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COUNTRY: VIETNAM

SUBJ: POW/MIA: DEATH AND BURIAL OF AN ALLEGED U.S. AIRMAN
AT VINH YEN VILLAGE, NGHIA DAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH
PROVINCE, ABOUT LATE 1967

DOI: ABOUT LATE 1967

SOURCE:

TEXT: 1. AROUND NOON ONE DAY IN LATE 1967, AN ALLEGED A-4 AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT VINH YEN VILLAGE (WG 5428), NGHIA DAN DISTRICT, NGHE TINH PROVINCE. THE AIRMAN LOST A LEG AND HAD A HEAD INJURY. HE DIED IN THE CRASH. HE WAS A CAUCASIAN IN HIS MIDDLE 20'S AND SHORT. HE WAS BURIED BY THE VINH YEN MILITIA IN THE LOCAL GRAVEYARD THAT WAS ABOUT 200 METERS WEST OF THE VILLAGE SCHOOL AND 400 METERS NORTH OF THE VILLAGE MAIN ROAD. HIS AND OTHER AIRCRAFT CAME FROM THE SEA TO BOMB CAU GIAT TRAIN STATION (WG 6617); FROM 1000 TO 1300 HOURS THEY DESTROYED A NEARBY BRIDGE. AFTERWARD, THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN.

2. COMMENT:

BELIEVED THAT VINH YEN IS ABOUT 19 KILOMETERS FROM CAU GIAT BY ROAD AND THAT THE SOUTHERN SPAN OF THE BRIDGE WAS DESTROYED BY THE BOMBING.)

3. COMMENT:

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