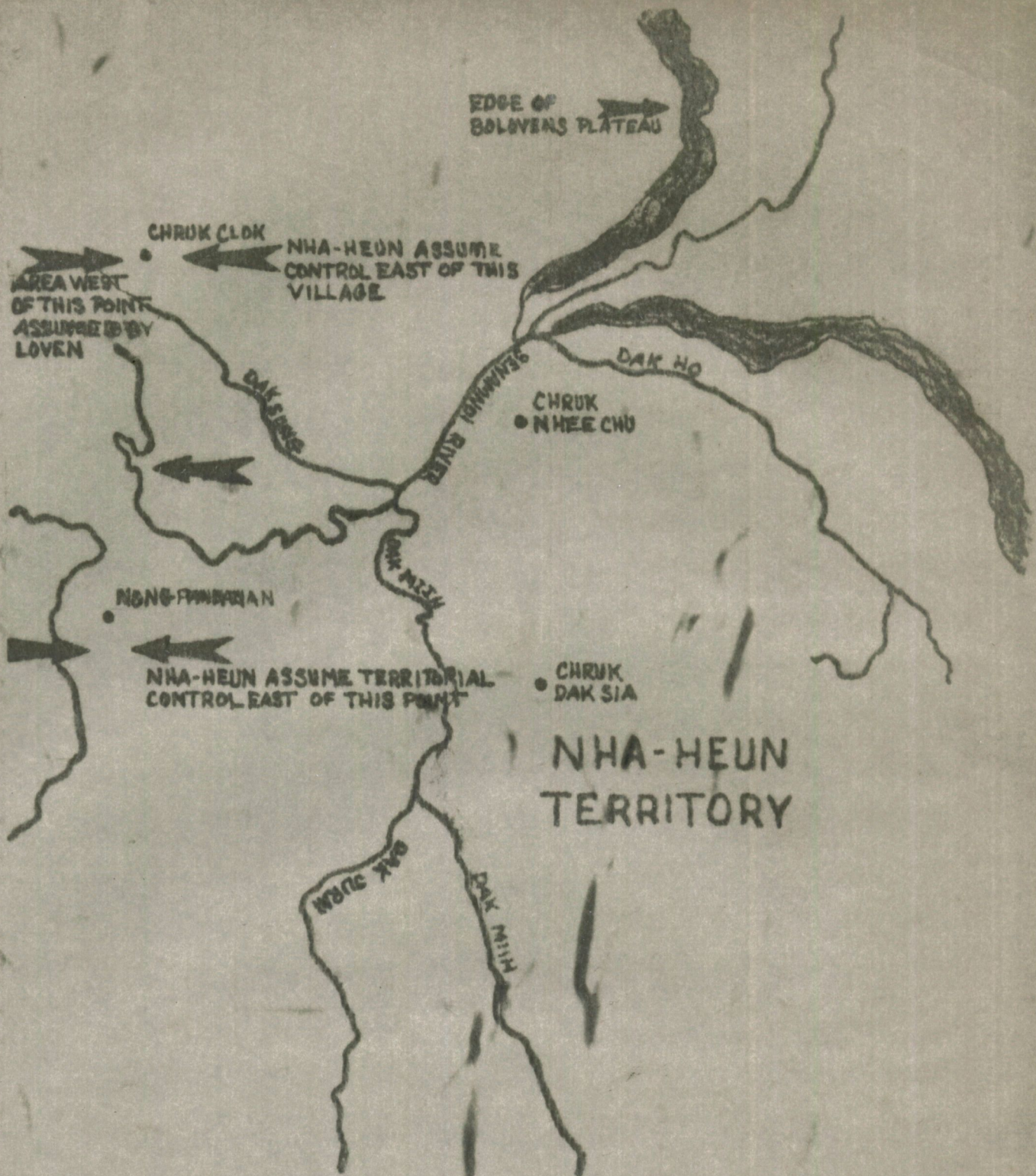


Ban Muang, in Champassat. There was a jail and French camp there. They jailed him and saw him go outside to gather jack fruit and give to Fr. to eat.

