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by enemy ground forces. 10A's last transmission was "They've got me."^{5.}
No losses/damages sustained despite heavy opposition by ground forces.

3. On 20 August, 1972, VAUPIRE 26 (QU-22B) was forced to bail out due to aircraft structural failure (after flying into a thunderstorm) 20NM east of Delta 4 in central Laos. Mail 75 (1/Lt Jeffrey P. Colbath and Major Frank J. Zeitler) located the survivor and established voice contact. The survivor's exact position was determined by ADF cuts to his vicinity and finalized visually. Poor weather and AAA complicated the SAR efforts. Pickup effected within 2½ hours by NKP SAR forces with little opposition. No losses/damages sustained.

4. On the morning of 26 August, 1972, MOTION 02 (F-4) was downed by unknown causes (Possible MIG) in the vicinity of the "Fish's Mouth" on the border between North Vietnam and northern Laos. Mail 23 (Capt. Jonathan R. Bear and 1/Lt Frank A. Gray) was launched on the SAR. Contact was already established with both crewmembers by the arrival of Mail 23. Both survivors were located and the pickup of 02B was accomplished with little opposition. 02A's pickup was more heavily opposed and the first attempt had to be aborted. Mail 23 was then asked to more definitely pinpoint the position of 02A but was unable to do so. Voice contact was lost after the first pickup attempt and not reestablished. No more pickups attempted. 02A presumed captured by ground forces, and SAR terminated without his recovery. One PJ was wounded. Both CH-53 helicopters sustained small arms damage. No losses.

C. (U) During August the 23rd TASS had 7 pilots and 4 navigators become Combat Ready. 2 pilots were upgraded to Instructor Pilot status and 1 pilot was upgraded to Flight Examiner. There was no Paye Mail School

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SEARCH AND RESCUE

(S) Aircraft assigned to the 56th SOW participated in the following SARs during this reporting period. Due to the excessive number conducted no attempt was made to provide complete details in this section. Each SAR has been briefly addressed below. For additional information refer to the SAR Rescue Opening/Closing Reports located in Volume II, Appendix V.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POB</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
(C) 11 Jul	Lady Ace 21	CH-53D	Quang Tri	6	6 Saves
(C) 12 Jul	Blue Star 34	UH-1	MR-1	4	4 Saves
(S) 17 Jul	Owl 02	F-4	Ashau Valley	2	1 Save 1 MIA
(C) 31 Jul	Surge 93	B-52	Thailand	6	1 Save 5 Losses
(S) 13 Aug	Atlanta 10	RF-4C	DMZ	2	1 MIA
(S) 15 Aug	Saber 74	UH-1	Hue, RVN	2	1 Save 1 Loss
(S) 20 Aug	NKT 402	O-1	Paksong	2	2 Saves
(S) 20 Aug	PFD	Porter	Paksong	3	3 Saves
(S) 25 Aug	Buick 01	F-4	19N, 106E	2	2 Saves
(S) 26 Aug	Motion A-2	F-4	Laos	2	1 Save 1 MIA
(S) 2 Sep	Tufa 02	F-4	PDJ	2	2 MIA
(S) 2 Sep	Raven 23	O-1	PDJ	1	1 MIA
(U) 2 Sep	Volunteer 538	UH-1H	20N, 104E	11	11 Saves
(S) 9 Sep	Olds 04	F-4	Unknown	2	2 Saves
(S) 14 Sep	Date 03	F-4	N. Viet	2	2 MIA
(C) 17 Sep	Nail 60	OV-10	MR-1	2	2 Saves
(S) 22 Sep	Atlanta 08	RF-4C	Tonkin Gulf	2	2 Saves
(S) 28 Sep	Hobo 42	A-1A	19N, 103E	1	1 Save

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Vietnam War Aircraft Losses

1522	17 juli 1972	F-4D	SVN	Tushek G. M.	1Lt	Rescued		Brown W. G.	Capt	MIA
1523	19 juli 1972	F-4D	Sea	Wier H. D. Jr	Capt	Rescued	USN Ship	Edwards K. G.	1Lt	Rescued
1524	20 juli 1972	F-4D	Sea	Burns J. L.	Capt	Rescued	USN Helo	NeLaoson M. B.	1Lt	Rescued
1525	23 juli 1972	A-37	SVN	Gravrock S. H.	1Lt	KIA				
1526	24 juli 1972	F-4E	Sea	u	u	Rescued	USN Helo	u	Capt	Rescued
1527	29 juli 1972	F-105G	Sea	Coady T. J.	Maj	Rescued	USMC Helo	Murphy H. F.	Maj	Rescued
1528	29 juli 1972	F-4E	NVN	Kula J. D.	Capt	POW (returned)		Matsui M. K.	Capt	POW (retur
1529	30 juli 1972	F-4D	Sea	Crane D. A.	Capt	Rescued	USN Helo	Petkunas D. W.	1Lt	Rescued
1530	30 juli 1972	F-4D	Sea	Brooks G. B. Jr	Capt	Rescued	USN	McAdams J. M.	Capt	Rescued
1531	30 juli 1972	F-4D	NVN	Breckner W. J.	LtCol	POW (returned)		Price L. D.	1Lt	POW (retur
1532	9 Aug 1972	F-4D	Sea	Beavers J. L.	Capt	Rescued	USAF Helo	Haskell W. A.	1Lt	Rescued
1533	10 Aug 1972	F-4D	THL	Mathews P. T.	Capt	KIA		Stark H. D.	1Lt	KIA
1534	12 Aug 1972	C-130E	SVN	Vance J. D.	Maj	KIA		Kohler T.	Capt	KIA
1535	13 Aug 1972	RF-4C	SVN	Gauntt W. A.	Capt	POW (returned)		Townsend F. W.	1Lt	MIA
1536	19 Aug 1972	RF-4C	NVN	Behnfeldt R. F.	Capt	MIA		Shingaki T.	Maj	POW (retur
1537	22 Aug 1972	F-4E	Sea	Tigner L. M.	Maj	KIA		Crockett W. J.	1Lt	KIA
1538	25 Aug 1972	F-4D	Sea	Bailey C. G.	LtCol	Rescued	USAF Helo	Feinstein J. S.	Capt	Rescued
1539	2 Sept 1972	F-4E	LAOS	Wood W. C. Jr	Capt	MIA		Greenwood R. R.	Maj	MIA
1540	9 Sept 1972	F-4E	LAOS	Dalecky W. J.	Capt	Rescued	USAF Helo	Murphy T. M.	Capt	Rescued
1541	10 Sept 1972	F-4E	u	u	u	u		u	u	u
1542	11 Sept 1972	F-4E	NVN	Ratzlaff B. M.	Capt	POW (returned)		Heeren J. D.	Capt	POW (retur
1543	12 Sept 1972	F-4E	NVN	McMurray F. C.	Capt	POW (returned)		Zuberbuhler R. U.	Capt	POW (retur