

FIVE YEAR DIARY

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DET 5 38TH ARS (JOLLY GREEN)

APO 96237 (UDORN AB THAI)
FOR THE YEAR 1966

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FEBRUARY 21

19⁶⁶ ARRIVED AT UDORN AFTER
STOPPING AT UBON, KORAT AND
NKP. SAW KRAFT AT NKP. DIDN'T
HAVE THE REAL THOUGHT OF WAR
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
BEER OR SODA. BARRACKS
HOT BUT HECC, THIS IS
WAR.

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FEBRUARY 23

- 19⁶⁶ To site 30 in Central Laos
Capt Zanghast 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 Jolly
Green so nobody know we're
19 there. Who are we fooling.

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FEBRUARY 24

- 19 weathered in at 30 and
had to stay there
Kraft got one ~~at~~ 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 &c. Club 5 M
scrambled for 105 Pilot but
just got engines started
19 when they told (Compress,
our loss 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

4. 19 Returned to Udorn

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FEBRUARY 29

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Alert at Udorn. F4C's
suppose to come in
anyday. Only RF101's

19 There now plus a few
T-28's of the Thai Air Force.

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MARCH 1

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Duty: Fix batteries
for radio up north + clean
guns. Halverson, Daggean
Williamson + Britton showed

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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's hard to get back and forth from the flight line to the barracks. It's about 2 miles and you have to go off

19 base and around. A bus runs every 1/2 hr but it's usually full. Worked on building new P.E. shack + laying floor.

19 1/2 Mitchell running P.E. is nice guy.

Bx has just got here ~~with~~ items to get by on.

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MARCH 3

5, 19 to 30 in Laos Capt Stearns &c
6. Orbit by site 111 on Laos + North Vietnam (hereafter called DRV). Wander for strikes against Sam sites.

19 All of Laos I've seen so far is very rugged and mountainous. It's like this except for some valleys and the Plain of Jars. All P.L. 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. Walks the hills like a native. P.L.

19 has \$10,000 on his head.

MARCH 4

- 8 19 Orbit on boarder
9 Orbit on boarder
10. Returned to Udorn. Always
feel good to cross the fence
19 (Mekong, boarder between
Thailand & Laos) and take off
survival gear, slack vest
and parachute. All of it is
19 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. Taken
a hour in "Jolly Green"

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MARCH 6

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

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MARCH 7

11.19 Low bird F 105 pilot Maj. Joseph
Hutto from Takli in Thailand was
on bombing run in DRV 100 miles
from here (Nakhon Phanom) 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 keeper was still in chuter 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 Butto

19 really happy. not hurt just
a little shuck. Lots of water &
a little rest took care of that
AC Lt Henry CP. Capt Henderson

19 FM Sgt Rex Schader. Could be
a long hard tour. This was my
1st day on low bird at NKP.

Pick up south at 0600. !!!!!!

MARCH 9

19 NKP High bird. ———
Nothing

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MARCH 10

19 Low bird —
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

MARCH 13

2 19 Escort for Pony Express 70
miles in. Nothing happen.
Pony Express hops around Laos
moving all the Sneaky Pites
19 around. Hell of a way going
on in Laos that we should
be more committed 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 outnumbered.

POLITICS

Returned to Udorn

MARCH 16

13.19 Flew to Site 20 in Laos
14. At noon we scrambled on a
F105 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 cause, Sandy & fighters
couldn't pick up a beeper, visual
overall 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
IN PAPERS. WE (JOLLY GREENS) TRY
19 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. (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 THEIR 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 6000 FT
PEAK. TRY AGAIN TOMORROW

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MARCH 24

1819 FLEW PASSED THE MEKONG
RIVER TO ESCORT SANDY (AIE) BACK
FROM SITE OF 105 PILOT DOWNED
YESTERDAY. PICKED PILOT UP
19 THIS AFTERNOON (KELLERMAN ON
PICK-UP. LT THOMAS WAS THE
ITS NAME

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MARCH 25

DUTY

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MARCH 27

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

RETURN TO UDORN

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APRIL 1

Duty

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APRIL 2

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19 1. F101 PILOT SHOT DOWN 10 MILES FROM
WHERE WE PICKED UP MAJ. HUTTO BY
MULIA PASS, ORBITED IN DRV BUT

19 SANDY'S + 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 LITTLE
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 THOUGHT.

