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At 0550Z on 11 July 1966, Jolly Green 55 and 02 took off from site 59. Orbit was accomplished until a Mayday was heard at 0700Z. The coordinates were given and the area seemed unsuitable for a SAR effort for the Jolly Greens. A course of 030 degrees was established, however, and held till approximately 35 N.M. NE of 59. At this time, 0715Z, a report was received that "Knife Lead" was bailing out. The coordinates were given as 2001N, 10441E, a position in Laos. Sandys 11 and 12 joined the Jolly Greens and escorted them to the area. Sandys 21 and 22 were already in the area and had established good voice contact with the downed pilot. He reported hearing no sounds of gunfire nearby and that he was not injured. Jolly Green 55 was led into the immediate area by Sandy 21 at 0750Z. Voice contact with the survivor was sketchy due to low altitude so Sandy 21 relayed. At 0800Z a pen flare was spotted and Jolly Green 55 jettisoned tanks and moved in for the pickup. Once in the immediate area, voice contact was established with the survivor and he started giving excellent directions to the Jolly Green. A column of red smoke was spotted and at 0805Z the hoist was on its way down and the survivor was seen moving toward it. The pickup was accomplished with no difficulty and both J.G.'s left the area at 0810Z. A refueling stop was made at site 98 and the trip continued to Udorn, landing at 1100Z.

LOW BIRD: JOLLY GREEN 55

RCC - Capt Weekley, R.A.
CP - Lt Bridge, J.K.
HM - ALC Tadewald, L.J.
PJ - A2C Stevson, F

HIGH BIRD: JOLLY GREEN 02

RCC - Capt Henry, D.C.
CP - Lt Rice, L.W.
HM - ALC Spivey, W
PJ - SSgt Hunt, G.W.

Pilot recovered Captain Robert Laney, Takhli - F-105

Frank A. Schmidt, Major
ROBERT A. WEEKLEY, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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JULY 10

19 LOW BIRD LEFT 98 TO 36 AT 6
THIS MORNING. CLEAR WEATHER. LOT
OF STRIKES. IT REALLY LOOKS LIKE A
HECK OF A WAR WAS FOUGHT HERE AT
1936. BAD GUYS DIDN'T LEAVE MUCH
STANDING. MIKE + JERRY ARE DOING A
FINE JOB CALLING THE STRIKES IN.
12, LANDED BACK AT 36 AFTER 2 HR.
19 ORBIT. HAD TO LEAVE 79 AT 36
BAD OIL LEAK.

63/ TO 98 TO CHANGE BIRDS. RAMP
DANCE

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14 TO UDORN

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JULY 11

19 DUTY TODAY.

5 PLANES DOWN. KELLERMAN GOT
ONE OUT OF NK. STEVENSON GOT ONE
NORTH BY SAM NEV. NAVY PICKED
ONE UP BY THE COAST. THE 105 JOCK
STEVENSON PICKED UP WAS REALLY MAD
AT HIMSELF FOR NOT GETTING AT LEAST
ONE MIG. AFTER HITTING HIS TARGET HE
GOT SEPARATED FROM HIS FRIENT
HE STARTED HOME. HE THEN SAW 2
PLANES SO HE STARTED TO JOIN UP
WITH THEM WHEN THEY TURNED AND
FIRED ON HIM. HE FIRED TIL HIS
MM WAS GONE THEN HAD TO
TAY IN AB AND USED ALL HIS
FUEL UP.