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F-4D 65-0599 7 TFS, 49 TFW, USAF, Takhli
Capt J L Beavers (survived)
1Lt W A Haskell (survived)

A flight of Phantoms from Takhli was temporarily based at Da Nang to provide close air support for friendly ground troops about 12 miles southwest of Hué. Capt Beavers was on his fourth pass dropping Mk82 bombs on enemy troops when his aircraft was hit by automatic weapons or small arms fire. The Phantom's rear fuselage caught fire and Capt Beavers headed out to sea where he and his WSO ejected about 15 miles north of Da Nang. They were quickly picked up by a USAF SAR helicopter. Capt Beavers had been shot down while on a previous tour with the 12th TFW during a mission near Katum on 17 April 1969.