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APRIL 5

DUTY

APRIL 6

19 TO 48. ITS AN HOUR FLYING
TIME FROM UDORN AND USUALLY
PRETTY HAZY UP IN THE MOUNTAINS
— 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 NRP SCRAMBELED 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
CRICKETS 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 PT'S.
19 RETURNED TO UDORN.

APRIL 20

DUTY
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DULL

SAW SQUEAKS IN THE MESS HALL

APRIL 21

- 8¹⁹ North to 98
9. High Bird scrambled on RF101
shot down 12 miles outside
Hanoi. No way in hell for
19 us to get that close with
those gun emplacements

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APRIL 22

- 30¹⁹ Low bird, orbited on boarder.
Turned on HF set this morning and
heard a P-5 was on the ground &
FM was shot & bird shot up.
19 Figured out it was Capt Matthews
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
work of Hunt all day.
3/4 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.

440'S FROM 555 GOT 2 M16'S
TODAY

APRIL 24

DUTY

APRIL 25

19 ALERT

APRIL 26

19 TO NKP - HIGH BIRD

19 Spooky spotted a stove light
a signal panel and a fire leg
them right before dark about

19 10 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 flock area but didn't
get hit. Sandy & will
search in the morning.

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APRIL 27

19 Found out this morning
that canal was put out by
Laction Antell team trying
to get hold of a Pony Express
19 bird. Went back to I don

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APRIL 28

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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
yesterday. Clouds and haze
to bad the search so Congress
cancelled. We had 3 mig
alerts while we were in
North Viet 1 km and on the
4th one they came after us.
We went straight down to
hide in the mountain and
the clouds that kept us
from going in farther. Mig
lap chased them off and
got one with a sidewinder.
This was the 1st time
the migs came after the
Jolly Greens and the Sandys

~~MAY 17~~ April
~~March~~ 30th 66

19 Sure glad the 8405 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 P-51 were starting to
hit 107 today.

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34 Returned to 98

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MAY 1st

19 Took off from 98 at 6.30 and met
~~the~~ high bird coming from Udorn
to go to 59.

16. Returned to 98 at 13.30

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34 A/E Sandy Pilot while facing for
strikes Squared mayday 1 hr.
from 98 on the Plain of Gars.

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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
19 of his parachute. The search
Sandy's had been flying
passing over him for a hour

MAY ~~2~~ 1st

19 so when the pilot popped a
flare when we told him to
we made a pass in to
pick him up. Coming in
19 between 2 hills to him he
(Capt Ingalls) yelled "you're
receiving fire" take off. Ray
laying in the door yelled
19 we're taking hits. He
saw a lot of tracers go
right under us. We orbited
a couple of miles away
19 while the fighters and
Sandy's laid down fire
where we thought the
shooting was coming from.
19 The P-4 didn't fire at
them. We went in again
from a different direction than

MAY ~~2~~ 1st

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

MAY 1st

19 keep following us in
and firing for suppression.
We tried again and this
time the firing was
19 worse. we saw it and
heard it. Lt. Gerry 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 Ann.
Proton Sgt Youngblood) flying
19 escort for us. We made
it back to 98 all right
and passed 3 more Jolly.

MAY 1st

19 Low bird went in before dark
and tired but took hits in cock-
pit and had to pull out. (Capt
Mathew, Lt. Rice, Beaumont,
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. That's what
made the plane vibrate so
much. We were out of
MAY commission so they sent up
19 another Jolly Green to
rendvous the next morning
with Maj Steaman & crew.

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~~2~~ 2ND 66

- 19 at daylight and went right in and picked him up without getting fired at. They brought Capt Phngalls back to 98 and had a SA plane to take him back to Udorn. This was the 1st Sandy Pilot the "Jolly Greens" have picked up. Gen. Van Powell came over to see us and look over our chopper. He said the P.L. have Viet Minh advisors in that area and that's why they don't shoot at the Sandys but wait for us to come in before they start blasting. The Viet Minh are smart. Protons, 1st pick-up.

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3RD

- 19 They flew us up a new black from Udorn in a 38th 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.

19 Poole says it had one for 2 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 ^{N. 2TH} so far. 100 miles north

19 west of Hanoi. They were chased by MiGs but F4C's drove them off.

