

Capt John O. “Jack” Teague and Sgt Stanley M. Monnie

The first dedicated, full-time FACs to serve Gen Vang Pao and the CIA in MR-II in June 1965 were Captain Teague, a nonrated Air Commando CCT officer, and Sergeant Monnie, an Air Commando paramedic (PJ). Newly promoted Captain Teague was a USAF CCT (parachutist) assigned to the 1st ACW, Hurlburt Field, Florida. In early 1965, he was invited by his squadron commander, Lt Col William C. “Bill” Thomas, to volunteer for a clandestine assignment in Southeast Asia, location/duty classified secret at that time. Teague said yes.

They both served a six-month tour at Lima Site (LS)-36 (Nha Khang), where they wore civilian clothes and were issued with embassy identification (ID) cards as a cover story to conceal their status. Both of the Air Commandos conducted aerial FAC and ground FAC duties throughout MR-II, selecting targets and recommending ordnance for their daily USAF-assigned sorties.