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It was probably the same MiGs that were involved in the shooting down of Roger Locher's Phantom that also destroyed another F-4 a few minutes later. Capt Harris and Capt Wilkinson were flying in one of the strike escort flights on the Paul Doumer Bridge raid when they were attacked by MiG-19s about 15 miles northeast of Yen Bai as the strike force was egressing. A MiG-19 got behind Harlow flight and fired its cannon at a Phantom, blowing its port wing off. Neither of the crew was seen to escape from the fireball as it fell to earth. The MiG was then chased away by the leader of Harlow flight before it could do any more damage. Several sets of human remains were handed over on 26 August 1978 and one of these sets was identified the following month as being those of Capt Wilkinson. The crash site of this Phantom was excavated in 1993, 1995 and 1996 by joint US/Vietnamese teams and on the final dig, human remains, along with personal effects including a blood chit, were discovered. The remains were positively identified in May 1997 as belonging to Capt Harris.