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FEBRUARY 21

19 66 ARIVED AT UDORN AFTER STOPPING AT UBON, KORAT AND NKP. SAW KRAFT AT NKP. DIDN'T HAVE THE REAL THOUGHT OF WAR 19 UNTIL I SAW THE FIGHTERS TAKING OFF FULLY LOADED. IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG YEAR.

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FEBRUARY 22

19 CLEARING TODAY HOT + DUSTY + DIRTY HERE. LOUSY MESS HALL. NO SNACK BAR BARN FOR A CLUB. NO COLD 19 BEER OR SODA. BARRACKS HOT BOT HELL, THIS IS WAR.

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FEBRUARY 23

19 19[66] To Site 20 in Central Laos Capt Farahat AC. Weathered in on 24th. Site 36 was being evacuated and so was 48.
19 Air America doing a fine job feeding and evacuating the Refugees. Sgt Holloway FM St. Elmartin C.P. We
19 get to eat sometimes at the Air America snack bar. Have to turn stars around on 'Dolly Green so nobody knows we're
19 there. Who are we fooling.

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FEBRUARY 24

19 Weathered in at 20 and had to stay there

Kraft got one ~~of~~ out of
19 NKP in Mu Gia Pass
No shots fired.

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FEBRUARY 27

19 To Site 20 in Laos Capt.
Jennings AC Club FM
Scrambled for 105 Pilot but
just got Engines started
19 when they told (Compress
our boss at 2ND AD HQS) us to
shut down they would send
the HH 43 from Udorn to get
19 him as he was only 50
miles away from Udorn
They got him

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FEBRUARY 28

19 Returned to Udorn

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FEBRUARY 29

19 Alert at Udorn. F4C's suppose to come in any day. Only RF101's 19 here now. Plus a few T-28's of the Thai Air Force.

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MARCH 1

19 Duty: Fix batteries for radio up north + clean guns. Halverson, Dagneau Williamson + Buton showed 19 up. Kelsay left for Patrick Bertel for Scotland, Watson for Hawaii and Charlie Lear for Richard Gabauer Mo.

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MARCH 2

19 Alert at Udorn. It is hard to get back and forth from the flight line to the barracks. It is about 2 miles and you have to go off
19 base and around. A bus runs every ½ hr but its usually full. Worked on building new P.E. shack + laying floor.
19 3/5 Mitchell running P.E. is nice guy.
B x has just got bare ~~[illegible]~~ items to get by on.
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MARCH 3

5, 19 to 20 in Laos Capt Steaman
6- Orbit by Site 111 on Laos + North Vietnam (hereafter called DRV). Watch for strikes against Sam Site.
19 All of Laos I've seen so far is very rugged and mountainous. It is like this except for some valleys and the Plain of Jars. All PL there.
19 Landed at Site 107 for fuel. Had to hand pump it. Took some pictures. High bird today
7 Return to 20. Had Dinner
19 with Air America guys. Met Father Buchard. Quiet a guy been in Laos for 10 years. Walk the hills like a native. PL
19 has $10,000 on his head.

MARCH 4

8 19 Orbit on boarder
9 Orbit on boarder
10. Returned to Udorn. Allways feel good to cross the fence (Mekong boarder between Thailand + Laos) and take off survival gear flack vest and parachute. All of it is pretty uncomfortable Going to try and get some chaps for survival gear instead of vest.

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MARCH 5

19 Trip to NKP today. Take a hour in "Jolly Green"

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MARCH 6

19 High bird today. Made to get up at 4.30 to preflight. No action

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MARCH 7

11.19 Lowbird F 105 pilot Maj. Joseph Hutto from Takhli in Thailand was on bombing run in DRV 100 miles from here (Nakhonphanom) and was 19 hit by 57 mm and had to punch out. Sandy's already had located him and had voice contact with him so we went straight in. His 19 beeper was still in chute in the tree so it was hard for us to get exact directions. Hovered for 20 minutes and really 19 lucky cause bad guys just over next hill. After he punched out he saw people coming after him so he took 19 off over a hill farther back in the woods. He punched out at 9:30 and we picked him up at 10:45 after searching for 20 minutes.

MARCH 7

19 Nobody hit us but Sandy's were laying fire suppression down all around us and one of them took a hit in the
19 tail. Sandy Pilot killed 4 bad guys coming across a clearing towards us while we were hovering. AF Photographer on
19 board took movies of pick-up first movies ever made of a pick-up in North VN from a Jolly Green. Maj Hutto
19 really happy. not hurt just a little shock. lots of water & a little rest took care of that
AC Lt Kenny CP- Capt Hendrickson
19 FM Sgt Rex Schaden. Could be a long hard tour. This was my 1st day on low bird at NKP.
Pick up porter at Nakhon !!!!!!

MARCH 9

19 NKP High bird
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19 Low bid —
Nothing at least here at
NKP we eat pretty good and
get the Stars + Stripes the
19 same day.

LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE

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MARCH 11

19 Duty —

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MARCH 12

19 Escort for Pony Express 70
miles in. Nothing happen.
Pony Express hops around Laos
moving all the Sneaky Petes
19 around. Hell of a way going
on in Laos that we should
be more comitted to other
than advisors and air power
19 if we're going to stop the
infiltration from N to S.
Laotian soldiers are trying
but they are just outmanned
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POLITICS

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MARCH 13

19 Returned to Udorn

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MARCH 16

13,19 Flew to Site 20 in Laos
14. At noon we scrambled on a
F10s Pilot whose wing man
saw him go in. They were
19 bombing the air strip out-
side of Dien Bien Phu in
DRV. He must have went in
with the plane or ejected to
19 low caure Sandy a + fighters
couldn't pick up a beeper, visual
or oral of any kind. Returned
to 20 at 1830.
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MARCH 17

15,19 RETURNED TO UDORN. WE
SURE ARE LOSING MORE PLANES
AND PILOTS THAN WE READ ABOUT
19 IN PAPERS. WE (JOLLY GREENS) TRY
TO GET ALL OF THEM BUT SOME
PLACES IN DRV THERE ARE JUST
TOO MANY GUN EMPLACEMENTS AND
WE CAN T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE ALL
19 AT. THEY KEEP THE MAPS UP PRETTY
WELL WITH THE PHOTOS BUT A LOT
OF THE AAA'S THEY HAVE MOUNTED
ON TRUCKS. ONE OF THESE DAYS
19 THEY'LL SCRAMBLE THE MIGS AFTER
US. (4 SANDY'S & 2 JOLLY GREENS) WE
NEVER GO IN WITHOUT RESCAP (FIGHTERS
ABOVE US BUT I DOUBT IF OUR FIGHTERS
19 COULD DRIVE OFF A BIG FLIGHT OF
MIGS THAT HAD THERE MINDS SET ON
GETTING US. WE KNOW THEY TRACK US ON
RADAR

MARCH 22

19 RETURN TO UDORN LOTS OF READING TIME

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MARCH 23

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THEY STARTED US A SNACK BAR AND SWIMMING POOL. MORE TROOPS COMING TO BASE

19 ALL THE TIME

105 PILOT DOWN OVER OUT OF NKP. THEY WORKED ALL DAY

19 BUT HE WAS ON GOOD FT PEAK. TRY AGAIN TOMORROW

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MARCH 24

1819 FLEW PASSED THE MEKONG RIVER TO ESCORT SANDY (A1-E) BACK FROM SITE OF 105 PILOT BOMBED YESTERDAY. PICKED PILOT UP
19 THIS AFTERNOON (KELLERMAN ON PICK-UP. LT THOMAS WAS THE A/C'S NAME

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MARCH 25

19 DUTY

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19 GOING TO 98 NOW LAOS AMBASSADOR
RUN US OUT OF 20. 98 JUST 5 MILES
OVER THE MOUNTAINS. 23,000
REFUGEES ARE HERE BEING FED
19 B1/ RICE FROM AIR AMERICA

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MARCH 27

19 RETURN TO UDORN

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APRIL 1

19 Duty NKP

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APRIL 2

19 NKP

31. F101 PILOT SHOT DOWN 10 MILES FROM
WHERE WE PICKED UP MAJ. HUTTO BY
MUGIA PASS, ORBITED IN DRV BUT
19 SANDYS + FIGHTERS DIDN'T PICK-UP
A BEEPER OR ORAL OR VISUAL. A F105
TOOK SOME HITS ON A LOW PASS ON
THE SEARCH BUT MADE IT ALL RIGHT
19 AFTER CATCHING ON FIRE AND
SQUAKING MAYDAY. THESE FIGHTER
PILOT IMPRESS ALL OF US A WITTLE
MORE EVERY DAY BY THE COOL
19 AND PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE
THEY HAVE AND THE WAY THEY
WORK. THEY SURE DON'T HESITATE
TO CALL FOR JOLLY GREEN THOUGH.
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APRIL 6

19 TO 98. IT'S AN HOUR FLYING TIME FROM JOERN AND USUALLY PRETTY HAZY UP IN THE MOUTAINS THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.

19 LISTENED TO HF SET ALL DAY REGARDING 2 ARMY PLANES WITH 2 MEN ON EACH DOWN IN DRV.

SPOTTED TWO MEN FROM 1 PLANE

19 IN OPEN FIELD AND STARTED TO GO IN FOR PICK-UP BUT THE TWO IN FIELD SAID TO FIND THE OTHER TWO THAT THEY WERE ALL RIGHT. POOLE PJ

19 WENT IN ON OTHER TWO AND GOT ALL SHOT UP. PICKED PILOTS UP. HALVERSON WENT IN ON 1ST

TWO AND GOT ALL SHOT UP BUT

19 COULDN'T FIND EITHER ONE. BAD GUYS MUST HAVE GOT THEM.

APRIL 19

27 19 LOW BIRD NKP SCRAMBLED ON CRICKET. CAPT ROBBINS TOLD ME THIS MORNING I COULD RIDE BACK TO UDORN WITH HIM THIS EVENING 19 AND FLY HIS SANDY. SANDY'S FOUND CRICKET AND ON 3RD PASS TO SEE IF HE COULD FIND ANYBODY IN IT CAPT ROBBINS GOT HIT AND WENT 19 STRAIGHT IN. ME + REX SAW HIM GO IN. WATCHED 105'S + B57'S MAKING BOMBING RUNS ON BOTH GUN EMPLACEMENTS + SAM SITES 19 SURE HATED TO LOSE ROBBIE. HE WAS REALLY A DEDICATED PILOT FOR JOLLY GREENS. HE REALLY THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THE PJ'S. 19 RETURNED TO UDORN.

