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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: CAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF AN ALLEGED U.S.
AIRMAN AT VAN YEN VILLAGE, CON CUONG DISTRICT, NGHE TINH
PROVINCE IN EARLY 1968.
DOI: EARLY 1968

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. ONE MORNING IN EARLY 1968, ONE ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN WAS CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF VAN YEN VILLAGE (WF 3989), CON CUONG DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN IN HIS 30'S, ABOUT 1.7 METERS TALL, MEDIUM BUILD. HE HAD A REDDISH COMPLEXION, RUSSSET HAIR, AND HIS STOMACH WAS A BIT BIG. HE CLAIMED TO BE A MARRIED CAPTAIN AND TO HAVE ONE CHILD. IN THE LATE AFTERNOON HE WAS TRANSPORTED TO VINH CITY, NGHE TINH. THE TRIP WAS DELAYED UNTIL THE NEXT DAY BY TIMED PELLET BOMBS DROPPED EAST OF VAN YEN. THEN THE VEHICLE WAS BOMBED BY AMERICAN AIRCRAFT AND OVERTURNED WHEN IT WAS ABOUT NINE KILOMETERS NORTH OF VINH. THE AIRMAN WAS WOUNDED AND WAS LATER TAKEN TO THE POLISH-AIDED HOSPITAL WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY DIED ONE WEEK LATER. HIS AIRCRAFT, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN AN F-4, WHICH DROPPED PELLET BOMBS IN THE VICINITY OF VAN YEN ALONG WITH OTHER AIRCRAFT FROM 1000 HOURS TO 1800 HOURS, WAS DOWNED AND CRASHED REPORTEDLY AT PHUC BAC VILLAGE ABOUT SIX KILOMETERS TO THE WEST.

2 COMMENT:

SAID THE TRIP FROM VAN YEN TO VINH PASSED BY YEN LANG (WF 6498) THEN FOLLOWED ROUTE ONE SOUTH. HE ADDED THAT USUALLY AMERICAN AIRMEN WHO DIED IN VINH HOSPITAL/PRISON WERE BURIED IN A GRAVEYARD IN THE VICINITY OF TRUONG TIEN BRIDGE (WF 704636) IN THE SOUTHWESTERN OUTSKIRTS.)

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