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ground fire. Darkness came shortly afterwards and voided any possible attempt for that day.

(C) The next day the rescue was hampered by bad weather, lack of ordnance, and several Mig calls that chased the SAR force from the area. At one time Migs approached to within one half mile of the SAR force. The only available ordnance was that carried by the Sandys. It was finally decided that a first light pickup would be attempted the next morning. The next morning the SAR force launch was delayed for two hours because of weather. During this time Bravo reported that people were coming over the hill after him, and then "they have me."

SUNDOG Ø7¹³⁷

(C) Sundog Ø7 (an O-2) was shot down over An Loc by an SA-7 on 14 May. Coincidentally, the Sandys were just taking off from Bien Hoa for the afternoon orbit when they heard the distress call. Enroute to An Loc they learned that Sundog Ø7 was with friendlies inside the city. Rash Ø5 was discussing a rescue attempt with the friendlies. While the Sandys were firing on the proposed ingress route, the Army SAR team of five helicopters arrived and began holding South of the city. However, it was decided to abandon the rescue attempt for the

137. 1st SOS Historical Data Reports. Also, see SARCO Report for Sundog Ø7, 14 May 72, (Doc 32).

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was delayed for bad weather for two days. During the delay Bravo reported that the gomers were coming over the hill and that "they have me". Better coordination of MIG cap and fast mover ordnance could have produced a successful pick-up the second day.

On 13 May Sandys 05/06 were launched from Bien Hoa for Phoenix Black 2 (VNAF A-1) downed near An Loc. However, contact was never established with a survivor. The Sandys departed the area after being fired on by SA-7 missiles.

On 14 May Sandys 05/06 were launched for Sundog 07, who was downed by an SA-7 near An Loc. The survivor was in friendly hands and the Sandys advised the army to delay rescue attempts since the enemy was surely waiting for the first helicopter to enter the area. The Sandys departed the area after taking SA-7 fire. Sundog 07 was rescued several days later by the army.

On 20 May Bowleg 02 (F-4) was downed about 30 miles west of Hanoi. Sandy 03/04 proceeded to the survivors area from their orbit, aided by Disco (EC-121). Sandy 01/02/09/10 were launched from NKP to try for an immediate pick-up. Sandys 03/04 found the survivors who reported movement in their area. Bravo was very excited and his radio transmissions were almost unreadable. Sandys 09 and 10 (Capt Smith, Lt Hukee) took on scene command and worked the area some more before leaving the area to get the Jollys for a pick-up. Upon returning to the area Bravo ~~was~~ could no longer be contacted so only Alpha was rescued. ~~The~~ forces remained in the area until dangerously low on fuel attempting to regain contact.

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STATEMENT

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SUBJECT: Sandy 05/06 SAR SUNDG 07 USAF 0-2

1. On 14 May 1972, at 1450 we were just taking the active runway at Bien Hoa, for the afternoon orbit, when we heard a call on guard. Someone was requesting someone else to come up DEITA frequency.
2. After takeoff, we tried to contact Joker but had no success. We headed towards An Loc and got in contact with Rash 05 on 282.8MHz. He said that Sundog 07 had been hit with a SA-7 and was down in An Loc. But in friendly hands. He informed us that the Army SAR team was enroute to try and get the survivor out of An Loc.
3. At 1515, we arrived over An Loc. Rash 05 was the on scene commander and was talking to the friendlies who had the survivor. He briefed us on where they were going to try and land the helicopter, defenses in the area, etc. We then rendezvoused with Black Jack, the Army Sar team (two slicks and three Cobras). We held south of An Loc while Rash 05 talked to the ground commander about the tactics to be employed. It was decided that since the enemy knew the survivor was in friendly hands, that the friendlies had contact with the enemy, and that they (enemy) probably knew about that general plan of attack, that it would be best to wait for a more favorable time to attempt an ~~attack~~ ^{rescue} of the survivor. We relayed this information to Black Jack and they returned to base.
4. At 1550, Rash 05 wanted to use our ordnance to soften up the area and proposed ingress route for the helicopters. Sandy 06 had made one pass, and Sandy 05 was on his first pass when Sandy 05 was fired at by an SA-7. Rash 05 told the Sandy's to break, which both Sandy's simultaneously did. However, the missile was tracking Sandy 05. Rash 05 and Sandys 05 and 06 decided that the area was too hostile for slow movers.
5. At 1600 Sandy 05/06 left the area of An Loc to return the aircraft to home station (NKP).

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