APRIL 20

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19 DULL

SAW SQUEAKS IN THE MESS HALL

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APRIL 21

8 19 North to 98

9 19 High Bird Scrambled on RF101 shot down 12 miles outside Hanoi. No way in hell for us to get that close with those gun emplacements

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APRIL 22

30 19 Low bird. orbited on boarder. Turned on UF set this morning and heard a PS was on the ground & FM was shot & bird shot up.

19 Figured out it was Capt Mathews Mouse & Hunt. They had picked up the 1st pilot and Hunt was going down the hoist for the

19 2nd one. When he got to the ground they opened up on him and the Jolly Green. Must have got him (Hunt). The

19 other bird got shot up picking the other pilot up. No word of Hunt all day.

31 Returned to Udorn

19 Got drunk

APRIL 23

19 Sgt Berry picked up Hunt at Daylight. Everybody really happy. What a hell of a fine job he done. He took
19 off running when he got to the ground and using his radio to tell the Jolly Green to take off because
19 they were shooting auto. weapons at him + them. He hid in a old creek bed and stayed there all day and most
19 of the night. It started raining at about 3 so they C+C'd for a couple of hours. Put out signal panel cause
19 both radios were broke.

F4C'S FROM 555 GOT 2 MIGS TODAY

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19 DUTY

APRIL 25

19 ALERT

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APRIL 26

19 TONKP - HIGH BIRD

Spooky spotted a Strobe light a signal panel and a Fire by them night before dark about 19 70 miles into Laos in bad area. We scrambled and got there after dark. Unable to get Visual or oral contact. We were in a 19 heavy flak area but didn't get hit. Sandy's will search in the morning.

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19 Found out this morning
that panel was put out by a
Laotian Intell team trying
to get hold of a Pony Express
19 bird. Went back to Udorn

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APRIL 28

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APRIL 30

19 Took off from Udorn and flew
North of Dien Bien Phu to penetrate
and search for RF101 pilot and
A1E pilot that went down
19 yesterday. Clouds and haze
to bad to search so Compass
cancelled. We had 3 mig
alerts while we were in
19 North Viet Nam and on the
4th one they came after us.
We went straight down to
hide in the mountain and
19 the clouds that kept us
from going in farther. Mig
Cap chased them off and
got one with a sidewinder.
19 This was the 1st time
the migs came after the
Dolly Greens and the Sandys

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19 Sure glad the F4Cs were flying Res Cap for us cause they were fighting 5 miles behind us.

19 Landed at 59 to refuel Heard from "Jerry" that the PK were starting to hit 107 today.

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34 Returned to 98

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34 19 Took off from 98 at 6.30 and met [redacted] high bird coming from Vdom to go to 59.

36 Returned to 98 at 13.30

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37 AIE Sandy Pilot while facing for strikes squaked mayday 1 hr. from 98 on the Plain of Jars.

19 Search Sandy's spotted him so we were able to fly straight to him. The hills he went down in were about

19 3000' ft. and really calm and peaceful looking. He didn't land far from his plane so he took off over the hill east of his parachute. The search Sandys had been flying passes over him for a hour

so when the pilot popped a flare when we told him to we made a pass in to pick him up. Coming in between 2 hills to him he (Capt Ingalls) yelled "you're receiving fire" "take off." Ray laying in the door yelled we're taking hits. We saw a lot of tracers go right under us. We orbited a couple of miles away while the fighters and Sandys laid down fire where we thought the shooting was coming from. The P2. didn't fire at them. We went in again from a different direction this

As soon as we got near the pilot we started getting fired at from the sides and from beneath us. We pulled out again so they could fire for suppression. I don't see how any thing could live with as much stuff as they fired at the ground. We told the pilot on the ground to walk S.E. down a creek bed for about 1/4 of a mile and we would try again. All of us getting a little jittery now. The Sandys said right before we go in this time they would try to surround him with smoke and

19 keep following us in
and firing for suppression.
We tried again and this
time the firing was
19 worse. We said it and
heard it. Lt. Henry saw
a lot of tracers go by in
the front of the cockpit. I
19 saw them come up right
past the left window.
We had to pull out cause
our chopper was vibrating
19 real bad. We headed for
98 with the high bird
(Maj Steaman Capt Henry Amn.
Proton Sgt Youngblood) flying
19 escort for us. We made
it back to 98 all right
and passed 2 more Jolly

19 Low bird went in before dark
and taxied but took hits in cock-
pit and had to pull out. (Capt
Mathews, Lt. Rice, Beaumonte,
19 Hunt). Hunts 1st mission
since spending the time on
the ground. They told the
pilot to try and E+E away
19 from the area and we would
try again in the morning.
We landed at 98 and found
8 holes with 2 of them in
19 in the blades. Thats what
made the plane vibrate so
much. We were out of
MAY comission so they sent up
19 another Jolly Green to
rendevous the next morning
with Maj Steaman & crew.

MAY [redacted] 2ND 66

19 at daylight and went right
in and picked him up with-
out getting fired at. They
brought Capt Engalls back
19 to 98 and had a SA plane
to take him back to Udorn
This was the 1st Sandy
Pilot the "Jolly Greens"
19 have picked up. Gen.
Van Powell came over to see
us and look over our choppers
He said the P.L. have
19 Viet Mihn advisors in that
area and that's why they don't
shoot at the Sandy's but wait
for us to come in before
19 they start blasting. The
Viet Mihn are smart.
Broton's 1st pick up.

MAY [redacted] 2ND

19 They flew us up a new
black from Udorn in a
38 Pony Express and we changed
it and headed home.
19 A long 2 days.

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MAY 9

19 Sure do wish I were
home with Judy and the girls
seems like I miss them a
little more every day.
19 I guess I've finally
kicked the smoking habit.
It's been 4 months now.
Poole thinks it had one for 2
19 months. I lost $5.00 bet on
it but I'm glad.

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MAY 10

19 Duty today. Dagneau got
a pickup in the Red River valley
and Hunt got one by the Plain
of Jars. Hunts had a busted
19 leg. No shots fired at either
of them. Sgt Loughry (Mouse
came home today from
the Navy hospital ship
19 "Repose". Very large party
at NCO club.
Dagneau's was farthest pick
up so far. 100 miles north
19 west of Hanoi. They were
chased by Migs but F-4C's
drove them off.
+ New PJ's came. A2C Steveson
19 A2C Trujillo A2C Ward A2C Hamler

MAY 11

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19 TOOK BIRD TO 98 TO EXCHANGE
39 FOR BROKE ONE.
RETURN TO VOORN
40 Long flight due to large
19 night at Neo club.

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MAY 12

19 FLEW TO NAP TODAY TOOK
MOUSE ALONG FOR THE RIDE, SURE IS
NICE TO GET IN THESE AIR CONDITIONED
ROOMS. THIS CASE IS REALLY BUILDING.
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FRIDAY MAY 13

19 HIGH BIRD NKP HALVERSON ON LOW
BIRD WITH CAPT WEEKLY AND LT.
COLMARTIN AND SGT GLACUM. We started
early today at 5.30 ave
19 scrambled on 105 pilot who lost
all hydraulic pressure 10 5 miles out
after air to ground mysle he fired
misfired and hit his wing.
19 We got airborn and saw him
coming over the Mekong at about
7000 ft. He got halfway to base
turned his plane away from the
19 base and we watched him
punch out. Took pictures of him
coming down and also of his
plane when it hit. Had the
19 pilot (Capt Mitchell from Korat)
back to NKP for breakfast at 6 o'clock
Don't see why the low level

19 we were in friendly territory
They're so hard to put on again.

Launched again at 8.30, a fac
19 went down 10 miles from
Tchepone Laos. A bad area for us
Before we got there a HH43
Pedro from DaNang arrived and
19 sent a PJ down the hoist to
have a look at the plane. The
PJ brought the body back up.
He was still in the plane, dead.
19 They (the 43) must not have
known how bad the area around us
or there would have waited for
more fighters + cover planes.
19 Back to NKP for lunch.

SAT MAY [redacted] 14th

19 Scrambled on A1H down 10 miles
from Pen Hoi in DRV. We orbited
on the DRV boarder. He was
still in the plane the Sandys
19 said that were making the
low search. Figured he was
dead. Area too bad to bring
choppers into any way. Found
19 out when we got back he
was a South Vietnamese pilot.
We're having a hell of a time
dodging all the AAA sites and
19 SAM sites. Still flying with
same crew. Capt D'Angelo, Lt
Penny and Rex Schaden.
Returned to Udorn. Seems like
19 people are starting to look for
too many reasons not to open up
a downed pilot. A.C. told me I couldn't

MAY 16

19 Duty today. We listened
in the P.E. shack to the H.F set
of a pick-up going on out of
NKP. Buten was PJ on the
19 pick-up. Youngblood HH Kenney Pilot
Rusk C.B.
Sure wish I would have kept
all the pick-ups in this book.
19 Heard today that [redacted] Dagneau
has to go PCS to Ben Hoa as a
replacement for Pete who got
killed last month. Sure hate
19 for him to go cause he is
one of the better ones. Her firefighter
The downed pilot was
Capt Smith a Sandy Pilot. That
19 makes 2 of them (Sandys) so far
Heard they got ground fire but no
hits taken. Confirmed by Buten.

MAY 17

19 To 98 today Cloudy for the whole trip.

We worked on the tent and put us up a new out house. Also a water catch to wash up made out of a poncho and 3-55 gals barrels. Rained most of the day.

