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CON CC ISLAND CLAIMS SHOOTDOWN OF U.S. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT

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IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A RECORD, THE SOLDIERS HAVE DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STRUGGLE FROM 23 FEBRUARY ((ON)) TO AVENGE ((THE LIVES)) OF THE COMRADES OF THE 2 REGIONS OF CON CC ((ISLAND)) ((C)) ((WHO HAVE BEEN)) KILLED BY THE GAS OF THE PIRATES. THE GUN CREWS HAVE WRITTEN A DETERMINED LETTER TO THE PARTCOMMITTEE PROMISING TO IMMEDIATELY ((SHOOT)) DOWN ONE ENEMY AIRPLANE ((B-VAL)) IN A BLAZE OF GUNFIRE. AROUND 1752 HOURS ((GULF)) ON 21 FEBRUARY, AFTER 8 SORTIES ((OF AIRCRAFT)) SCORCHED CON CC ((ISLAND)) ((C)), AN PC 121 PLANE CIRCLED IN RECONNAISSANCE ((OVER)) THE ISLAND, COMRADE THIEM ((B)) ((THIEM)), A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY, WAS ABLE TO SPOT THE AIRPLANE FROM A DISTANCE ((XWDG/M)) YOUNG AND COURAGEOUS WAITED FOR THE AIRPLANE TO COME DOWN ((WITHIN)) EXACT RANGE, ONLY THEN ((DID HE)) GIVE ORDERS TO FIRE TO THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ((BATTERY'S)) SOLDIERS, ((THE SOLDIERS WERE)) THAN ((B)) ((THAN)), THANG ((B)) ((THANGS)), CUONG ((B)) ((CUONG)), KY ((B)) ((KY)), BAY ((B)) ((BAY)), ((BNG)), CONG ((B)) ((CONG)), THONG ((B)) ((THONG)), ((B)), -1) -43 697, + 9) 334 209 - 3 97+95 2,+7, 43 9 2-55)3 ((BNG)) MANY MEDALS ON THEIR CHESTS AWARDED BY THE WAR COUNCIL, THEY FIRED EXTREMELY ACCURATELY, THE FIRE TRAJECTORY WAS VERY ((XWDG)). THE BULLET ((HIT)) THE FRONT AND THE AIRPLANE BURST INTO FLAME, ((THE AIRPLANE)) DAMAGED FROM HEAD TO TAIL, BURNING ((XWDG)) THE PILOT WAS UNABLE TO BAIL OUT IN TIME ((XWDG/M)) FOLLOWING THE AIRPLANE. ALL OF THE ISLAND REJOICES ((BECAUSE OF THE)) MILITARY SUCCESSES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, BUT ((MAINLY BECAUSE OF)) THE AIR DEFENCE SOLDIERS ((WHO)) SHOT DOWN THE ((B-VAL)) 24TH AIRPLANE. IN ADDITION, CON CC ((ISLAND)) ((C)) FIRED ON AND SEVERELY DAMAGED 2 AC6 AIRCRAFT ON 21 FEBRUARY

((A)) LOCATED 17-04N 107-02E

((B)) UNIDENTIFIED

((C)) LOCATED 17-10N 107-20E

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