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DEFENSE UNIT REPORTS AIRCRAFT SHOOTDOWN

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AT #2##Z ON 26 AUGUST 1972, AN UNIDENTIFIED NVN AIR DEFENSE UNIT (POSSIBLY IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE) REPORTED THAT ONE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN ON THE SPOT AND THE PILOT PARACHUTED. THE REPORT STATED THAT COMPANY 14 OF BATTALION 1#5 (UNLOCATED), COMPANY 7 OF BATTALION 1#3 (UNLOCATED) AND COMPANIES 1 AND 3 OF BATTALION 216 (UNLOCATED) STRUCK STRONGLY. IN PARTICULAR, COMPANY 3 OF BATTALION 216 SHOT DOWN ONE AIRCRAFT ON THE SPOT AND THE PILOT FROM THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT PARACHUTED. THE REGIMENT COMMANDER COMMENDS ALL OF THE ABOVE UNITS, ESPECIALLY COMPANY 3 OF BATTALION 216, FOR THEIR HIGH COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS IN ACTIVELY STRIKING THE ENEMY DAY AND NIGHT, IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH FRIENDLY UNITS IN ANNIHILATING THE ENEMY. XXHH 35# #3##5 NNNH

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