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MAY 18

19 Rained all night and most of day. Other Jolly Green didn't get up there on account of weather. We listened in on UF set to Jolly Greens from NKP going in for a O/E FAC pilot who went down with his bird. When they were allmost done a F4B flying rescue cap got hit and both pilots punched out. They picked both of them up. The R.O. was hurt and Pilot was hit by small arms fire in the elbow. Will have to get particulars when I get back to Udorn tonight.

Talked to Sgt Holloway,

MAY 18

19 he said they took 2 hits going in for the pick-up. 1 hit Dennis in the arm and grazed his leg, the other hit
19 their fuel line. Holloway told Lt. Guilmartin they were picking up ground fire and 1 Bronco was hit but Guilmartin
19 told them to hang on that he had a flare in sight. They went in without any more trouble. The R.O. had a bad
19 back. They air evacted Dennis and the R.O. to Da Nang from Pingo
It was 7 Jan 67 3rd Mission
O/E went straight in his wing
19 man said. 2 men in it 1 pilot
1 ep PJ who was a air controll

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SUN. MAY 22

19 High wind today. Scrambled on F14s Jack down 65 miles on the 090 radial. Sandy 2 laid smoke all around him after he
19 walked for ½ hr. away from guns implacements on top of hill. Just as they reached the pilot they started taking hits
19 They stayed and got him. Williamson PT was returning the fire along with the A1E5 Pilot J.G. CAPT Butera CP Capt Henry
19 HM. SGT HAYWOOD.

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MAY 23

19 Duty today
Still no word about Dennis

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MAY 24

19 Alert today
We got 2 more new J 6 5
in today. Rumor is that
3 or 4 crews will take them
19 to Da Nang. We guess they'll
start making pick ups up
the coast.

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MAY 25

19 A 105 Jock went down in
Bon Bon area of Laos. We listened
on H.F. set in P.E. section. Sounded
easy going in until they slowed
19 up. They started getting ground
fire. Crown relayed that they
lost a engine and were going
down. They regained control
19 right before hitting trees. They
kept flying the valleys. The high
bird came down and they got
hit. Next transmission was the
19 P.J. on low bird was injured. Some
very tense moments for all of us.
P.J. was Zellerman H.M. Watson.
C.P. capt Henry P. capt Butera. Didn't
19 get the pilot. Flak vest that Bugs
had his foot on stopped a bullet
but he wasn't hurt bad. They

MAY 26

19 Duty
We listened this morning to
J.C. picking up A1E pilot who
went down while looking for 105 Jock.
19 Word was on low bird. I think they're
going to have to write the 105 Jock
off. Area just too bad. Too many
big guns and bad guys. Bugs
19 said that yesterday they shot up
all there ammo. They got 3 or 4
of the bad guys. The big push
is on to get us M60 machine guns
19 mounted on each side and some
armor. We've just got to have more
fire-power. Everybody knows that
there going to get one of birds
19 one of these days. We're taking
hits on allmost all of our pick-ups.
Dag. came back. Couldn't get out

SUN MAY 29

19 OFF

Got some swimming time in. Pool not big enough.

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MAY 30

19 Flew to NKP. Listened to birds from North heading for North Vietnam. F-105's pilot down 30 miles from 19 Red China boarder. Maj Stearman DC from Buton P.U. Sandy had voice contact 4 minutes before T.6. arrived. They made a pass in 19 for him and got T.6.'s all shot up. Nobody hurt but no more contact with down pilot. These pick ups are like a 19 ball game for the fact that you really can't second guess them.

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MAY 31

19 High bird. Good weather
today. Lots of Strikes North, East
of NKP cancelled. 1400 scrambled
us to 98. On the way a F16's
19 pilot went down up by the
Black river. DRV. J-6's scrambled
out of 59. We landed at 98
and picked up fuel to take
19 to 89. On the way another
one punched out. We landed
and kept radio on listening. Low
bird made pick-up all right.
19 Maj. Haynes Capt Odell, Lt
Daniels, Lt Warren No chute.
High bird went in for other
pilot and got nightover chute
19 but didn't see so they let Hawks
down the hole to look for him
Negative results so everybody went

ACTIVE

JUNE 1

low bird

19 Scrambled at 1105 Jack Downing
other side of the Gia pass in DRV.
Vocal amount of gun site dodging
and misc chatter. Sandys got to
19 him first and found his position.
We went in for him and had
to hover in a small canyon
After a couple of minutes we
19 got a fuel warning light on #1
engine but we kept the engine
on til we made pick up. Rep
couldn't get the tree penetrator
19 in the small opening so he
turned the hoist over to me
It was real hard for Capt Drangeau
and Lt Fang to hover because
19 of us being down in a canyon.
I got the penetrator to him on a
couple of minutes of tip-toeing

by Maj. Hall in front of the Tee. Sandy's kept open field in front
19 of our fighter pack. We landed at the gulf of Tonkin on our way in. Capt Barrack had a twisted ankle and knee but
19 no sweat nothing broken. He was really happy.

I've started to wear the old heavy metal flak vest. It's
19 heavy but it'll stop bullets.

Pick up Party. At 12 everybody sang Happy Birthday to me.
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enough P.J.'s to go around so will have a different schedule
19 capt Furman capt Hardy A1C Cain and P.J. Stevens made pick up miles from where we were at yesterday. They picked up a
19 lot of ground fire and the high bird got a lot of flak but I don't think either bird was hit.

19 This was no 57 since Kelly Green arrived here in 2nd. 65.

Dotton made a pick up
19 of 2 pilots that went down in a Cricket out of NKP.

JUNE 3

19 Sq. Party:

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JUNE 5

19 Took train at 6:00 in the morning for Bangkok 12 hr. ride. Mouse, Hunt Capt Mathews Lt. Rice. Along long ride, Very hot and dusty.

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MON JUNE 6

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Tried to call home this morning but couldn't get through. Got through this

19 afternoon. 3.30 in morning St. Louis time. Talked to Judy and Cin. Really lonesome after talking to them.

19 Jerge, Mouse and I went to see The Sound of Music. We really liked it.

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TUES JUNE 7

19 Talked to Judy again today. To Tina also. Cin at camp.

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JUNE 8

19 Sat in Bangkok terminal waiting for a flight. Ran into May Tutto

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19 Lt Bridge finally got a pick up - Bellerman P.J. this morning out of NKP. They lowered Buga down the hoist to check if he was still in

19 his chute. While Buga was looking for him the S.C. got a beeper a few hundred yds away so they picked the pilot up then came

19 back and got Buga 2 Sandys ran into each other coming off a low pass. Capt Bush who we picked up on OR 3 weeks earlier

19 got out of his plane but was so low his chute didn't open. The other one didn't get out. Daniels went down to check. That makes

19 13 we've rescued for us so far.

JUNE 10

19 Duty today
Got some 10.45 in. It's really
hot in between rains.
Heard that Tony Willis is
19 over at Da Nang now. A
P.J. from Da Nang went down
the hoist after a pilot 3 times.
He brought his body up.
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JUNE 11

19 DUTY TODAY

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SUN JUNE 12

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5/ 19 NORTH TO 98 W CAPT HENRY
LT. RICE AMN SPIVEY. H.M. I DON'T
KNOW IF I LIKE CHANGING CREWS
EVERY DAY OR NOT.

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JUNE 13

19 AIE DOWN OFF COAST. WEATHER
TO BAD TO SEARCH. NAVY PLANE
DOWN OUT OF NKP. LAUNCHED SANDYS
AND S.C.'S BUT NO CHUTIE

19 SIGHTED. NO BEEPER.

2 RETURNED TO UDORN WITH
LT. LIETTON + CREW
I PICKED UP MY RUSSIAN AK

19 FROM SARRY TODAY.

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JUNE 14

19 REX + LT. GUILMARTIN MADE A PICK UP 75 MILES SOUTH OF UDORN ON A 105 PILOT. IN THAILAND SGT DANIELS GOT HIS ORDERS
19 TODAY FOR HAMILTON. SHOULD LEAVE 20TH OF NEXT MONTH.

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JUNE 15

19 FLEW TO NKP WITH 1LT. KENNY/ LT. FIEGERT AMN CHAMBERS H. M. MAJ STEARMAN LT. GUNNIN 1LT HOLLOWAY/ AMN GUARD MADE PICK-UP OF FIRST PILOT
19 100 MILES OUT. EASY PICK-UP NO. SHOTS. ANOTHER BIRD DOWN OFF COAST. NAVY PICKED UP.

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JUNE 16

19 HIGH BIRD EVERYTHING REAL QUIET, A VERY UNUSUAL DAY AT NKP

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JUNE 17

19 LOW BIRD

AFIOS WENT DOWN AND THE PILOT WAS LAST HEARD TO SAY THAT BAD GUYS WITH RIFLES WERE BY HIM

19 AND HE WAS SMASHING HIS RADIOS TO KEEP THEM FROM USING THEM. THEY NEVER SCRAMBLED US ON HIM.

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JUNE 18

19 DUTY

LOST 59 IN LAOS TODAY. OUR
GUYS NAPHALMED IT. ANOTHER ONE
19 OF OUR REFUELING RIGS GONE.

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JUNE 19

19 NORTH TO 95 AT 1530 LOW BIRD
WITH P CAPT BUTERA CP MAJ. VAKRA (LRM) SGT. HAYWOOD
RAINED ALL DAY

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JUNE 20

19 HIGH BIRD QUIET AT 98
WORKED ON TENT
ST RETURNED UDORN, FIXED BUNKS
UP WITH REAL MATTRESSES. STILL
19 HAVE TO USE SLEEPING BAGS 4 NOW

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JUNE 21

19 DUTY
LISTENED TO MISSION OF
NORTH. F105 PILOT EJECTED 100 MILES
NORTH OF HANOI. WINGMAN HAD A
19 VISUAL. SCRAMBLED J.G'S OUT OF 95
THEY SHOT ANOTHER ONE DOWN THAT WAS
FLYING RESCAP FOR THE 1ST PILOT. HANOI
SCRAMBLED MIGS. OUR BOYS GOT ONE.
19 HELD JGS AT DAV BOARDER BECAUSE
THEY LOST VOICE CONTACT. BOTH
PILOTS BELIEVED CAPTURED.