+ New P-5's came. A2C Stevenson

19 A2C Injelle A2C Ward A2C Hauler

MAY 11

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19 TOOK BIRD TO GS TO EXCHANGE
39 FOR BROKE ONE.

40 RETURN TO UDORN
19 Long flight due to large
night at Neo club.

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MAY 12

19 FLEW TO NKP 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 HALVORSON ON LOW
BIRD WITH CAPT WIFEKLY AND LT.

COL MARTIN AND SGT BLADIST. We started

early today at 5.30 we
19 scrambled on 105 pilot who lost
all hydraulic pressure 10.5 miles out
after air to ground missile he fired
missile and hit his wing.

19 We got airborne and saw him
coming over the Mekong at about
4000 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 where it hit. Had the

19 pilot (Capt Mitchell from Horat)
back to NKP for breakfast at 6.00
Don't see why the low bird

FRIDAY MAY 13TH

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

19 Launched again at 8.30, a fac
went down 10 miles from
Tchepone Laos. A bad area for us
Before we got there a HH43

Pedro from La Mang arrived and
19 sent a P5 down the hoist to
have a look at the plane. The
P5 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 is
or there would have waited for
more fighters + cover planes.

19 Back to NKP for lunch.

SAT MAY 14th

219 Scrambled on A/H down 10 miles
from Ben Ho in DRV. We orbited
on the DRV border. 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 W. [unclear], Lt
Henny and Rex Schader.

Returned to Udon. Seems like
19 people are starting to look for
too many reasons not to [unclear]
a downed pilot. A.C. told me I couldn't

MAY 16

19 Duty today. We listened
in the P.E. shack to the HF set
of a pick-up going on out of
NKP. Bruton was P.S. on the

19 pick-up. Youngblood HM Henry P. Lot
Rush C. B.

Sure wish I would have kept
all the pick-ups in this book.
19 Heard today that ~~the~~ Dagneau
has to go R.S. to Ben Hoa as a
replacement for Pits who got
killed last month. Sure hate
19 for him to go cause he is
one of the better ones. ^{His firefighter} ^{qualified}

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 Bruton.

MAY 17

3¹⁹ To go today clearing 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 3-5' galv 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

19 listened on HF set to Jolly Greens from NKP going in for a OIE FAC Pilot who went down

19 with his bird. When they were almost done a F4B flying rescue got hit and both pilots punched out. They 19 picked both of them up. The R.O. was hurt and Graft was hit by small arms fire in the elbow. Will have 19 to get particulars when I get back to T'com tonight.

19 Talked to Sgt Holloway,

MAY 18

19 he said they took 2 hits
going in for the pick up.
hit Dennis in the arm and
crossed his leg, the other hit
19 their fuel line. Holloway
told Lt. Guilmarin they were
picking up ground fire and
Braft was hit but Guilmarin
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 evicted Dennis
and the R.O. to Da Nang from Fugo.
It was 2 craft & 97 mission.
O/E went straight in his wing
19 man said. 3 men in it 1 pilot
1 ex PT who was a air controller.

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MAY 21

19 The planes were in the air
all day but none were seen in
the morning.

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SUN. MAY 22

19 High bird today. Scrambled on
F115 jock down 65 miles on
the 070 radial. Sandy & Laidy
smoke all around him after he
19 walked for 1/2 hr. away from
gun emplacements 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.C. 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 JGS
in today. Rumor is that
3 or 4 crews will take them
to Da Nang. We guess they'll
start making pickups 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
up. They started getting ground
19 fire. Cronon 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.S. on low bird was injured. Some
very tense moments for all of us.
P.S. was Zellerman H.M. Watson.
C.P. Capt Henry P. Capt Butera. Didn't
19 get the pilot. Flak vest that Auger
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 AIE 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
hit on almost all of our pick-ups.
Dag. camp flak. Couldn't get out

SUN MAY 29

19 OFF

Got some swimming time.
in. New pool not big enough.

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MAY 30

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Flew to NKP. Listened
to birds from North heading
for North Vietnam. 5-10
pilot down 30 miles from
Red China border. Maj Stearns^{SC}
from Burton P.O. Sandy had voice
contact 4 minutes before J.6.
arrived. They made a pass in
for him and got J.6.58 all
shot up. Nobody hurt but no
more contact with down pilot.
These pick ups are like a
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. JRP cancelled. 1400 scrambled us to 98. On the way a F-105

19 pilot went down up by the Black river. ^{ORV} 5-6's scrambled 1 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 night.

