



THE RIVER.

"FIRE)

"THE WHOLE CITY OF HAI PHONG VIBRATED. ALL THE GUNS OF THE SOLDIERS WITH THE ARTILLERY OF THE CIVILIANS LIT UP THE

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CITY SKY. BATTERY 3, COMMANDED BY COMRADE DO VAN CHINH, FIRED RIGHT ON SCHEDULE WITH THE WHOLE COMPANY. IN THE DAYS PRIOR THERE HAD BEEN A COMPETITION CELEBRATING THE UNIFORM OPERATIONS AND SUCCESSFUL ATTACKS OF THE TROOPS AND CITIZENS OF THE SOUTH, BATTERY 5, COMMANDED BY COMRADE TRAN VAN CHIEN HAD PROMISED TO SHOOT DOWN THE 200TH AIRCRAFT OVER THE CITY. HE TWO BATTERIES FIRED AND RECEIVED PRAISE OF THE WHOLE COMPANY.

"ON THE BATTLE FIELD THE FEMALE UNITS WITH THE NAME OF THE HERO TA THI KIEU, NGUYEN THI UT, ALSO FIRED. THE SOUND OF THE GUNS OF THE SISTERS WAS A RESULT OF A COMPETITION WITH 10 FEMALES FROM THE HEROIC CITY OF HUE.

"THE SELF DEFENSE TEAM FROM LE CHAN CITY CONSISTING OF NGUYEN THI LOAN, NGUYEN THI DAN, NGUYEN THI LE... HAD A LOT OF PRACTICE WORKING BY NIGHT, THEY WERE ALSO PRESENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD, AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIRE UNDER THE COMMAND OF COMRADE PHO. BE, CACH, LOAN, HAD BEEN WEARY FOR MANY DAYS, BUT WHEN MOBILIZED THEY QUICKLY BROUGHT THEIR GUN INTO THE BATTLE. THE FEMALES ALL HAD HIGH SPIRITS. THE FIRING WAS RHYTHMIC. THE SELF DEFENSE UNIT FROM THE

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SHIPYARD, COMMANDED BY COMRADE CU MINH HAI, USED ITS EXPERIENCE FROM EARLIER BATTLES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENING BATTLE, BY FIRING PRECISELY, AND CONCENTRATING FIRE. ALL THE CITY OF HAI PHONG WAS RED WITH FIRE FROM THE ATTACK, 1 A6, BEFORE IT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMIT ATROCITIES, WAS HIT AND BURST INTO FLAME AND CAME SMASHING DOWN INTO ON THE BANK OF THE CITY'S RIVER. THIS WAS THE SECOND A6 THE PEOPLE AND TROOPS OF THE CITY HAD HEROICALLY SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AT NIGHT.

"SHOOTING IN THE SKIES OF HAI PHONG BECAME QUIET. THE MUSICAL SOUND OF VOICES FILLED THE AIR PRAISING THE MILITARY EXPLOITS OF HAI PHONG'S ALERTNESS AND RESOLVE."

3. A PHOTOGRAPH BELOW THE ARTICLE SHOWS TWO VIETNAMESE MEN WITH A WRECKED AIRCRAFT WING ALONG A RIVER BED. THE PHOTO IS VERY SIMILAR TO ANOTHER PHOTO DESCRIBED IN REF B. THE CAPTION UNDER THE PHOTO READS, "PIECE OF AN AMERICAN A6 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ON 6-3-1968. THIS IS THE 200TH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN BY THE MILITIA AND PEOPLE OF HAIPHONG."

4. THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT AND CITY INDICATED IN THE ARTICLE AND THE INCIDENT DATE UNDER THE PHOTOGRAPH PROBABLY CORRELATE TO THE

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THE REFNO 1075 INCIDENT DATE. REFNO 1075 WAS THE ONLY A-6 LOST OVER HAIPHONG ON 6 MARCH 1968. THE ARTICLE AND PHOTO CAPTION ALSO INDICATE THAT THIS A-6 WAS THE 200TH SHOT DOWN OVER HAIPHONG. THIS CORRELATES WITH A FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE (FBIS) REPORT (REF A) OF A HANOI RADIO BROADCAST. THAT RADIO BROADCAST ALSO INDICATED THAT THE A-6 LOST 6 MARCH 1968 WAS THE 200TH AIRCRAFT LOST OVER THE CITY OF HAIPHONG.

5. FOR BUPERS/PERS-663P: FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION. COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE FORWARDED UPON COMPLETION OF DUPLICATION.

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