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JUNE 22

19 DUTY: LISTENED TO MISSION
ON CRICKET (OIE FAC) DOWN 75
MILES ON THE 108 FROM NKP. PILOT
WAS STILL IN PLANE. S.G. MADE
19 2 PASSES AT HIGH SPEED AND RECEIVED
NEGATIVE GROUND FIRE. THEY STARTED
TO HOVER OVER PLANE AND BAD
GUYS REALLY OPENED UP. THEY PULLED
19 OFF TARGET AND RADIOED THE OIE
WAS BADLY BURNED AND THEY BELIEVED
IT WAS A ORGANIZED EFFORT ON PART
OF BAD GUYS FOR A TRAP. PILOT DEAD
19 OR CAPTURED. THESE MISSIONS ARE
WORSE TO LISTEN TO THAN TO ACTUALLY
BE ON.

SANDY LOST ENGINE 9 MILES FROM
19 RUNWAY AND PUT IT DOWN IN A FIELD.
PLANE DESTROYED, PILOT OKAY

JUNE 23

19 NORTH-98 1035 AM LT. GUILDMARTIN P.
P. LT. STILES H M REX. WATCHED FJOS
ND AT UDORN WITH BATTLE DAMAGE. HE
OST HYD. PRESSURE SO TAIL HOOK WOULDN'T
9 COME DOWN, NO BRAKES, NO DRAG CHUTE.
RAN OFF END OF RUNWAY. DON'T THINK
E WAS HURT, (GOT PICTURE OF IT)
TOOK OFF FOR 36 TO TAKE FUEL RIG
9 UP THERE BUT HAD TO TURN AROUND AND
ME BACK DUE TO WEATHER. 36 SAFE
W WITH GENERAL V. P. MAKING HIS
RS THERE
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JUNE 26

19 DUTY

2 BIRDS DOWN OFF THE COAST.
SOUNDS LIKE LBR FROM DA NANG
GOT SOME ACTION

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JUNE 27

19 TRAVEL TO NKP. CAPT HARDY PILOT
C.P. MAJ. STEARMAN H.M. SGT HOLLOWAY

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JUNE 28

19 LOW BIRD

B 26 WENT DOWN BY MUGIA PASS.
HIS WING MAN SAID THEY GOT HIT ON A
LOW PASS AND WENT STRAIGHT IN. IT'S
19 A VERY DIFFICULT PLANE TO GET OUT OF.
3 MEN IN IT.
TRYING TO GET 4 ER'S WRITTEN THIS
TRIP.

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JUNE 29

19 HIGH BIRD

BIG RAID TODAY ON OIL FIELDS
AROUND HANOI.

WE WERE RELIEVED AT 5:20 AND
19 AT 5:30 THE J.G.'S SCRAMBLED
ON A AIE WHO HAS BEEN HIT
PRETTY BAD 80 MILES ON 010. HE
(CAPT BAKER) MADE IT TO WITHIN 15
9 MILES OF THE RIVER BEFORE HE HAD
TO BAIL OUT. THEY PICKED HIM UP
AND WERE BACK AT NKP BY 6. COWELL P
PICE CP SPINEY H.M. "BUGS" KELLERMAN P.J.
9 CAPT BAKER TOOK SOME BAD CUTS ON
THE CHIN AND NECK GOING THROUGH THE
TREES.

JUNE 30

19 6 PLANES DOWN TODAY. WE COULD ONLY GET 1 OF THEM. BERRY ON PICK-UP BY 98 - FIOS PILOT.

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JULY 1

19 5 PLANES DOWN TODAY. HITTING THE OIL FIELDS AROUND HANOI. LISTENED TO HU-16 MAKING A PICK-UP IN THE GULF. THE P.J. 19 HAD TO GO IN THE WATER AFTER THE PILOT. MAJ. WILLIAMS SANDY PILOT GOT IT TODAY OVER AT MUGIA PASS WHILE SEARCHING FOR A 105 19 JOCK. OUT OF 70 AIC'S THAT CAME OVER HERE LAST SEPT, THERE ARE 42 LEFT.

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JULY 4

19 HIGH BIRD - NO HOLIDAY FOR
US. CAPT DRANGSTET - PILOT
EP. LT. GUNNIN H.M. AMN JOHNSON.
SOMEBODY SUGGESTED WE USE
19 FIRECRACKERS TODAY INSTEAD OF
BULLETS + BOMBS. NO SUCH LUCK
AT 7AM BARRACUDA HIT (NAVY) PUMMED
OUT OVER GULF. PACOES LAUNCHED OUT
19 OF DANANG (HH 43'S)

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JULY 5

19 LOW BIRD
MAYDAY 35 MILES FROM RCO
CHINA. MADE IT TO GULF. NAVY
CHOPPER PICKED HIM UP. 2 OTHER
19 SCRAMBLES BUT THEY MADE IT
IN ALL RIGHT. ALL 12 OF US REALLY
COME OUT OF OUR BUNKS IN THE
ALERT SHACK WHEN WE HEAR MAYDAY
19 OVER THE SPEAKER.

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WED JULY 6

8 19 NKP - HIGH BIRD - PILOT LT. LETTON
C.P. AT PACKARD H.M. SGT BOB WATSON
OUR BIRD LEFT NKP TO GO TO 98 BECAUSE
THE 98 BIRDS HAD TO ORBIT AT 59 AND
19 THEY ONLY HAD 1 BIRD TO SEND FROM
UDORN. WENT IN AND STARTED TO
LAND AND GOT A MAYDAY FROM A T-28
(THAI - LAO) PILOT ON THE HO CHI MINH TRAIL
19 HIM UP. NO GROUNDFIRE. ON WAY BACK
FIOS RAN INTO TROUBLE, LEAKING
FUEL FROM HITS UP ON RED RIVER.
SANDY GOT BOTH ENGINE, WERE ESCORTING
19 HIM BACK. IM TRYING TO WRITE THIS
ON THE WAY BACK. LANDED AT 98 FOR
FUEL. FIOS MADE IT BACK. ANOTHER
FIGHTER CRASHED UP NORTH AS WE HEADED
9 19 WE TOOK OFF FROM 98 AND SANDY
PILOT WE WERE ESCORTING BAILED OUT
BY THE BRIDGE. LEMONIER SCRAMBLED FROM
UDORN FIRST PICKED UP [illegible]
PILOT OKAY

JULY 7

19 NKP LOW BIRD - 910 CRASHED WENT IN TO
RICE PADDY 21 MILES OUT 3 MEN ON
BOARD. WENT IN AND PICKED THEM UP
NOBODY HURT. MEN WERE CONTROLLERS
19 FROM HERE.

POOLE LEFT TODAY FOR STATES
TODAY FOR DISCHARGE

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JULY 8

19 DUTY 3 BIRDS (F105'S) DOWN UP NORTH. J-G'S COULDN'T GET ANY OF THEM

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JULY 9

19 NORTH 98 H16A P-LT LETTON CPT PACKER KHM SGT BOB WATSON. WEATHER STILL PRETTY BAD

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JULY 10

19 LOW BIRD LEFT 98 TO 36 AT 6
6/ THIS MORNING. CLEAR WEATHOR. LOTS
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.
6/2 LANDED BACK AT 36 AFTER 2 HR.
19 ORBIT. HAD TO LEAVE 99 AT 36
BAD OIL LEAK.
6/3 T. 98 TO CHANGE BIRDS. RAMP
DANCE

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6/4 TO UDORN

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JULY 11

19 DUTY TODAY.
6 PLANES DOWN. KELLERMAN GOT
ONE OUT OF NKP. STEVESON GOT ONE
NORTH BY SAM NEV. NAVY PICKED
19 ONE UP BY THE COAST. THE 105 JOCK.
STEVESON PICKED UP WAS REALLY MAD
AT HIMSELF FOR NOT GETTING AT LEAST
ONE MIG. AFTER HITTING HIS TARGET HE
19 GOT SEPERATED FRIM HIS FLIGHT
SO HE STARTED HOME. HE THEN SAW 2.
PLANES SO HE STARTED TO JOIN UP
WITH THEM WHEN THEY TURNED AND
19 FIRED ON HIM. HE FIRED TIL HIS
20MM WAS GONE THEN HAD TO
STAY IN AB AND USED ALL HIS
FUEL UP.
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JULY 12

19 TO NKP TO DELIVER PARTS FOR JG
OUT OF COMMISSION
PILOT CAPT RUSH CP CAPT HENDRICKSON
HM. SGT HOLLOWAY
19 TO 98, LOW BIRD.

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JULY 13

19 HIGH BIRD
16 TO 36 FOR ALERT

17 TO 98
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68 HOME
GONE 2 DAYS
FLEW JOLLY GREEN FOR 1st TIME
19 TODAY. NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS.
CAPT RUSH LET ME FLY FOR ½ HR.
IT'S REALLY HARD WITH THE AFCS OFF.

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JULY 14

19 DUTY TODAY
MOUSE IS GOING TO LITTLE ROCK ARK.
HOLLOWAY TO MALSTROM.
GEORGE, FLYING OUT OF NKP GOT
19 SCRAMBLED ON A DOWNED ARMY PILOT
IN CAMBODIA BECAUSE HH43 S GOT WEATHERED
IN AT UBON. THEY FOUND A CHUTE AND
A BODY HANGING IN IT WITHOUT
19 A HEAD ON IT. WHAT ELSE CAN YOU
SAY.

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JULY 15

19 TO NKP. SUPPOSE TO BE FOR 11 DAYS.
CAPT DRANOSTUIET PILOT MOUSE H.M.
TLY AIL CP. I'M NCOIC STARTING TODAY.

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SAT JULY 16

19 HIGH BIRD NKP

SGT DANIELS CAME THROUGH TODAY TO SAY GOODBYE.

