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MISSION NARRATIVE 11 JULY 1966

(ANVIL 2)

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Jolly Green 54 was scrambled by Compress at 0750Z, 11 July 1966, from NKP to proceed to a position 97 miles on the 030 degree radial of TACAN Channel 31, to recover the pilot of Anvil 2 an F-105. Jolly Green 54 was airborne at 0755Z. No high bird was available for this mission due to other commitments. Sandys 41 and 42 were scrambled as escort. An ETA of 0835Z was passed to Crown 74 shortly after take-off, and Crown 74 assigned us SAR UHF Secondary, 282.8mcs to conduct the mission on, since primary was being utilized for another mission. Approximately 20 minutes from the pickup point, radio contact was established with Anvil Lead on Guard, since he was refueling at that time. He was requested to contact JG 54 on 282.8mcs on his return to the area. Weather was excellent and visibility more than 15 miles enroute to the scene. We began to dump fuel from the forward tank while enroute to the area to enable us to hover at approximately 2000', since this was the estimated altitude of the downed pilot. This saved considerable time once contact was established with the pilot. Approximately 10 miles from the recovery area we made visual contact with Anvil lead and he vectored us to the position of his wingman at 1838Z. Red smoke was released by the downed airman and numerous pen flares were sighted as we approached the area. We jettisoned our external tanks and were in a hover over him at 0840Z. The trees were approximately 150 feet high in the area. The pilot was recovered in excellent condition with all his survival equipment in tact, and we were enroute to Udorn at 0845Z. Arrived Udorn at 0930Z. Position of actual recovery 1828N - 10342E.

LOW BIRD CREW

RCC - Captain Raymond H. Matthews
CP - 2/Lt William C. Dean
HM - ALC Nicholas F. Beaumonte
PJ - ALC LaVerne W. Kellerman Jr.

AWB/28

Pilot recovered: Major William J. McClelland,

333rd TFS

DOWNGRADED
IAW AF2-205-2

for Frank A. Schmidt, Major, USAF
RAYMOND H. MATTHEWS, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

12 MAY 1970

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