19 Maj. Haynes Capt Odell, Sgt Daniels, Sgt Warren No spurs.

19 High bird went in for other pilot and got right over chute but didn't see so they let Hansen down the hill to look for him.

19 Negative results so everybody went home. O + A - B - C - D - E - F - G - H - I - J - K - L - M - N - O - P - Q - R - S - T - U - V - W - X - Y - Z

JUNE 1

Low Bird

19 Scrambled at 105 Jack down on other side of New Simpson in ORV. Used amount of guy site digging and mig. Sander 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 few warning light on #1 engine but we kept the engine on till 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 Drangmont and Lt. Perry to hover because

19 of us being down in a canyon. I got the penetrator to him in a couple of minutes after putting

19 May. Much as I am the same
Sunday 2 kept open field in front
of my field with rocks. We
killed six the gulf of Tonkin on
our way in. Capt Brack had
a twisted ankle and knee but
19 we saw at 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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because of the 10 in w. hrs. Not
enough P.S.S to go around so
we'll have a different schedule.
19 Capt Furman Capt Hardy and Criter
and P.S. Stevenson made pick up
mils 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
Jolly Green arrived here in
P.T. 65.

19 Mutton made a pick up
of 2 pilots that went down
in a cricket out of NKB.

JUNE 3

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JUNE 5

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Took train at 6:00 in
the morning for Bangkok
12 hr. ride. Mouse, Hunt
Capt Mathews, Lt. Rice. A long
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 George, Mouse and I went to see The Sound of Music. We really liked it.

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TUE JUNE 7

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Talked to Judy again today. To Tina also. ~~in a day?~~

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JUNE 8

19 Sat in Bangkok terminal waiting
for a flight. Ran into Maj
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JUNE 9

19 Lt Bridge finally got a pick up.
Bellermy P. S. this morning out of
NKP. They lowered Bugs down the
hoist to check if he was still in

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

19 back and got Bugs. 2 sandys
ran into each other coming off a
low pass. Capt Buck who we
picked up in DR 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 tracked for so far.

JUNE 10

19 Duty today
Got some 104's in. It's really
hot in between rains.

19 Heard that Tony Willis is
over at Da Nang now. A
P.S. from Da Nang went down
the coast after a pilot 3 times.
He brought his body up.
19 Heard the over the H.F. at.

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JUNE 11

19 DUTY TODAY

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SUN JUNE 12

DEPART UDORN 0810

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 SANDY'S
AND J.C.'S BUT NO CHUTIE

19 SIGHTED. NO BEEPER.

2 RETURNED TO UDORN WITH

LT. LITTON & CREW

I PICKED UP MY RUSSIAN AK

19 FROM JERRY TODAY.

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JUNE 14

19 REX & LT. GUILMARTIN MADE A
PICK UP 75 MILES SOUTH OF
UCORN 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. KENN/
KT. FIEDERT AMN CHAMBERS H.M.
MAJ STEARMAN LT. GUNNIN & THOLLOWAY
AMN GUARD MADE PICK-UP OF FIVE 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
AF105 WENT DOWN AND THE PILOT
WAS LAST HEARD TO SAY THAT BAD
GUYS WITH RIFLES WERE BY HIM
19 AND HE WAS SMASHING HIS RADIO'S
TO KEEP THEM FROM USING THEM.
THEY NEVER SCRAMBLED US ON HIM.

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JUNE 18

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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 98 AT 1530 LOW BIRD
WITH P CAPT BUTERA CP MAJ. VANRA (LRM) ^{SGT} HAYWOOD
RAINED ALL DAY

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JUNE 20

19 HIGH BIRD QUIET AT 98

WORKED ON TENT

5th RETURNED UPORN, FIXED BUNKS
UP WITH REAL MATTRESSES. STILL

19 HAVE TO USE SLEEPING BAGS & NOT

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JUNE 21

19 DUTY

LISTENED TO MISSION OF
NORTH. F105 PILOT EJECTED 100 MILES
NORTH OF HANOI. WINDMAN HAD A

19 VISUAL SCRAMBLED J.G.'S OUT OF 98
THEY SHOT ANOTHER ONE DOWN THAT WAS
FLYING RESCAP FOR THE 1st PILOT. HANOI
SCRAMBLED MILS. OUR BOYS GOT ONE.