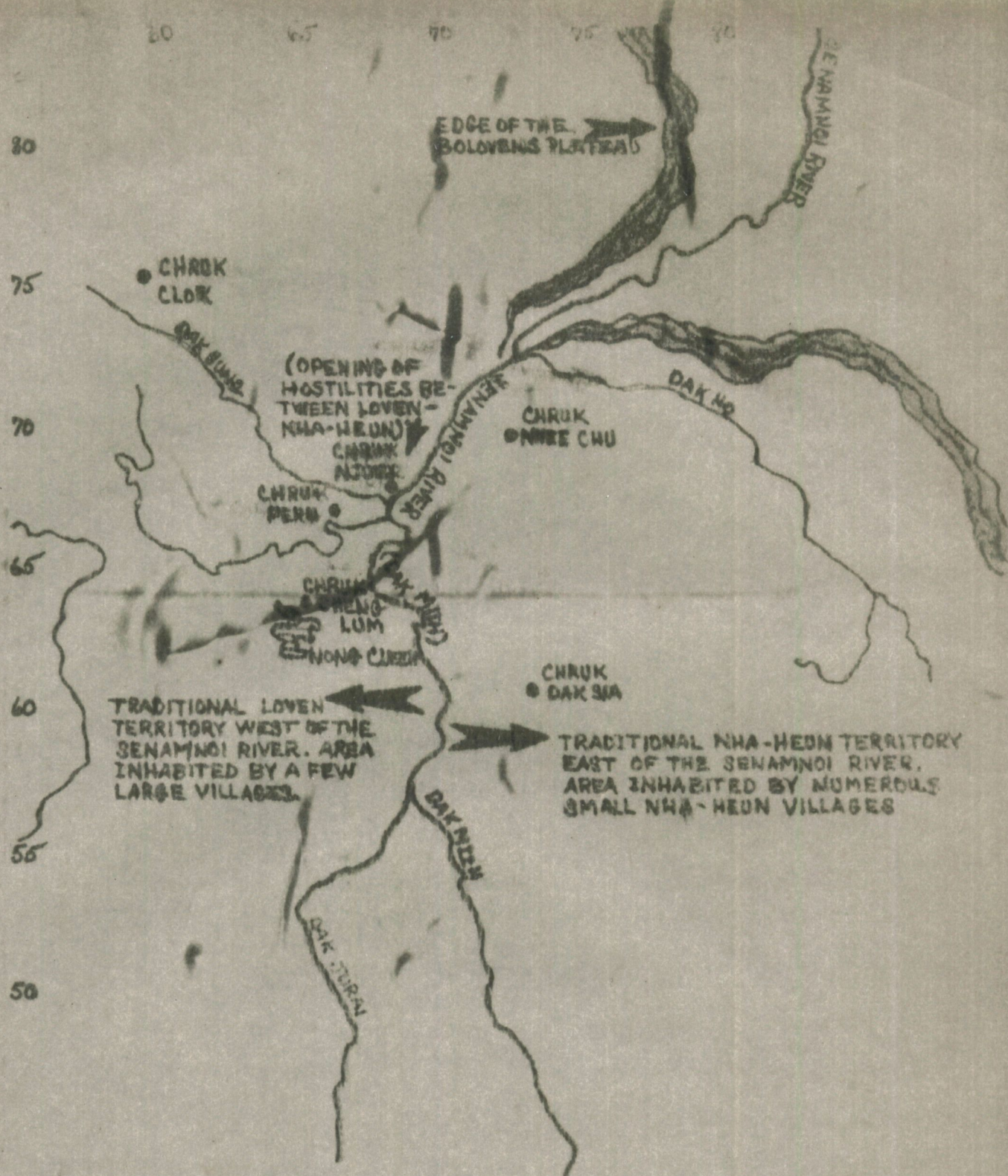
Later the Fr. did not jail him any more. They gave him the position to work w/ Fr. They ask him if he want to be teacher. Nam said he will do whatever Fr. give him to do to make money. He knows Fr. and had. He was a teacher in Vientiane after that.



