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A-7E 158006 VA-195, USN, USS *Kitty Hawk*
Cdr Mace C Gilfry (survived)

Another CO of a Corsair squadron was shot down following Cdr Frenzl's escape on 8 March. A section of Corsairs was flying near Dong Hoi on a road reconnaissance mission when a volley of six SAMs was fired at the aircraft. One of the missiles damaged the tail of Cdr Gilfry's aircraft, which caught fire. He managed to steer his stricken aircraft out over the sea and ejected about 15 miles north of Dong Hoi when the aircraft's hydraulic system failed. He was rescued by a Navy HH-3A SAR helicopter.