

A Second U.S. Pilot Accused of Refusing To Attack the North

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Air Force disclosed today that a second pilot has been charged with refusing to fly a combat mission against North Vietnam during the heavy bombing campaign last month.

The officer was identified as Capt. Dwight J. Evans Jr., 26 years old, pilot of an F-4 Phantom fighter-bomber assigned to the 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron in Thailand. His hometown was not reported.

Captain Evans and Capt. Michael J. Heck, 30, of Chula Vista, Calif., a B-52 pilot, are accused of failing to obey a lawful order and face possible court-martial. Conviction could bring a two-year prison sentence.

The Strategic Air Command, in a Jan. 10 announcement of the charges against Captain Heck, described him as "the first and only" B-52 crew member to refuse to fly combat missions in the Vietnam war.

In acknowledging charges against Captain Evans, the Air Force also acknowledged two cases of B-52 crewmen in the United States who had been discharged as conscientious objectors.

The Air Force said that Captain Evans had refused to bomb North Vietnam on Dec. 18, the day President Nixon ordered the big air attacks against the Hanoi-Haiphong area to begin. Captain Heck refused on Dec. 27, three days before the attacks were cut back to below the 20th parallel.

The Air Force also said that its records show that two other pilots had been discharged

honorably after refusing to fly combat missions in the Vietnam war. One was an F-4 pilot and the other flew an AC-130 gunship.