19 HELD J.G.S AT DRV BORDER 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. J.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 2 MILES FROM
19 RUNWAY AND PUT IT DOWN IN A FIELD.
PLANE DESTROYED, PILOT OKAY

JUNE 23

19 NORTH-98 1055 AM LT. GUILD MARTIN P.
P. AT STILES HM REX. WATCHED F105
AND AT UDORN WITH BATTLE DAMAGE. HE
LOST HYD. PRESSURE SO TAIL HOOK WOULDN'T
COME DOWN. NO BRAKES, NO DRAG CHUTE.
RAN OFF END OF RUNWAY. DON'T THINK
HE WAS HURT, (GOT PICTURE OF IT)
TOOK OFF FOR 36 TO TAKE FUEL RIG
UP THERE BUT HAD TO TURN AROUND AND
COME BACK DUE TO WEATHER. 36 SAFE
W/ WITH GENERAL V.P. MAKING HIS
OPS THERE

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 HAROY PILOT
C.P. MAS. 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 KAS WRITTEN THIS
TRIP.

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JUNE 29

19 HIGH BIRD

B 16 RAID TODAY AND OIL FIELDS
AROUND HAROI.

WE WERE RELIEVED AT 5:20 AND

19 AT 5:30 THE J.C.'S SCRAMBLED
ON A AIE WHO HAS BEEN HIT
PRETTY BAD 80 MILES ON 090. HE
(CAPT BAKER) MADE IT TO WITHIN 15
19 MILES OF THE RIVER BEFORE HE HAD
TO BAIL OUT. THEY PICKED HIM UP
AND WERE BACK AT NKP BY G. COWELL P
RICE CP SPINBY H.M. "BUGS" KELLERMAN P.J.
19 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 - F105 PILOT.

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JULY 1

19 5 PLANES DOWN TODAY.
HITTING THE OIL FIELDS AROUND
HANDI. 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 MU GIA
PASS WHILE SEARCHING FOR A105
19 JOCK. OUT OF 70 A105 THAT
CAME OVER HERE LAST SEPT,
THERE ARE 42 LEFT.

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JULY 4

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

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JULY 5

19 LOW BIRD

MAYDAY 35 MILES FROM ACD
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

819 ^{HIGH} NKP - ~~LOW~~ BIRD - PILOT LT. LETTON
C.P. LT. PACKARD H.M. SGT BOB WATSON
OUR BIRD LEFT NKP TO GO TO 98 BECAUSE
THE 98 BIRDS HAD TO ORB. 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-BAO) PILOT ON THE PDJ. PICKED
19 HIM UP. NO CRIOUFFIRE. ON WAY BACK
F105 RAN INTO TROUBLE. LEAKING
FUEL FROM HITS UP ON RED RIVER.
SANDY GOT ROUGH ENGINE, WE'RE ESCORTING
19 HIM BACK. I'M TRYING TO WRITE THIS
ON THE WAY BACK. LANDED AT 98 FOR
FUEL. F105 MADE IT BACK. ANOTHER
FIGHTER CRASHED UP NORTH AS WE LANDED.
19 WE TOOK OFF FROM 15 AND SANDY
PILOT WE WERE ESCORTING BAILLED OUT
BY THE F105. LEMONDREY SCRAMBLING FROM
UDORN. FIRST OBSERVED AT 11:00

JULY 7

19 ^{CRASHED} NKP LOW BIRD - VIO WENT INTO
RICE PADDY 27 MILES OUT $\frac{1}{2}$ MEN ON
BOARD. WENT IN AND PICKED THEM UP
NEBODY 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-6'S COULDN'T GET
ANY OF THEM

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JULY 9

19 NORTH 98 ^{H16A} P-LT LETTON & PAT Packer
KHM SGT BOB WATSON. WEATHER STILL
PRETTY BAD

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JULY 10

19 LOW BIRD LEFT 98 TO 36 AT 6
61 THIS MORNING. CLEAR WEATHER. 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.
62 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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64 TO UDORN

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JULY 11

19 DUTY TODAY.

5 PLANES DOWN. KELLERMAN GOT
ONE OUT OF NKP. STEVENSON GOT ONE
NORTH BY SAM NEU. NAVY PICKED
19 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
19 GOT SEPARATED FROM HIS FRIGHT
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 HENRICKSON

HM. SGT HOLLOWAY

19th 98, LOW BIRD.

