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## U.S. BOMBS NORTH 8TH DAY IN A ROW

One Attack 40 Miles Above  
DMZ—Results Not Known

SAIGON, South Vietnam, March 9 (AP)—United States fighter-bombers raided anti-aircraft positions in North Vietnam yesterday for the eighth successive day, the United States command reported today.

The command said Air Force F-4 Phantoms bombed anti-aircraft artillery at two sites about a mile apart inside North Vietnam's half of the demilitarized zone and at another point about 40 miles north of the zone. It charged that the enemy had fired on unarmed reconnaissance planes.

The results of the strikes, the command said, were not known, but there was no damage to American planes.

The command has reported 90 such raids this year.

In a delayed report, the command said one F-4 was shot down Tuesday by ground fire



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U.S. jets struck points below the demilitarized zone (1), in the zone (2) and to the north of it (3).

while attacking the Ho Chi Minh supply trail network in southern Laos. The two crewmen are missing, the command said.

United States B-52 bombers continued to pound the northern region of South Vietnam below the demilitarized zone in an area 31 miles southwest of Danang, and in the central highlands.

In another development, the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk arrived off the Vietnamese coast, bringing the United States Seventh Fleet's carrier force to four for the first time since November, 1970. However, only two of the carriers are now engaged in air operations over Indochina.

The United States command reported eight American soldiers from the 196th Infantry Brigade were wounded when their patrol set off an enemy booby trap nine miles south of Danang.

The command also announced that five Americans were killed in combat last week and 38 wounded. Nine United States servicemen died from nonhostile causes.

The South Vietnamese command reported 302 of its troops killed and 713 wounded last week. It said 1,300 enemy soldiers were killed in that period, the largest number in a month.

The allied commands have reported these total casualties in the war: American—45,661 killed in action, 302,745 wounded and 10,095 dead from nonhostile causes. South Vietnamese—140,529 killed in action, 305,120 wounded. North Vietnamese and Vietcong—798,789 killed.

The South Vietnamese command also reported new fighting in the Central Highlands, in which it said its forces had killed 10 enemy soldiers in a 35 minute clash 10 miles southwest of Ankhe. No South Vietnamese casualties were reported.