NAVY CHOPPERS PICKED 2 PILOTS

19 UP BY HAIPHONG HU-16 PICKED

1 UP OUTSIDE OF QUANG TRI

2 OF OUR JOLLY GREENS LEFT

TODAY FOR 30 DAYS TDY TO DANANG

19 THEY'LL BE ON ALERT EVERY OTHER DAY

AT CASSON (QUANG TRI)

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JULY 17

19 LOW BIRD NKP.

HU-16 PICKED ONE UP OFF

THE COAST

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MON, JULY 18

19 OFF.

Found out today that Berry has Malaria instead of Hepatitis. He won't be back 19 they say. We're really short on P.J's.

Tried to find Tina + Gin something for these birthday 19 but no luck.

Berry has Black Water fever and they shipped him to Clark. Heard he was 19 really sick.

19 SEE JULY 24
BERRY DIES AT CLARK

JULY 19

19 HIGH BIRD NKP

SCRAMBLED ON F105 JOCK WHO PUNCHED OUT 65 N W OF HERE. PICKED HIM UP. NO FIRE. PILOT 19 GOOD SHAPE. RETURNED TO UDORN TO REFUEL. WEATHER TO BAD TO GET TO NKP. STAYED AT UDORN.

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JULY 20

19 NKP - LOW SAW F4C - 104 TAKE OFF FROM UDORN AT 0700. AT 0800 THE F4C WAS HIT BY MISSLE ON RED RIVER. BAD AREA. A105 IS DOWN NW OF 19 HANOI. 2 GOOD CHUTES ON F4C PILOTS. NO CONTACT WITH ANY OF THEM. FAC PILOT SPOTTED MAN WAVING WHITE FLAG SOUTH OF TCHEPONE LAOS. LAUNCHED 19 S.C.S OUT OF QUANG-TRI, PICKED LT. IN NAVY UP THAT HAD GOTTEN SHOT DOWN ON 27 JUNE - 23 DAYS OF E+E. HE WAS OKAY EXCEPT MIGHTY HUNGREY. FOUND 19 OUT LATER HE WAS SHOT DOWN IN FEB AND CAPTURED AND PUT IN A PRISON. HE ESCAPED ON JUNE 27 AND E+ED FOR 23 DAYS. DENGLER WAS HIS 19 NAME. LT KENNY HAD POT HRAFT DOWN THE HOIST ON HIS CURECKED PLANE ON FEB 2

THURS JULY 21

19 OFF TODAY WENT DOWNTOWN AT NKP TO LOOK FOR TINA AND ERIN BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING TOOK PICTURES.

19 3 PLANES DOWN UP NORTH. NO BEEPERS OR ANY SIGNS OF THEM SO THEY COULDN'T SEND J.G.S IN. THEY (BAD GUYS) ARE REALLY KNOCKING OUR BIRDS DOWN 19 SINCE WE'VE BEEN HITTING THE OIL STORAGE PLACES. PILOTS PUNCH OUT OVER TOO POPULATED AN AREA AND A LOT OF THEM ARE CAPTURED AS SOON 19 AS THEY HIT THE GROUND. IT'S REALLY HARD FOR EVERY BODY TO JUST WRITE THEM OFF.

B-66 RADAR JAMMER GOT HIT WITH A 19 SAM WITH 6 PEOPLE ON BOARD. EVERY BODY PRESUMED DEAD.

FRI. JULY 22

19 HIGH-BIRD NKP CAPT BRANCSTOICT-PILOT
:4 HAD TO GO TO 98 TO BACK UP THE
2 BIRDS AT 36. LOTS OF
MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AT UDORN
19 NOW THAT THE BIRDS ARE GETTING
OLDER AND FLYING MORE.
SAT ALL DAY AT 98.
10/ RETURNED TO NKP.
19 HEARD TRACEY, MOORE, + TOBEY ARRIVED
AT DA NANG TODAY. THINGS SHOULD STAY
PRETTY QUIET AT NKP NOW WITH J.G.'S
WORKING OUT OF DA NANG.
19 FLEW JOLLY GREEN MOST OF TRIP
UP NORTH. I HAVEN'T IMPROVED MUCH

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SAT. JULY 23

19 LOW-BIRD NKP
11 SCRAMBLED ON FIOS SHOT UP BY THE POJ.
HE JOINED UP WITH ANOTHER FLIGHT AFTER
LOSING HIS WINGMAN COMING OFF THE
19 TARGET. HE MADE IT ALL RIGHT TO UDORN.
ELETRONIC SEARCH FOUND NOTHING OF HIS
WINGMAN.
JOLLY GREENS OUT OF CASSON GOT ONE.
19 GUYS THAT LEFT TODAY FOR STATES
CAPT BUTERA CAPT MATHEWS MAJ. SCHMIDT
LT. BRIDGE SGT HOLLOWAY
CAPT WEEKLY SGT YOUNGBLOOD
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JULY 24

19 Sgt. Monty Handley called me up from Vdom this morning and told me we got a Devil in that
19 Berry died yesterday. It's funny how a guy risks his life and gets shot at only to die from a disease. He'll be
19 greatly missed by all that knew him. He was one of the better ones.

19 Laotian T28 went down 37 miles from here by gunfire. No trace of him.

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JULY 25

19 HIGH BIRD UP

J.G. OUT OF 36 GOT A PICK-UP TODAY. MARINE HOEY WENT DOWN OUT OF DA NANG. J.G.'S PICKED UP TWO
19 OF THE CREW. EVERYTHING PRETTY CONFUSED OVER RADIO.

A 26 CRASHED 1½ SHORT OF THE RUNWAY HERE AT 12 LAST
19 NIGHT AFTER RETURNING FROM A SEARCH + DESTROY IN MU GIA PASS. BOTH PILOTS DEAD, NOBODY KNOWS WHY THEY CRASHED. WE COULDN'T GET
19 TO THEM TIL 2 IN THE MORNING BECAUSE OF THE RAIN + MUD.

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TUES. JULY 26

19 LOW BIRD NKP.

Pretty quiet our way

105 got shot up pretty bad
19 up north. Lost his radio
and wingman but hooked
up with another flight and
they brought him home. He
19 was hit in the arm and leg
but he'll be all right. No word
on his wing man.

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W JULY 27

19 DUTY/ QUANG TRI

Jolly Green out of Cassion got shot up
the morning making a pick-up
in the DMZ. The marines are
19 suppose to be fighting a V.C. div.
over there. Don't know any of the
details yet.

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THJULY 28

19 TO 98 CAPT POWELL CAPT FRANCISQUIET
MOUSE. QUIET DAY

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FRIJULY 29

19 SMASHED MY THUMB EMTCMPING TRASH
BARREL, HUNT TOOK MY ORBIT AT 38
SO I COULD GET A TETANUS SHOT DOWN
IN THE VILLAGE BY A LAOS DOCTOR.

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73. RETURNED TO UDORN

74 REFUELED, SCRAMBLED BACK TO 98
C-47 DOWN BY BAN BOM. DISTRES
19 CALL, UNDER ATTACK BY MIGS. 8
PEOPLE ON BOARD. 10 1/2 USEP FOR
MIG CAP FOR SAR FORCES. NO LUCK
ON ANY BODY ON THE CREW

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SAT. JULY 30

19 DUTY

Capt Hyady AC Hunt PT crashed after T.O. down By Bon Bon in N.E. Laos. They
19 got to the plane and made a slow pass over it and the bad guys opened up on them. George returned the fire. No
19 body hit. Obvious trap. Too many bad guys. Did not want have been captured right away.

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SUN JULY 31

19 [illegible] 78 Capt Powell AC Lt. Jennings C.P. REX F.M. Lt. Henry, Chamberlain Donovan made a pick up 8 1 on the 090 radial VKP. Sandy pilot
19 (Capt Bahr) hung in his chute about 100 ft in the trees til they picked him up. They made the pick up at night but got
19 excessive ground temp and had to declare an emergency but they made it all right to VKP.

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1619 To 36. Strikes going on 6 mile
south of us. F-104 down 35 miles
N of Hanoi. Good chute no beeper
Believed captured. Company didn't send
19 at 3 in the afternoon scrambled on a
F-105 on the Red River. 1½ a 2 hr
flight there over bad hostile
territory. All of it SAM. Usual
19 amount of sniff alerts but they
didn't come after us. We had
10?'s 104's F4C's F105's for
fighter escorts and we're sure
19 they had us on their Radar
all the way in but they probably
didn't want to tangle with
all those fighters. His wing
19 man had voice contact with
him till the 1st 2 Sandy's got
there. They took over and had

19 before we got there. When we
got across the River and close
to him the Sad guys had already
picked up his chute up and
19 his beeper which he had turned
off earlier was on and we never
could get voice contact again.
All the planes were picking up
19 heavy flack all up and down
the River. The highway over
2 miles was loaded with
automatic weapons firing
19 when we would get close to
it. The fighters tried to
knock out all the guns they
could but they were too
19 many of them and they were
hidden too well. We really
stayed over there too long but
we thought we could get him

AUGUST 21st

19 He was down just 1½ miles
from a large military complex
but the pilot I suppose, but
targets like that, I think they
19 should. It would save cut down
on our gauge getting hit. We
stayed till we had to leave
with just enough fuel to get
11 19 back to 36. Customer put on
leaves of grass for us to see if
Ken had left. Refueled at
1X headed home. Long day.
19 Everybody real sad about not
getting the rest of the mission
flown.

Another 109 pilot lost today
19 Lonoi. We chute.

Got back to Odom at midnight.

ROUTE: NORTH 20 MILES FROM CHINA — EAST

AUGUST 22ND

19 Fighters went North
at dawn but no luck on the
guy that went down yesterday.
Mailed Tina ring today.
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AUG 3RD

19 Tried to get North today but
weather too bad. Received a
letter from William Poole, he
doesn't know about Benny yet.
9 Received our packages from
Judy. Will have fun to dig into
some of them.

9 AUG. 4TH

SHOT DOWN BY SAN NONA NOCHOTE
WILLIAMSON MADE PICK-UP BY 980 F
25 TALK — GETTING SICK LIKE FLU?

