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Developing their 21 November military success in downing six U.S. planes over North Viet-Nam, our northern people's armed forces are stepping up the movement to conduct training and to achieve combat readiness. Our radio correspondent will now describe the determination to fight of a number of Hanoi anti-aircraft units.

(Second voice--Ed) The impetus to achieve combat readiness is intense and seething from the command post down to every company and artillery crew. We know that when going on alert, 100 percent of the strength of many units are ready in their combat positions; many guns, and missiles are ready to attack the enemy and the equipment have been accurately adjusted.

On the early morning of 21 November, when piratical planes made their appearance in the distance, many units spotted them and closely followed their course. The 43rd, 44th, and 63rd missile units and anti-aircraft units such as the 194th and 2nd companies constantly showed that they are outstanding. We visited the 43rd missile unit at a time when it was training and achieving combat readiness. This missile unit scored outstanding feats of arms during the years of resistance against the destructive war. During a battle, the fighters in this missile unit downed two aggressor planes with a single missile. In another battle, this missile unit downed enemy planes and captured an aggressor pilot Colonel. It was cited by the Party Committee as a unit that fought staunchly. In its latest battle fought at 0220 (local time-Ed) on 21 November 1970, the unit (? downed) a U.S. jet aircraft with a very small number of missiles.

During this battle, unit commander Lap and his subordinate cadres chose the proper time to launch their missiles and they correctly estimated the enemy's maneuver. Missile-launching officer Tran Duc - Nghiep, in his first taste of combat, was very calm and hit the target. Artillerymen Lien, Thang, and Tu not only outstandingly adjusted the (? sighting and aiming) devices but also cleverly guessed the (? course) of the enemy planes.

Under these circumstances of intense combat, our brothers sought to use the missiles sparingly and to fire only when they were sure they could hit the enemy. After a missile from the unit completely destroyed an enemy plane in the darkness, cadres and fighters immediately prepared for continuous combat. After he got out of this command vehicle, unit commander Lap informed us of his unit's training and combat-readiness status. Lap said: (Recorded voice--Ed) "Concerning training, we practice fulfilling our mission right on our battlefield in accordance with existing circumstances and the flight path of the enemy planes. We revised and firmly grasped our final plan. (Words indistinct) according to our plan, we must perfect one project per day" (words indistinct).

Our anti-aircraft fighters gloriously contributed to the new military success in downing six aggressor planes on 21 November. When enemy planes were within their guns' range, our fighters in various units accurately fired on them. The 194th Company fired only eight rounds but scored an outstanding military success.

Other units are striving to learn from those units that just scored feats-of-arms. One of these units is the 2nd Company. The brothers in this company said: "The aggressors have violated our airspace. They certainly seek to commit crimes. We must annihilate them immediately." This was clearly reflected in the combat preparations of the unit. During every alert, all of the cadres and fighters were present. Artillerymen Khanh and Cuong who despite the fact they were sick, rushed to their artillery pieces and worked along with their comrades-in-arms. Fighters Vinh, Chau and Sau, who had recently left universities and trained themselves enthusiastically, fought outstandingly.

The old fighters have endeavored to improve the capabilities of the new ones. They have formed firm ties. Under the new combat circumstances they have achieved close unity. Party member Nguyen Dinh Toan, a 2nd artilleryman, (as heard--ed), and ordnance fighter Nguyen Van Tu, who courageously fought on in past years to defend the capital were present on 21 November, and together with their comrades-in-arms made careful preparations, ready to counter the enemy. We have interviewed comrade Nguyen Kiem Vuong, a 2nd artilleryman and a fighter who had repeatedly participated in battles to defend Hanoi and who had, many times, pledged to emulate with his brother who was fighting on a far battlefield in annihilating the aggressors to score achievements.

Comrade Nguyen Kiem Vuong told us: (recorded voice)
"We have made preparations with a spirit of combat readiness. When the friendly units started firing, we were ready to open fire. (Words indistinct) the next morning, after gaining experience and making very careful combat preparations, more careful than the night before in order to be able to open fire immediately, we have also checked very carefully on every speed (words indistinct), the trigger-squeezing speed, and automatic devices (words indistinct) and prepared and readjusted every hammer handle in order to insure good combat. We have made very careful preparations, (Words indistinct) we will open fire and are determined to hit the enemy with the first round."

The battlegrounds were seething with resolute words and deeds that reflected our fighters' determination and their spirit of combat readiness. The U.S. aggressors certainly must be forced by our armed forces and people to pay more than 10 times for the crimes they have committed. Our hatred-filled anti-aircraft rounds certainly will completely burn many more piratical U.S. planes and all adventurous military schemes and acts of the stubborn and warlike Nixon clique.