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(C) On 16 November 1971, Falcon 21, an F-4, was destroyed in the crash which followed a mid-air collision in the Steel Tiger area of Laos. Two survivors were reported on the ground. Sandys O3 and O6 out of Ubon were on orbit at the time, and they were diverted to the crash site.³⁰

(C) When the Sandys arrived at the scene of the accident it was reported to them that an Army helicopter had picked up one survivor and was searching for the other. The Sandys orbited the location for 30 minutes until they were informed that no objective remained for the SAR effort. They then returned to Ubon with a strike mission authorized and carried out on the way.³¹

³⁰. Details provided by Maj. G.W. Miller, 56th Wing SACCO, 22 Feb 72.

³¹. Ibid.

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