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Heavy B-52 Raids Continue in North

48-Hour Total Is Reported as Highest of the War -
Supplies Are Targets

(AP)

Meanwhile, Air Force investigators reached the area of eastern Thailand where a B-52 crashed Wednesday night [22 Nov] after a bombing run over North Vietnam, and they reported findings substantiating the statements of military sources shortly after the crash that the huge plane was the first of the war to be lost to enemy fire.

The United States command said the inquiry had determined that the B-52 had probably been hit by a surface-to-air missile during its raid on North Vietnam. Earlier, the command had said that the cause was undetermined.

A broadcast by the Hanoi radio said the B-52 had been downed by North Vietnamese gunners, but it disputed the United States statement that it was the first of the heavy bombers to be shot down during the war.

The broadcast said it was the 19th to be shot down since B-52's began raiding the North in large numbers last April.

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