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The Saga of Jim Thompson

America's Longest-Held Prisoner of War

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160 interviews - 80 used
Oral History
15 yrs. in making
68 July 2001
Stroke 1980
Heart Surgery / Chronic Bronch
retired Jan 29, 1982

Captured MARCH 1964
Flier March 1973
Soldier for Sycon
Officer Fitness report

Tape of statement from radio Hanoi P 122
Alyce - got tape but never heard it.
Army refused to acknowledge the broadcast
Harold - Alyce was 29 - picked Jim's parents out (1965)
Chapel in the sky
June 30, 1965 - Alyce moves to Mass with Harold
Alyce listens to the July tape 1965 - 3rd listen said it was
Jim - then said she couldn't be positive
left for North VN July 21, 1967 - Tortured in new camp (p 146)
Cage - 4 avo.
Jan 1968 - Jim signed another propaganda statement

Move to Key West - cut off children
Everett Alveroy - grand marshal - Nov 1982
Vietnam memorial - longest serving POW
1988 Legion medal for POW - Everett Alveroy p 398
was there - Michael C. wanted only Jim.
Jimmy - murders Joe Lewis - Nashville jail - p 407
trial Jan 1991
Alyce comes / Jim is there so is Phillip
Thompson wears his full uniform with all medals
Judge is Vietnam veteran

free Ford
lib. trans pass
to Baseball game
trip to Disney

Jan 23, 1973 -
was over
Jim's coming home
Alyce tells children
when he left.
Ruth 2
Laura 4
Jim, Jr. just born
Jim could be prominent
and intendant
when released P# 15
Laura 12 Ruth 11 Jim 9
9 Dec 71 -
Army informs Alyce
her husband a prisoner
Oct 71 Things turned
sour between Alyce
and Harold
Escape - NV prison
P# 189
Sped / Saw Meyer and
Jim Thompson

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Tape #: 117,100

Valley Forge Jimmy 9 saw him for the first time
Jim was 39
How did you get Jim's psychiatric file

Army defened to release his name as longest Prisoner
Army POW's didn't get the attention of Pilots in north
March 1973 - Valley Forge / Alyce asked children - will
we live with Daddy Jim or Waddy Harold

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He's obsessed with Vietnam -
Drinking for himself and later his son.

Letter p64 - From Alyce - Jan 1964 / letter p66

Khe Sanh - 12 Special Forces teams
VC interpreters

Geo Maloney - Jim not well educated
Viet Cong out fought South Vietnamese

Frank Rose - didn't trust Jim Thompson's judgement p76

Jim was away for the birth of all of his 4 children p45

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promoted to Colonial
Jimmy was treated differently by Jim - Harold all the time
Women's rights were in. Everything had changed
Kids had had feelings about the war
blood curdling screams

Made lots of speeches

ego / celebrity got in the way

sex and money troubles - both had operations

homosexual experience / Alpe's relations

heaviest drinking in his new dream home

"Harold would never do that" Laura p 313

July (about) 1974 Jim filed for divorce

Alpe moved to trailer

Alpe marries John - 10 years younger

p 329 Jim marries Lois - annulled his marriage? ^{Alpe's} ^{shit / where} ^{homosexual}

Pam's tuition for college

Catie born to Laura

Lois leaves Jim (he's drinking more and more)

takes all furniture

suicide attempt

John shoots up Laura's car p 344

Jan 1978 - Walter Reed - Forest Glen Ward Eight

Letter to Lois - where did you get it?

Why did the family
agree to talk with you.
Minister even talked