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JULY 13

19 HIGH-BIRD

6 TO 36 FOR ALERT

6 TO 98

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68 HOME

GOING 2 DAYS

FLEW JOLLY GREEN FOR 1st TIME

19 TODAY, NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS.

CAPT RUSH LET ME FLY FOR 1/2 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 HH439 GOT WEATHER
IN AT UBN. 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 DRANGSTVIET PILOT MOUSE HIM.

AT YAIL CP. I'M NCIC 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 JOINT GREENS LEFT
TODAY FOR 30 DAYS TDY TO DANANG

19 THEY'LL BE ON ALERT EVERY OTHER DAY 19
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
they say. We're really short
on P.S's.

Tried to find Tina + Cjin
something for their birthday
but no luck.

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

SEE JULY 24
BERRY DIES AT CLARK

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JULY 19

19 HIGH BIRD NKP

SCRAMBLED ON F105 JACK WHO
PUNCHED OUT 65 NW OF HERE.
— PICKED HIM UP. NO FIRE. PILOT
19 GOOD SHAPE. RETURNED TO UDORN
TO REFUEL. WEATHER TOO 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 MISSILE ON RED RIVER. BAD AREA. A105 IS DOWN NW OF

19 HANDI. 2 C-130 CRASHED ON F4C PILOTS. NO CONTACT WITH ANY OF THEM.

FAC PILOT SPOTTED MAN WAVING WHITE FLAG SOUTH OF TCHERONE LAOS. LAUNCHED

19 J. C'S OUT OF QUANG-TRI, PICKED LT. IN NAVY UP THAT HAD GOTTEN SHOT DOWN ON 27 JUNE - 23 DAYS OF F+E. HE WAS OKAY EXCEPT MIGHTY HUNGRY. FOUND

19 BUT LATER HE WAS SHOT DOWN IN FEB AND CAPTURED AND PUT IN A PRISON. HE ESCAPED ON JUNE 27 AND FLEW FOR 23 DAYS. DENGUER WAS HIS

19 NAME. LT KENNY HAD PUT KRAFT DOWN THE HOIST ON HIS WRECKED PLANE ON FEB 2

THURS JULY 21

19 OFF TODAY WENT DOWNTOWN AT NKP TO LOOK FOR TIDA 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. C'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. EVERYBODY PRESUMED DEAD.

FRI. JULY 22

19 HIGH-BIRD NKP CAPT MAKSTOICT-PILOT
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.

19 RETURNED TO NKP.

19 HEARD TRACEY, MOORE, + TOBEY ARRIVED
AT DA NANG TODAY. THINGS SHOULD STAY
PRETTY QUIET AT NKP NOW WITH J. C.'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 F105 SPOT UP BY THE P05.
HE JOINED UP WITH ANOTHER FLIGHT AFTER
LOSING HIS WINGMAN COMING OFF THE
19 TARGET. ~~HE~~ MADE IT ALL RIGHT TO UDORN.
ELECTRONIC SEARCH FOUND NOTHING OF HIS
WINGMAN.

JOLLY GREEN'S OUT OF CASSON GOT ONE.

19 GUYS THAT LEFT TODAY FOR STATES

- CAPT BUTERA

CAPT MATHEWS MAS. SCHMIDT

- LT. BRIDGE

S6T HOLLOWAY

- CAPT WEEKLY

S6T YOUNGBLOOD

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JULY 24

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^{Handles}
Sgt. Monty called me up from
V down this morning and told
me we got a ~~three~~ in that
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
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 NXP

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

A 26 CRASHED 1 1/2 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 over 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

QUANTRA

Jolly Green out of Cañon got shot up
this morning making a pick up
in the DMRE. 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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THU JULY 28

19 TO 98 CAPT POWELL CAPT DRANG STU VIET
MOUSE. QUIET DAY

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FRI JULY 29

19 XASHED MY THUMB ENTERING TRASH
BARREL. HUNT TOOK MY ORBIT AT 38
SO I COULD GET A TETANUS SHOT DRAWN
IN THE VILLAGE BY A LAOS DOCTOR.

