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support General Vang Pao's forces, ATRA requested that they be allowed to use Detachment 1's Thai training resources.

These resources included T-28 USAF instructor pilots and Laotian student pilots who were in their advanced phase of ordnance delivery.^{30/}

C-123:

(S) In January, COMUSMACVTHAI granted country clearance for the deployment of three C-123 aircraft and 16 aircrew personnel to augment the Candlestick force at NKP for 90 days.^{31/}

(S) It was requested that in conjunction with this deployment that the 315th Special Operations Wing have the aircraft and crews in position at NKP not later than 27 January. Additionally, the 834th Air Division was responsible for seeing that the aircraft were suitably prepared and ready for mission responsibility before departure from Phan Rang.^{32/}

SAR Efforts:

(U) During this quarter, the Wing Sandy force participated in a total of 19 Search and Rescue efforts. The following is a brief resume of those SARs.

(S) On January 2 and 3, an unsuccessful rescue effort was conducted for Milestone 507A and B. The aircraft, an A-6 from the carrier "Ranger" was hit by ground fire during a dive bomb run. The wingman and FAC both observed a wing come off the stricken aircraft at high speed during the dive.^{33/}

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(S) Milestone 507 was conducting a strike mission on Route 12 under control of Nail 38 when he suffered battle damage. The FAC positively identified one parachute.^{34/}

(S) A chute was spotted by the Sandy force and after trolling for ground fire, a Jolly Green was called in.^{35/}

(S) Jolly Green 17 responded immediately. The penetrator was lowered and touched the survivor, but he was unconscious. The penetrator was raised and a pararescue airman was lowered. He grasped the koch fittings and released the chute from the survivor whose neck was broken. Jolly Green 17 began taking ground fire from two 37mm positions which the Sandys immediately suppressed. The pararescue airman was immediately raised, leaving the inert crewmember behind.^{36/}

(S) The pararescue airman stated the crewmember was probably dead but due to insufficient time for examination, he would not definitely certify the condition. Darkness forced the Sandy and Jolly Greens to return to base with KING coming on scene to run an electronic search throughout the night.^{37/}

(S) The following morning, the Sandys were on scene again along with Nail 12 who was performing visual reconnaissance. The beeper was intermittent at this time with no recognizable pattern. It was therefore assumed that the beeper was in enemy hands. No visual or voice contact could be established so the force returned to base with KING remaining on scene. The parachute sighted the previous day was no longer visible.^{38/}

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