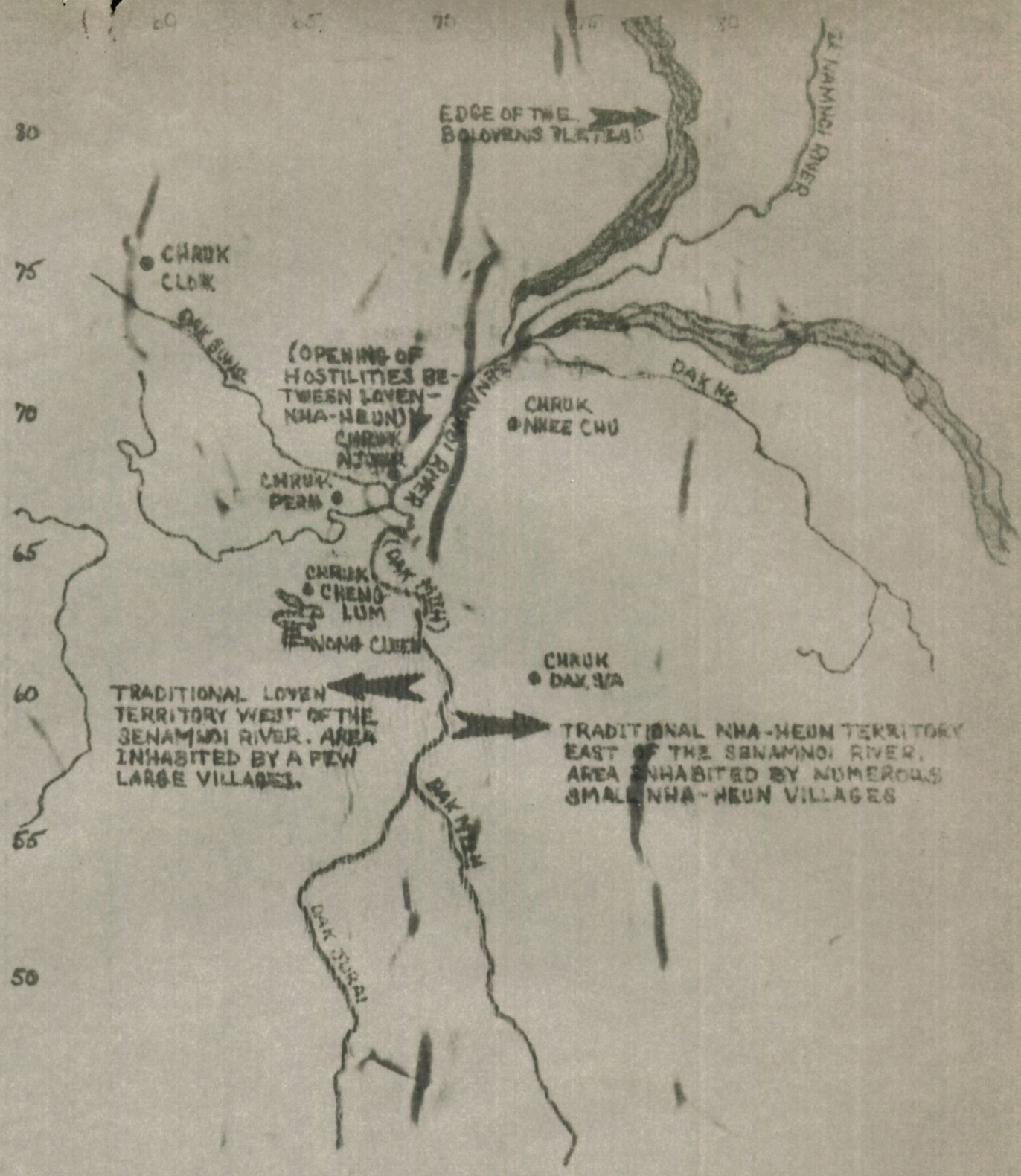
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