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THU DAU MOT: NEARLY 300 ENEMY WIPED OUT IN 3 DAYS.

HANOI VNA DECEMBER 12/1968 THE REGIONAL ARMED FORCES AND
GUERRILLAS IN THU DAU MOT PROVINCE ON NOVEMBER 24, 25 AND 29
KILLED OR WOUNDED NEARLY 300 (THREE HUNDRED) U.S. AND PUPPET
TROOPS, ACCORDING TO GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

BESIDES, THEY HEAVILY DECIMATED ONE ENEMY COMPANY, DES-
TROYED 20 (TWOEIGHT) TANKS AND ARMoured CARS AND 5 (FIVE) MORTARS
AND SHOT DOWN OR WRECEKED ON THE GROUND 4 (FOUR) HELICOPTERS.

GOING INTO THE DETAILS, THE AGENCY REPORTED:

ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, THE REGIONAL ARMED FORCES
LAUNCHED A SURPRISE ATACK ON AN ARMOUR PARK AND AN ARTILLERY SITE
OF THE U.S. 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION NORTH OF BEN CAT, KNOCKING DOWN
40 (FOURZERO) GGIIS AND DESTROYING 8 (EIGHT) TANKS.

ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 29, THE REGIONAL ARMED FORCES
ASSAULTED FOR THE SECOND TIME THOSE POSITIONS, COMPLETELY DES-
TROYING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMOUR PARK AND NEATLY PUTTING
OUT OF ACTION ONE INFANTRY COMPANY AND 20 (TWO) MORTAR PLATOONS
TOTTALLING 150 (ONEFIVEZERO) GGIIS. THEY DESTROYED 20 (TWOZERO)
TANKS AND ARMoured CARS, 5 (FIVE) MORTARS AND BROUGHT DOWN OR
SHATTERED ON HE GROUND 4 (FOUR) HELICOPTERS.

MORE THAN 100 (ONE HUNDRED) MEN OF THE PUPPET 5TH DIVISION
WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED AND ONE COMPANY HEAVILY TROUNCED BY
GSERILLAS AND REGIONAL ARMEDFORCES ON NOVEMBER 24 AND 25 IN BEN
CAT DISTRICT./.

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68-144- ONE U.S. PLANE DOWNED OVER HANOI TODAY.

HANOI VNA DECEMBER 12/ THE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE
HANOI THIS MORNING SHOT DOWN A U.S. UNMANNED PLANE WHICH VIOLATED
THE AIRSPACE OF THE CAPITAL.

THIS BROUGHT TO 3,254 (THREETWOFIVEFOUR) THE TOTAL NUMBER
OF U. S. AIRCRAFT SHATTERED DOWN OVER NORTH VIET NAM TO DATE/.

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