

Information:

Source stated that sometime during the 12 day B52 bombing attacks during 1972 he observed the shootdown of a U.S. jet aircraft (type unknown) near Hon Gai, Quang Ninh.

Source stated that at the time of his observation he was going out for pleasure on the road from Hon Gai (YJ 1718) which went to Cam Pha (Highway 18). At about 0900-1000 hours Source saw approx 10 U.S. aircraft arrive and begin attacking the electric power generating plant which provided power for the Ha Tou Coal Mines (mines located vic YJ 2418). Source saw one aircraft be hit by anti-aircraft fire from the Ha Tou Mines militia forces, and shortly afterward one crewmember ejected and descended near highway 18 across from the Quang Ninh Miner's Hospital (poss loc YJ 220177). After the pilot ejected, the aircraft continued on in flames and crashed into the ocean south of Hon Gai.

Source went to where the pilot descended but could not get close because public security personnel were present inspecting the body of the pilot. Source did not know how the pilot was killed but

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saw the body wrapped in white cloth and taken away in the direction of the Quang Ninh Coal Miner's Hospital. Source later saw a grave in the coal miner's cemetery which had a marker reading Aggressor Pilot (Giac Lai May Bay). Source stated that there may have been additional writing on the marker but that he could not remember. Source last saw the grave in 1981 and noticed that the ground had been leveled out and that the marker had been removed. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident. Source's hand drawn memory sketch is attached.

miners cemetery

big cement water tank

Km marker # 8

Ha

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pilot here

descended

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To Ca

Food warehouse

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Quang Ninh Miners Hospital

(Binh Vien Cong Ty Mo Quang Ninh)

Hon bai

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