

Crash kills two Air Station Marines

YUMA, Ariz. — Two Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station officers were killed Sunday when their F-4S 'Phantom' jet crashed approximately 65 miles northwest of the Marine Corps Air Station here.

Capt. Jeffrey J. Hill, 30, of Shell Point, and Capt. Joseph O. Marthiljohni, 31, of Laurel Bay, died when their plane crashed on a routine training mission.

It was the second tragic crash this year involving Hill,

a native of Akron, Ohio, who barely escaped death after crashing into the Atlantic Ocean in June. The pilot in that crash was killed.

Hill and Marthiljohni, a native of Midland, Tex., were assigned to the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron-251 at the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station.

The cause of the Sunday crash is under investigation by military authorities.

Hill was a radar intercept officer and Marthiljohni was a pilot.



CAPTAINS MARTHILJOHNI (LEFT) AND HILL
—inspecting plane they would die in

Crash Victims Were Stationed At Beaufort

BEAUFORT (UPI) — Two Marines who died in Arizona Sunday when their F-4S Phantom jet crashed on a routine training mission were stationed at the Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, officials said Tuesday.

The aircraft crashed about 65 miles northwest of the Marine Corps Air Station at Yuma, Ariz., a Marine spokesman disclosed.

The victims were identified as Capt. Joseph O. Marthiljohni, 31, of Laurel Bay, the pilot, and Capt. Jeffrey J. Hill, 30, of Burton, the radar intercept operator.

Marthiljohni, 31, was a native of Midland, Tex. Hill was a native of Akron, Ohio.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.