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23. RETURNED TO UDORN

24 REFUELED, SCRAMBLED BACK TO 98
C-47 DOWN BY BAN DON. DISTRESS
CALL, UNDER ATTACK BY MIGS. 8
PEOPLE ON BOARD. 102'S USED FOR
MIL CAP FOR SAR FORCES. NO LUCK
ON ANY BODY ON THE CREW

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SAT. JULY 30

19 OCTY

Capt. Hardy AC Hunt IT
remembered it was 5:15 down
By Don Boy in NE. Larry. 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. P. dot must
have been captured right
away.

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SUN JULY 31

19 To 78 Capt Powell AC IT. Janner
to C.P. REX F.M. Lt. Henry, Chandler
and Brown made a pick up 81 on
the 090 out of RXP. Sandy pilot
19 (Capt Leslie) hung in his chute
about 100 ft in the trees til they
picked him up. They made the
pick up all right but got
19 expensive. It temp and had to
declare an emergency but they
made it all right to RXP.

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MEN AUGUST 1

AUGUST 1ST

1619 To 36. Strikes going on 6 miles
south of us. F-104 down 35 miles
N of Manor. Good chute no beeper
Believed captured. Compress didn't send
19 at 3 in the afternoon scrambled on a
F-105 on the Red River. c. 1 1/2 a 2 hr.
flight where over had hostile
territory. All of it OK. Usual
19 amount of noisy alerts but they
didn't come after us. We had
102's, 104's, F-40's & 105'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 tanks got
there. They took over and had
the 1st 2 tanks.

19 before we got there. When we
got across the River and close
to him the bad 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 catch them

AUGUST 31ST

19 It was down just 1 1/2 miles from a large military complex but the men I suppose to hit targets like that. I think they

19 should. It would save cut down on our guys getting hit. We stayed til we had to leave with just enough fuel to go

11 19 back to 36. instanter put out a barrel of gas for us to go to long leg. ~~Refueled~~ Refueled and headed home. Long day.

19 Everybody was sad about getting the jeep. We were

Another 104 jet of day

19 Lanoi. M. chate.

Got back to camp at midnight

ROUTE 1 NORTH 20 MILES FROM CHINA - EAST

AUGUST 2ND

19 100% fighters went north at dawn but no luck on the guy that went down yesterday. Mailed tin can ring today.

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AUG 3RD

19 Tried to go north today but weather was bad. Received a letter from William Poole, he doesn't know about Ben yet.

19 Received a package from Judy. She's fun to dig into one of them.

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AUG. 4TH

DOWN BY SAN NENA NOCHOTE

WILLIAMSON MADE PICK-UP BY 9807

GETTING SICK LIKE DID?

AUGUST 5

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

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AUGUST 6

19 DDC SAYS IT'S THE FLU'
Read in the Air Force Times
that Cormere and ~~Arthur~~ Black
(with 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 JODY'S CARE PACKAGE.
8 PLANES DOWN TODAY.
CROWN ALPHA PICKED UP 2
19 F14C 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 DOWN'D AT
1ST LIGHT. NO CHANCE.
KT. KENNY PILOT AT FIEGERT C/P CHAMBERS HM.
1 DOWN B/ YEN BAI J-6'S SCRAMBLED
19 OUT OF 36 FOR 2 HR FLIGHT THERE.
RESCAP GOT WICE 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
A BEEPER AND VOICE ON A ZEBRA 2
THAT WENT DOWN YESTERDAY 25 MILES
19 WEST OF YEN BAI SO THEY'RE GOING
TO MAKE A TRY FOR HIM $1 \frac{ST}{2}$
NOW COMPRESS DECIDED TO
SPLIT UP THE J-6'S. SEND 1 TO
19 ZEBRA AND 1 TO Finch 1. WE
SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE
NEVER TO SPLIT UP HIGH + LOW BIRDS.
S GOING TO BE A ROUGH 2 DAYS.

MON AUGUST 8TH

19 Now they diverted 1 J.C. To join
up with the other one and launched
us out of 36 for the boarder. Lots
of confusion with 4 radios going.

