F5455  FINAL MISSION  (USA/PHILIPPINES, 1984)
(Other titles: Last mission; Mission finale)

Credits:  director, Cirio H. Santiago ; writers, Joseph Zucchero, J.M. Aveleca.
Cast:  Richard Young, John Ericson, Christine I. Tudor.
Summary:  Action/adventure film set chiefly in contemporary Los Angeles. Opens with an attack by an American Special Forces team on a North Vietnamese camp in Laos in 1972. The attack is lead by Vincent Deacon (Young) who is pursuing an American deserter named Slater who is now fighting with the Vietnamese. The camp is taken but Slater escapes. The story resumes ten years later in Los Angeles with Deacon as the leader of a police SWAT team and Slater a member of a gang of criminals. The criminals massacre Deacon's family and he suffers a nervous breakdown and imagines himself back in Vietnam pursing Slater. He is chased thru the wilds by the Army and police. His old commander, Col. Cain (Ericson), talks him back to reality, but at the moment of surrender, an overeager sheriff shoots Cain and precipitates a final bloody shootout. An imitaton of the Rambo genre.

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