AUGUST 5

19 STAYED IN BED TODAY - SICK, DON'T KNOW WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME. TRUJILLO TOOK MY TRIP NORTH.

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AUGUST 6

19 DOC SAYS IT'S THE FLU'

Read in the Air Force Times that Cormier and Arthur Black (both P.J's) are held captive in 19 the DRV. They must be going through hell. I sure do hope they make it all right. No mention of the 19 Pilots or Heli mech.

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AUGUST 7

19 FEEL BETTER TODAY. STARTED
EATING ON JOAN'S CARE PACKAGE.
8 PLANES DOWN TODAY.
CROWN ALPHA PICKED UP 2
19 F4C PILOTS OFF THE COAST.
THE OTHERS NEVER HAD A
CHANCE. 3 OUT OF 4 F105'S
GOT IT ON 1 PASS 15 MILES
19 NORTH OF HANOI.

ONLY 7 BIRDS DOWN. 2 OF
THE 105'S HAD 2 MEN IN THEM.
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MON AUGUST 8

19 NORTH TO 98. 2 PLANES DOWNED AT
1ST LIGHT. NO CHANCE.
AT. KENNY PILOT LT. FIEGERT C/P CHAMBERS HM.
1 DOWN BY YEN BAI J.6.5 SCRAMBLED
19 OUT OF 36 FOR 2 HR FLIGHT THERE.
RESCAP GOT VOICE CONTACT. HE'S GOT A
BROKEN LEG. I THINK GEORGE IS NOW.
WE SCRAMBLED TO 36. LEFT OLD MAN
19 AND 2 PHOTOGRAPHERS AT 98. WRITING
THIS ON WAY TO 36. HIGH CAP GOT
BEEPER AND VOICE ON A ZEBRA 2
THAT WENT DOWN YESTERDAY 35 MILES
19 WEST OF YEN BAI SO THEY'RE GOING
TO MAKE A TRY FOR HIM. 1 S/T
NOW COMPRESS DECIDED TO
SPLIT UP THE J.6.S. SEND 1 TO
9 ZEBRA AND 1 TO Finch 1. WE
SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE
NEVER TO SPLIT UP HIGH + LOW BIRDS.
IT'S GOING TO BE A ROUGH 2 DAYS.

19 Now they diverted 1 J.6 to join
up with the other one and launched
us out of 36 for the boarder. Lots
of confusion with 4 radios going.
19 J.6. 56 never did hook up
with the other J.6. They didn't
get their man either. They're
81 bingo fuel and coming out.
19 We're going on in after
crossing the boarder twice on
orbit. Other J.6. still working
trying to Zebra 1. He's in
19 pretty high mountains. Other
J.6. RTB. Our 2 birds are in
the area. Whiplash and Sandy 2
doing a wonderful job direct-
19 ing traffic. Whiplash
re-established voice after we
were in the area for an

19 to the downed pilot like
his Daddy. Whiplash RTB FUEL.
ANOTHER FLIGHT OF 105 HERE. We
gotta go home. Bingo fuel to
19 59. Really measuring it close.
Low bird going in to try
and make 1 last effort. J.6 S
Scrambled out of NKP. It'll
19 take them approx 4 hrs to get
here. Never seen weather so
bad on a search before. Spend
½ the time looking for each
19 other. Showing some signs
of hypoxia from flying so long
at 11,500 so long. We'll have
to go down soon, LOOK
19 BIRD PICKED UP ZEBRA. Sure
happy about that. All this effort
not wasted. South of the
Black River water [illegible]

MON AUGUST 8th

20 RD'S
19 hit a target on way home.
Yaw channel went out on way
back to 36
82 Landed at 36 to refuel. Gun 1st 101
19 pilot from Udorn picked up out of 9
83 that I know of. Landed back
at 98 at 18:30. Pilot down
87 miles on the 078 out of NKP
19 Jolly G. scrambled.
Steveson had to go down the
hoist up North for Maj. Curtiss
and dropped + lost his M-16.
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TUES. AUGUST 9th

1984 Left at noon for 36. They made
the pick-up out of NKP yesterday
evening. Botton P.J. had to take
the hoist away from the flight
19 mech. Don't know if they got
hit or not. Main. found 2 bullets
+ holes in the bird used for the
pick-up up North yesterday.
19 Weather too bad to get into 36, we
returned to 98.
85 Returned to Udorn

19 WED, 10TH
OFF

Capt Hendrickson and Botton P.J.
9 got 2 pick-ups today

THURS AUGUST 11TH

86 19 TO 98 MAJ. STEARMAN MAJ FLETCHER
36T MASSENGALE. PRETTY QUIET

87 FRI. AUG. 12TH TO 36 JERRY CAPT.
19 MC. CHINESE CARBINE TODAY. PLANE
DOWN ON THE RED RIVER, SCRAMBLED,
HERE WE GO AGAIN. GOT ACROSS THE
BOARDER AND OUR HIGH BIRD GOT A
19 HIGH OIL TEMP, DECLARED AN EMERGENCY
AND WE CAME BACK AT TREE TOP TO 111
AND LANDED. NATIVES MET US AT PLANE
WITH COFFEE. LEFT HIGH BIRD THERE BUT
19 TOOK CREW WITH US. MIGS IN AREA
88 OF DOWNED PILOT. THEY'LL TRY FOR HIM
AGAIN AT 1ST LIGHT.

19 SAT 13TH DUTY TODAY
MOUSE LEFT FOR THE STATES TODAY
No beeper on pilot yesterday

F AUGUST 14

89 19 North to 98 Capt Hendrickson AC
Lt. Packer OP Lt Riley FM. At 1600
bird down North of Hanoi 30 miles,
scrambled north. At 1620 another
19 bird down on other side of PDJ.
1640 heading back to 98. Nothing on
90 guy up North

19 Our 105's shot up 2 Migs on
Friday. Good thing we had to
turn back.

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AUGUST 15

31 19 To 36

Took some pictures of Jerry's animal that looks like a cross between a coon and a possum, Cute little fellow and really tame.

19 Couple of birds down off the coast. Nothing that concerns us.

9 19 To 98

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93 To Vdorn

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AUGUST 16

19 Off.

Birds going north picked up some ground fire going through the pass. Nobody hit.

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AUGUST 17

14 19 To VRP at 0555 Capt. Rust - P
CP Lt Hare Sgt. Cook H.M. - North
to 98. To 36, took over Williamson's
high bird because he was sick. Sent
15 19 him back to Udorn. Capt Svoboda P
CP Lt. Kinsey HM Hall. 2 pilots down
on Red River scrambled north.
Recce got 2 good chutes + beepers.
19 By the time the wingmen got
back to point the area out we
were there but never did
19 get contact. We stayed in the
search area for 1½ hrs. Too
long. Sandy 11 called the search off
we started home and King ordered
us back to the search area. All
19 SAR forces refused. Maybe the
2 pilots can E+E tonight and we can
get them in the morning. They were

AUGUST 18

16 19 Returned to 98 on 17th

17 Left 98 went to 36 at first
light. Fighters on electronic
19 search for the 2 guys from
yesterday failed to contact them.
Bad guys must have got them
as soon as they hit the ground

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18 to 98
19 Home
Dew P 5 in today A2C Hare
19 2 more due in. We'll finally
get to slow down a little.

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AUGUST 27

19 SUPPOSETO GO NORTH BUT WEATHER TO BAD

ARTHUR GODFREY CAME IN TODAY AND STOPPED BY TO SEE US. I

19 SHOWED HIM THROUGH OUR S.G.

GUYS WENT OUT ON ONE FROM NKP BUT NO LUCK.

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AUGUST 28

19 COL. BROOKS FROM HQS CAME IN TODAY. HE SAID GEN MCCONNELL THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF WAS GOING TO PRESENT PITSENBARGER'S

19 PARENTS WITH THE AIR FORCE CROSS NEXT MONTH. HE WAS IN FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR BUT THEY DOWN GRADED IT ONE.

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AUGUST 29

19 DUTY. FINALLY GETTING PAPERWORK + LETTERS CAUGHT UP.. BIRDS SCRAMBLED OUT OF QUANG TRI LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

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AUGUST 30

19 DUTY

LOW BIRD TOOK A BUNCH OF HITS YESTERDAY. NEW CREWS MUST NOT KNOW WHAT ITS LIKE. THEY

19 DIDN'T KNOW THEY WERE HIT TIL THEY GOT BACK. DON'T KNOW HOW THEY CAN KEEP FROM FEELING THOSE BULLETS HIT CAUSE I

19 SURE CAN.

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AUGUST 31

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SEPTEMBER 1

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19 Lost Golly Green today. Crashed carrying a bunch of lumber up the mountain at 98 to a new Japan sight. Nobody hurt. RILEY-FE.

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Capt O'Hara - P. Stevens P&T. got a pick up today

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M SEPTEMBER 6

19 WATCHED FIRE FIGHTS FROM 30,000 AS WE FLEW OVER VIET-NAM. LOTS OF FLARE SHIPS

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T SEPTEMBER 7

19 Johnson + Bennett leave today for Perth Aus. for GT-11. Using Johnson's room to copy some of his tapes, it's going to 19 be a big headache picking up all these things these guys at Vdorn wanted.

Called Judy tonight. It 19 sure was nice talking to her after all these months.

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SUN SEPTEMBER 12

19 SAW ZORBA THE GREEK TONIGHT.
CALLED JUDY AFTER. ERIN SURE SOUNDS
LIKE SHES GETTING TO BE A BIG GIRL.
I'VE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH
19 AND I'M READY TO GET BACK TO
UDORN.

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MON SEPTEMBER 13

19 Capt Lloyd and Trujillo PT
- got a pick up today.

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BACK TO 98. OTHER J.G.'S CAME TO
98 AND THEY SAID A SAM SITE HAD
19 BEEN SPOTTED 13 MILES FROM 36
THIS MORNING. GOOD THING INTELL
WAS ON THE BALL OR ONE OF US MIGHT
HAVE GOT ZAPPED.

19 LEFT FOR 108 WHICH IS ABOUT
HALFWAY BETWEEN 98 AND 38. IT SET
RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE PDJ.

