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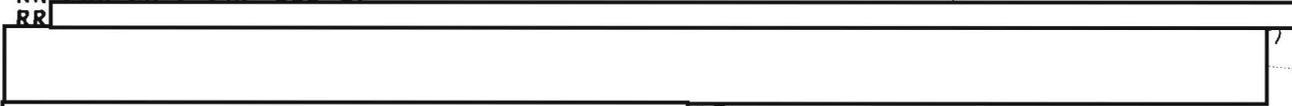


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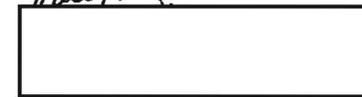
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DATE COMMENTS 5-7 AUG 64 36 MIG-15/17S DEPLOY FROM MENGZU, CHINA TO PHU C YEN
AFLD, NVN. AUG-DEC 64 NVAF PILOTS PERFORM 800-900 SORTIES IN THE NEWLY ACQUIRED
MIG AIRCRAFT. THESE SORTIES CONSISTED OF PRACTICE TAKE-OFF/LANDINGS, LEVEL
TURNS, CLIMB EXERCISES AND CLOUD PIERCING EXERCISES. ONE PRACTICE INTERCEPT
WAS NOTED ON 26 NOV 64. MID DEC 64 17 MIG-15/17.5 DEPLOYED FROM MENGZU, CHINA
TO PHUC YEN AFLD, NVN. AS OF DECEMBER 1964, THE NVAF IN-COUNTRY ADB CONSISTED
OF 26 LI-2.S. 14 IL-14.S. 10-14 AN-2.S. 5 MI-1.S. 9 MI-4.S. 3 AERO-45.S. AND 53
MIG-15/17.S. EARLY 1965 NVAF PILOT TRAINING STEPPED UP TO INCLUDE AERIAL
GUNNERY PRACTICE, NIGHT FLYING EXERCISES, AND GROUND CONTROLLED INTERCEPT
(FIRST NIGHT FLYING MISSION NOTED ON 14 FEB 65. AND FIRST CONFIRMED GCI
EXERCISE NOTED ON 24 FEB 65). FEB 65 U.S. STRIKE FORCES BEGIN BOMBING AIRFIELDS
IN SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM. LATE FEB 65 MIG AIRCRAFT NOTED PERFORMING TACTICAL
DEFENSIVE PATROLS NORTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL. APRIL 65 FIRST NVAF MIG REACTION
TO U.S. STRIKE FORCES OPERATING NORTH OF THE 20TH PARALLEL (ON 3 APRIL NVAF
MIGS PERFORMED A FIRING PASS AGAINST A USN F8E AIRCRAFT. ON 4 APRIL 65, MIGS
STRIKING FROM CLOUD COVER DOWNED TWO USAF F105.S). MAY 65 EIGHT IL-28 JET LIGHT
BOMBERS WERE DELIVERED TO THE NVAF FROM THE USSR. NOTE THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF
SOVIET PILOTS/ADVISORS WAS NOTED DURING THIS PERIOD. SOVIET PILOTS WERE ALSO
OBSERVED FLYING AFTERBURNER EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT. PRIOR TO THIS PERIOD, CHINESE
PILOT/ADVISORS PROVIDED THE TRAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NVAF PILOTS. JUNE 65
NVN CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC COMES TO A COMPLETE STAND- STILL AND MOST OF THE NVAF
IL-14.S AND LI-2 AIRCRAFT DEPLOY TO YUNNANI, CHINA. SOVIET PILOTTED IL-28
BOMBERS NOTED IN TRAINING/CHECKOUT FLIGHTS. (FIRST IN-COUNTRY IL-28 FLIGHT NOTED
ON 5 JUNE 65). 20 JUNE 65 FIRST MIG-15/17 LOST DURING AN AERIAL ENGAGEMENT
WITH A1HS. JUNE-JULY 65 20-25 SORTIES PERFORMED BY SOVIET PILOTTED IL-28 BOMBERS
IN NORTH VIETNAM. 13 JULY 65 12 NVAF PILOTTED IL-28 BOMBER SORTIES NOTED
ORIGINATING FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD. SORTIES CONSISTED OF ROUTINE FLIGHT
TRAINING PROCEDURES. MID JULY 65 INTENSIVE DAY/NIGHT GCI PRACTICE UNDER SOVIET
PILOT/ADVISOR AND GROUND CONTROLLERS. IL-28 BOMBERS NOTED ACTING AS TARGETS
FOR THE FIGHTER GCI EXERCISES. NOTE FROM 13 JULY - 11 OCT 65, A TOTAL OF 96
IL-28 BOMBER SORTIES OVER A 19 DAY PERIOD WERE PERFORMED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

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ONLY. JULY 65 NVAF MIG TACTIC OBSERVED THE MIGS WOULD ORBIT AN AREA AND WAIT FOR THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO DEPART. BY THAT TIME THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FUEL LEFT, AND THEREFORE, HESITATED TO ENGAGE THE MIGS IN ANY EXTENDED COMBAT. THE MIGS WOULD SIMPLY FOLLOW THE HOSTILES AND AWAIT A CHANCE TO STRIKE. 10 JULY 65 WITH A F4C MIGCAP FLIGHT SCRAMBLING 20 MINUTES LATER THAN NORMAL, THE MIGCAP WAS AWAITING THE MIGS WITH A GOOD SUPPLY OF FUEL REMAINING. AS A RESULT TWO MIGS WERE SHOT DOWN DURING AN ENGAGEMENT, AND THE NVAF MIGS MADE NO FURTHER ENCOUNTERS WITH THE U.S. STRIKE FORCES UNTIL OCTOBER 65. SEPT 65 MIG-15/17.5 DEPLOY FROM PHUC YEN AIRFIELD TO KEP AIRFIELD. OCT-NOV 65 NEW MIG TACTIC NOTED PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS TACTIC WAS TO PLACE THE MIGS IN A THREATENING POSITION IN AN EFFORT TO FORCE THE STRIKE AIRCRAFT TO EITHER ABORT THEIR MISSION OR JETTISON THEIR ORDNANCES. XXHH 900 NNNN

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