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by enemy ground forces. 10A's last transmission was "They've got me."

no losses/damages sustained despite heavy opposition by ground forces.

3. On 20 August, 1972, VANPIRE 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. Nail 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. Nail 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 Nail 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. Nail 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 Pave Nail School

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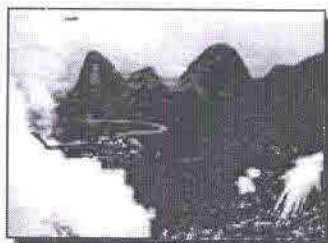
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ATTENTION:

Vietnam Era Jolly Green, Crown, Sandy and Nail crews. JTF-FA needs help on the SAR of SOPHOMORE 50 and SUMO on 27-29 Feb. 1968



Combat rescue in Vietnam was a very dangerous mission, particularly for the rescue helicopter which was extremely vulnerable during the actual rescue. When the downed airmen was being picked up, the helicopter was forced to hover making it an easy target. PJs (pararescue) manned onboard mini-guns while close air support aircraft provided masking smoke and suppression fire against hostile targets.

This month **FEATURES** presents the conclusion of the combat rescue of a pilot--Vampire 26--shot down near the Ho Chi Minh Trail during the Vietnam War. The 6 minute 7 second video details the mission from the arrival of the HH-53 helicopter at the rescue area through the completion of the mission. Part I of the rescue was featured in the previous issue of *Features*.

The Rescue of Vampire 26 in Vietnam - Part II - 160x120 video

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SECOND SEGMENT ABOUT
7 MINUTES INTO TAPE