19 LAUNCHED FOR 36. HOPE THEY KNOCKED
19 OUT THAT SAM [redacted] THIS MORNING. THEY
DID ADVISE US TO STAY LOW SO MAYBE IT'S
STILL THERE. SGT WALTERS AND
THE NEW "DOC" NICKLY CAME TO UDORN YESTERDAY

108 19 To 98 - Pretty quiet day
109. Udorn

to stay for a few days +
fly a couple of missions.

SEPTEMBER 22

1119 To 48 Capt Youngblood AC
Lt. Dare + Lt. Pickleseimer
took plt. Walther up for a
check ride

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SEPTEMBER 23

1119 To 36 at 5 this morning.
Planes going down all over
the place except in our area.
Don't know if they picked
19 up any or not. 3 P-3's were
launched out of NKP + out of
Quang Tri on different Pilots.
Nobody picked up.
11219 To 48
113 Home

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SEPTEMBER 26

19 Louza, Rosa, Hackney + Duffy came IN for about 4 weeks let they get more).25 over at Hackney

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SEPTEMBER 27

19 Duty

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SEPTEMBER 28

19 Sgt Walthers + Mrs Barkley left today for New Mexico.

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SEPTEMBER 29

19 To 98th Maj. Fletcher + Mrs. McCuddy + Childs HQ 7th AF

19 9th AF made a pick-up of a B-26 co-pilot that had ejected. The pilot took the bird on home. Nobody knows why he punched out.

Capt. Murphy pilot

19 Tallahassee, Fla.

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F4B 60 miles north of the DMZ
Bot 1 and [redacted] heard a loud
19 crash in [redacted] direction of where the
other one went down. Everybody
figured he must have rebound
and fell through to the ground.
19 The birds coming to 98 were
directed over there to help. Guess
we'll stay at 98 another night.
1/6. To 98.
19 They put a P.J. down to look for
the pilot but it was so thick he
said he couldn't move. They're going
to try and drop in 6 P.J.'s with
19 chain saws to reach him. No
beeper or any signal from the
pilot. He's either dead or out.
Halvorson on pick-up P-CATOMARA

to get the guy this morning. PICK
A MAN UP DEAD OR ALIVE?
AT 1630 ANOTHER BIRD DOWN
19 THE 090 - 88 MILES FROM NKP.
WING MAN SAW HIM STANDING ON
THE GROUND. J.6'S SCRAMBLED OUT
NKP. FIND OUT TOMORROW IF T
19 GOT HIM.
1/8 HOME - UDORN
HE WAS DEAD, KELLERMAN WENT
DOWN AFTER HIM
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Hackney got a pick-up today
by Sam Yeua. Lt. Webster
Pilot. They picked up a lot
19 of flak coming out of there. 19
The pilot was a F-104 jocke
out of Udorn. Hackney is just over
here for a few days TDY
19 from Da Nang. 19

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OCTOBER 4

1119 NORTH - 98 CAPT. O'MARA PILOT
CP. CAPT PERRY TSGT MASSENGALE H.M.
HIGH BIRD TODAY. BIRDS WORKING OUT
OF NKP + DANANG.
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OCTOBER 5

1220 19 TO 36 SCRAMBLED AT 0800 FOR
A TEMPEST (F4B) 3 DOWN WEST OF
HANOI AND EAST OF DIEN-BIEN PHUE..
WING MAN SAW 2 6000 CHUTES AND
19 GOT BEEPERS AND VOICE CONTACT WITH
BOTH OF THEM. THEY RADIOED THAT THEY
HEARD VOICES OF TROOPS COMING UP THE
HILL AFTER THEM. THE FIGHTERS STARTING
19 TO WORK TO KEEP THEM BACK TIL WE
GET THERE, WE'RE 1.25 MINUTES IN
ROUTE. WE CROSS THE BLACK RIVER
AND WENT STRAIGHT IN ON THEM ABOUT
19 10 MILES OVER THE RIVER. PUNCHED
THE TIP TANKS AND WENT IN. THEY
WERE ON A ROAD SHOPE AT THE END
OF A VALLEY WHICH MEANS WE HAD
19 TO GO OUT THE SAME WAY WE GO IN
AREA IS HEAVELY FARMED SO WE EXPECT
HEAVY GROUND FIRE. (THEY SURE DID

19 WE GOT INTO A HOVER BUT THEY OPENED UP ON US AND WE TOOK OFF. WE HAD PASSED THE PILOT UP ABOUT 15 YDS AND IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN TOO LONG TO BACK 19 IT UP SO WE WAITED A COUPLE OF MIN WHILE THE SARGYS WORKED OVER THE AREA SOME MORE. THIS IS WHEN THE PILOT WHO WAS THE TOP MAN ON THE HILL SAID THAT 19 HE HAD BEEN HIT AND WAS PASSING OUT. WE WENT IN AGAIN AND TRIED TO HOVER OVER THE BOTTOM MAN BUT HE HAD A BROKEN BACK + LEG SO HE COULDN'T HELP 19 US ANY TO MOVE TOWARD THE PENATRATOR HE WAS IN TALL ELEPHANT GRASS PRETTY THICK. I WAS FIRING STRAIGHT OUT THE DOOR AT ABOUT 10 YDS ABOVE THE PILOT. THATS WHERE IT 19 LOOKED LIKE WE WERE GETTING HIT FROM. WE HAD TO PULL OFF AGAIN. WE CAME IN AGAIN AND AS WE STOPPED

OCTOBER 5th

19 MAKING A PRETTY GOOD TARGET, I GUESS WHEN THEY OPENED UP AGAIN. ONE BULLET SPLATTERED ALONG SIDE MY LEFT SHOULDER AND A COUPLE OF THE PIECES WENT INTO 19 IT. ME AND SGT MASSENGALE HIT THE FLOOR PRETTY FAST. WE COULDN'T GET THE HOIST TO WORK THEN SO WE PULLED OUT. WE THOUGHT WE HAD TAKEN A HIT ON IT. 19 WE GOT IT TO WORK LATER. THE BAD GUYS MUST HAVE BEEN LAYING IN THE GRASS ALL AROUND THEM. WE'RE HEADING BACK TO 36. OUR HIGH 19 BIRD IS GOING IN TO TRY. THEY'RE MAKING A PASS AND TAKING HITS FROM THE SAME PLACES WE GOT THEM FROM. ARMOR PIERCING THEY SAY. THEY MADE ANOTHER 19 PASS, STOPPED AND GOT HIM. WILLIAMSON C.O. CAPT KENNEDY P- CP- LT. HARRIS SGT HALL W.M. LOST CONTACT WITH OTHER PILOT SO

OCTOBER 5th

19 CLOSE AND THEN HAVE THE BAD GUYS
GET TO HIM FIRST. THEY GOT A AIR A
C123 INTO 36 TO FLY THE PILOT OUT.
WILLIAMSON AND HALL BOTH GOT HIT
19 BY PIECES OF BULLETS SPLATTERING.
JUST FLESH WOUNDS, NOTHING SERIOUS
ET LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SILVER STAR FOR
WILLIG. AIR FORCE CROSS FOR
21 19 TO 36 CAPT KENNEDY + CAPT
22 TO 98 O MARA
23 HOME

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SUN. OCTOBER 9

12 19 SAT 8 OCT TO 98. PADROS PICKED
UP 2 OFF THE COAST

25 19 SUN TO 36 2 DOWN 8 MILES
FROM HANOI NO BEEPERS OR NOTHING

26 TO 98
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27 VOORN

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FRI OCTOBER 14

OCTOBER 15

19 I DOWN NEAR DMZ . SANDY'S
SCRAMBLED OUT OF HERE - BEEPER STOPPED
CHOPPER PICKED UP. NO CONTACT.
105 DOWN 105 MILES NE OF HERE.
19 PILOT HURT - FIGHTERS HAVE VOICE
CONTACT. J.G.'S SCRAMBLED OUT OF 98.
MAS. SINGLED DC 4TH BORNED CP
SELF HM GEORGE HUNT P.J. THEY PICKED
19 HIM UP. TOOK 8 HITS DOING IT.
EVERYBODY OKAY

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19 F&C DOWN IN 100 RADIAL 80 MILES NKP
129 BIRDS SCRAMBLED OUT OF NKP. WE
SCRAMBLE OUT OF 98 FOR NKP. LOW BIRD
GOES IN FOR 1ST MAN. GETS ALL SHOT UP
19 PICK-UPS UP R.B. HE GOT SHOT IN FOOT
COMING UP HOIST, HIT THER TRANSMISSION,
LOST ALL OIL PRESSURE. PUT O2 DOWN, IN
LITTLE CLEARING. OTHER S. C. WENT DOWN
19 WITH HIM AND PICKED THE CREW UP.
THEY SAID THE BULLETS WERE REALLY
CUTTING AROUND THEM. MADE IT OKAY,
WENT AND PICKED UP OTHER PILOT.
19 DAVIS MAT YOUNGBLOOD AND LT. BURFORD
ON DOWNED BIRD. CAPT KENNEDY WARD ON
PICK UP BIRD. SANDY (CAPT WAGAMON) GOT
SHOT DOWN WHILE MAKING PASSES
19 SUPPRESSING THE GROUND FIRE. THEY
SAW HIS PLANE BURNING AND DON'T THINK
HE GOT OUT. THE SC CREW F4C CREW

19 found ships he got a couple
of the bad guys. No trace of
the downed pilot. Returned
went down about 50 miles
19 SE of here 4 boy boat.
Nothing found of them.

