

Heavy U.S. Air Raids Strike at Haiphong

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Monday, Aug. 28—United States Navy jets bombed installations in North Vietnam's major port city of Haiphong Saturday in some of the heaviest raids of the war, the Navy said yesterday. The planes were said to have attacked five targets, including a ship-repair yard.

The main target was the Haiphong Shipyard West, situated on a small river in the northwestern corner of the city, away from populated areas, the Navy said.

Pilots from the carrier Midway reported that their bombs

had triggered a large secondary explosion at the shipyard, described by the Seventh Fleet as a small-boat and barge-repair facility.

It was the second shipyard reported attacked by Navy jets in less than a month. A spokesman said the attacks were aimed at the source of craft used to move war matériel southward through thousands of miles of inland waterways.

The pilots also reportedly bombed the Catbi and Kienan MIG air bases on the southern outskirts of Haiphong and said their bombs had triggered large explosions in caves

used to stockpile supplies.

The Hanoi radio said that seven American jets were shot down over North Vietnam during raids Saturday and yesterday and that some pilots were captured. There was no immediate confirmation from the United States command, which withholds reports of air losses while search and rescue operations are under way.

But the command said in a delayed report that an F-4 Phantom was shot down during heavy raids Friday in Hanoi-Haiphong.