AIRFORCE CROSS FOR CAPT
19 KENNEDY FOR YESTERDAY

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OCTOBER 24

19 [illegible] with CVS
[illegible] check out.
At Tuesday the new 3rd Div
Commander came up today

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OCTOBER 25

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31 to Udorn. Weather
Lo-d at 36. Hunt + Hassler
left today for Bangkok to
19 fly cover for President
Johnson in Bangkok

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NOVEMBER 1

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134 high Both Lt. Webster AC Lt. Isaac P.
AC Meyers HM

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NOVEMBER 2

DRV low bird
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135 Jo 36: We scramble on this jock who punched out between 36 and Sam Nova. Picked him up - No sweat: He was 19 in pretty good shape. Took
136 him to 98. Air/A bird picked him up to take him to Udorn.
137. Back to 36
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138 Udorn. Listened to Fireflies on the way home that caught 2 miles S trucks out in 19 the open on Route 6 and called in strikes on them. Sounds like they had a ball and got quite a few secondaries.
19 Only about 4 miles from where we picked pilot up today.

NOVEMBER 3

19 AIR-A
Porter crashed on runway at 36 today. Pilot killed

19 3 of our birds down but no contact with any of the pilots

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NOVEMBER 4

19 DUTY

Hunt got a pick-up today out of NKP

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Heard they lost a #43 out of Pleiku, don't know if any dead or hurt

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M NOVEMBER 7

19 To 98 for Albert

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T NOVEMBER 8

19 To 36 Pretty quiet today.

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19 General McClernand, - Air Force Chief of Staff presented the Silver Star To Williamson and Hunt today.

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NOVEMBER 11

19 Stayed at 98 today.
I lost down No. of Hanoi
no keeper or confirmed. Wingman
did spot a good chute.
19 2 Birds down out of 1 flight 19
on the 17th. 2 men in each
plane. Sandy got them 1st.
2 Lt. launched out of Tung Tri.
19 Landed shot down while searching 19
1 Lt. picked him up. Search
called off before any more shot
down. 1 more down just north
19 of there. Wingman saw pa- 19
35 rachute ground him when
he hit the ground. Captured
or killed?
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144 To Udorn

NOVEMBER 12

Duty

H 2 High Bird
19 Scrambled on Firefly flown 80
14 miles on the 100 radial. Sandy is
14 got there and starting right off
picked up ground fire. Got 35
19 miles out and the low bird
(Capt. Murphy Lt Freight, Halvorson)
lost transmission oil pressure
and had to set down in a nice
19 paddy. We went in with them
but stayed airborne. Didn't see
any people around to shoot. [redacted]
Compass advised that there are some
19 friendlies in the area, 2 Sandy's
stayed to cover there and they launched
a jeep out of NKP so we headed
for the downed pilot. Picked
19 up flak 3 different times going
in. Sandy's laid good smoke
screen but when we got to a

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ORD hover they opened up with
auto weapons. We stayed there
and picked him up. I shot up
6 clips. Don't know if I got
19 any of them. I was shooting at
muzzle flashes. Guy Fowler
was the SAR pilot's name. He
was alert with us yesterday.
19 His chute opened right above
the trees. He almost waited 2
late to jump.
Our crew. Lt. Webster Lt. Dean
19 A2C Gary Myers. myself.
Fighters went in after we left and
pretty well cleaned out the area.
If the bad guys don't get to our
19 down 24 tonight they'll try and
get a Army Sky crane tomorrow
from Da Nang.

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19 They've brought Thai and Montagnard troops
14 to secure the area so the main men
14 can fly at night there. We flew food and
water out to the guards. I took a
148/19 down the beach and took some pictures
coming up.

T.G. 18 out of Pleiku. We're late
141 we scramble. They picked up
19 2 out of a AHE. The crew chief
they don't think has a survival vest.
The pilot was shot pretty bad coming
up the coast. A/C #5 went down the
19 beach to beat the bushes for the
3rd guy and the bad guys really
opened up. They knew we'd through
the trees. I guess he was not
19 pretty bad. We got it made
out and they RTB [illegible]

Low level
19 Fac. Bird saw signal panels
out 60 miles on the 079 °/fm
Ray Pass. Compass launched ops.
They spot 5 or 6 guys in gray
19 clothes. Looks like it might be
150/ a intell team. We go on in hover
they don't know they're use-
DPV the penetrator a/c go down
19 and show them. I kept my
M16 on them but if it would
have been bad guys we wouldn't
have had a chance. Picked 3
19 of them up and took
them back to NKP.

Lousa was P.S yesterday.
He'll be all right after a few
19 days. No sign of the crew
chief. The Col was shot setting
on the P.S. seat while he was in
[illegible]

NOVEMBER 19

19 Duty

Received a Christmas Tree with decorations from home 19 today. Have put it up in the barracks.

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NOVEMBER 20

19 Duty.

Talked to Tracey Tadlock over at Da Nang. Going to Tay and get a couple of 19 there troops over here today.

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M NOVEMBER 21

19 North to 98 at 0630
Capt Murphy AC.
Other J-6 lost transmission
oil pressure on landing. Change
19 the transmission will cut 9 5.
Will take about 3 days

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T NOVEMBER 22

19 To 36 can't land, complete
overcast. 5 6 54 gets fuel leak
and declares an emergency and has
to turn back. 2 Sandy's stay
19 with us + 2 go with 54. Have
hit by Sam 20 miles NW Hanoi -
When they're hit there they're just
written off. We orbited on
19 boarder for 3 hrs then went
to 36.
Back to 98 to spend another
night because they couldn't
19 get 2 birds to fly to 98 - Our
birds are really falling apart.
Took a lot of pictures today
on top of all the clouds of
19 Sandy, J-6 and 2 101's that
bugged us. Down doing south
I think the Sedan got him

NOVEMBER 25

19 Lo 98. HIGH

56 AIC LAVERNE KELLERMAN (BUGGS)

LEFT TODAY FOR BANGKOK FOR THE STATES. HE'S GOING TO HAMILTON.

19 AIR A H 34 GOT 3 HOLES IN IT LANDING AT 36 SO COMPRESS HELD THE BIRDS HERE AT 98.

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NOVEMBER 26

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19 57 RETURN TO UDORN

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DECEMBER 3

19 Commanders Call this morning Col Smith presented me the Purple Heart Hewson the DFC, Williamson and Halverson the air Medal.

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DECEMBER 5

19 Halverson and Williamson headed for Yen Bay on Red River. They lost voice contact 20 minutes out. Compass had held them at
19 the border for 45 minutes before sending them in. We listened on the radio in Ops. They searched for 30 minutes but
19 no sign of him. Bad guys must have got him. Lots of ground fire and flack.

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DECEMBER 6

19 2 F4 B 1 BIRD pilots from Udorn down at Dien Bien Phu. Bowers on low bird. Capt Floyd pilot. Picked 1st one up all right. 2nd has back
19 injury so Bowers takes the stokes later down for him. Puts him in the stokes and tries to get in it but the thing jerked up
19 as the bird took off. They had opened up on them and shot one engine out so Capt Floyd had to take off. Bowers held on to
19 stokes for a few feet then dropped off. Good thing because he would have never made it up. High bird came in and hovered to pick
19 him up but he had to cut out cause bad guys were after him. High bird thought he was hurt,

19 He got down and Capt Murphy got a engine shot out so he had to take off. They were on the ground when another S.6. from 98 came in to
19 pick up Stevson and save Bowers on another hill. Went P.U. no problem. They were really lucky Bad guys were within 20 yds of
19 them sometimes.

7 DEC.

GEN MOMYER CAME IN TODAY TO PRESENT
19 MEDALS. STEVSON DFC LLOYD, SILVER STAR — BOWERS SILVER STAR SANDY LEAD SILVER STAR. RILEY H.M. - DFC, HE DID A FINE JOB. WHILE HOVERING TO PICK
19 UP THE STOKES THE 1ST F4 PILOT GOT HIT IN THE THIGH. SO RILEY REALLY HAD HIS HANDS FULL. DID A GOOD JOB.

19 Hanoi released name of pilot captured on the 5th that we just missed

19 Hackney and Jeffers came over in two of their birds from Da Nang to give us a hand.

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DECEMBER 13

19 George Hunt left today for Iowa for discharge. I find I hate to see him get out.

19 3 planes down. No contacts with any of them

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DECEMBER 14

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DECEMBER 15

19 CAPT. [illegible] P-5 PUSCANPS. MADE KICK-UP S.W. OF HANOI HEAVILY POPULATED AREA. 3 MORE DOWN IN THAT GENERAL AREA. NO
19 CONTACT. A-36 DOWN 80 MILES ON THE 090 MU-GIA PASS. HASSLER O'MARA GOT 2 OF THEM. HUEY GOT THE OTHER. IT'S WILLIAMSON'S
19 BIRTHDAY TODAY HE'S 20. THEY PICKED UP FLAK 2 MILES OUT OF 36. ALSO PICKED IT UP GOING ACROSS THE FENCE. MAD NEW YEAR
19 STARTED TODAY. THATS THE REASON FOR THE SHOOTING. THEY'RE NOT REALLY SHOOTING AT THE PLANES

16219 Moth to 98 AT 12:15

DECEMBER 16

16319 To 36 lots of Strikes but nobody down

16419 Back to 98, Have to spend another night. 2 days is bad enough but 3 is awful.

19 2 in RF 4's PINCHED OUT 10 miles from Udorn LBR GOTTEN

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DECEMBER 19

19 MET THE BOARD TODAY FOR NCO OF THE QUARTER.

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DECEMBER 20

19 COMMANDERS CALL TODAY. COL. BRITTON ANNOUNCED THAT I MADE NCO OF THE QUARTER.

HASSLER RECEIVED A 200.00

19 CORONET IN THE MAIL TODAY FROM HIS FOLKS. HE'S NEVER PLAYED ONE IN HIS LIFE!!!

SAW BIG WILLIE IN A FILM

19 ABOUT STANKYVILLE. ALSO HOWIE FAVOUR AS COPIC.OCP. SAW KRAFT GO DOWN HOIST IN J.G PICTURE.

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DECEMBER 21

19 Everybody getting ready for the Bob Hope Show which will be here tomorrow. Hassler as Base German of
19 the month will introduce Bob Hope.

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DECEMBER 22

19 Flew to NAS to film a scramble and small talk with Bob Hope. They really had a good show. Rode
19 back to Vdom in the blue room of the Lazoly. Steuron sang several songs on the show including the J-6
19 song.

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