18 J.C. 56 never did hook up
with the other J.C. 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. C. still working
trying to Zebra 1. He's in

19 pretty high mountains. Other

J.C. RTB. Our 2 birds are in
the area. Whiplash and Sandy 2
doing a wonderful job direct-

19 ing traffic. Whiplash
reestablished voice after we
were in the area for an
hour.

MON AUGUST 18TH

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 last effort. J.C. 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
1/2 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. LOAF

19 BIRD PICKED UP ZEBRA. Sure
happy about that. All this effort
not wasted. South of the
Black river water treatment.

MON AUGUST 8th

2000'S

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hit a target on way home.
yaw channel went out on way
back to 36

82 Landed at 36 to refuel. Our 1st 101

19 pilot from Vdorn 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 Joely G. scrambled.

Stevenson had to go down the
hoist up north for Maj. Curtiss
and dropped + lost his M-16.

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Tues. AUGUST 9th

1987 Left at noon for 36. They made
make 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 Vdorn

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WED 10th

OFF

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

THURS AUGUST 11TH

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

87/ FRI. AUG. 12TH TO 36 JERRY LAPE.
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. HIGS 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. keeper on pilot yesterday

F AUGUST 14

19/19 North to 98 Capt Henderson AC
Lt. Ocker ~~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 PPT.
1640 heading back to 98. Nothing on
90 guy up North

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

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AUGUST 15

71/19 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.

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

92/19 To 98

93 To Udon

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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

4/19 To NKP at 0555 Capt. Rush - P
 CP Lt Ware Sgt. Cook H.M. - North
 to 98. To 36, took over Williamson's
 15 high bird because he was sick. Sent
 19 him back to Udon. Capt. Suckler P
 CP Lt. Wimsay H.M. Hall. 2 pilots down
 on Red River scrambled north.
 scout got 2 good chutes + beepers.
 19 By the time the wingmen got
 back to point the area out we
 were there but never ~~got~~ did
 get contact. We stayed in the
 19 search area for 1 1/2 hrs. Too
 long. Sandy called the search off
 we started home and King ordered
 us back to the search area. All
 19 our forces refused. Maybe the
 2 pilots can E+F tonight and we can
 get them in the morning. They were

AUGUST 18

9/19 Returned to 98 on 17th

11 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
 19

88 to 98
 99 Home

New P 5 in today A2C Davis
 19 2 more due in. We'll finally
 get to slow down a little.

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AUGUST 27

19 SUPPOSE TO GO NORTH BUT
WEATHER TO BAD

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

19 SHOWED HIM THROUGH OUR J.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 MCCONAGILL
THE AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF WAS
GOING TO PRESENT PITSENBERGER'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 QUAD
TRI LATE THIS AFTERNOON.

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AUGUST 30

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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
19 carrying a bunch of lumber
up the mountain at 98 to
a new Texas sight. Molecky
hunt. RILEY-FE.

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19 Capt O. W. - P. Stearns P.T.
19 got a pick up today

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M SEPTEMBER 6

19 WATCHED FIRE FIGHTS FROM
30,000 AS WE FLEW OVER VIETNAM.
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
be a big headache picking up
all these things these guys at
Vdorn wanted.

Called Judy tonight. It
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 SHE'S 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

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Capt Lloyd and Trujillo PJ
got a pick-up today

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107 TURNED US AROUND AND WE WENT
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.

106 19 LEFT FOR 108 WHICH IS ABOUT
HALFWAY BETWEEN 98 AND 38. IT SET
RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE PDJ.

107 LAUNCHED FOR 36. HOPE THEY KNOCKED
19 OUT THAT SAM ~~SITE~~ THIS MORNING. THEY
DID ADVISE US TO STAY LOW SO MAYBE IT'S
STILL THERE. SGT WALTERS AND
THE NEW "DOC" ^{WICKLEY} CAME TO UDORN YESTERDAY

108 19 To 98 - Pretty quiet day
109. Udorn

To stay for a few days &
fly a couple of missions.

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SEPTEMBER 22

11/19 To 48 Capt Youngblood & Lt. Ware - Sgt. Picklesimer
Took Sgt. Walther up for a
check ride

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SEPTEMBER 23

11/19 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. J.D. were
launched out of NK & out of
Cunang. Two on different Pilots.
Already picked up.

11/219 To 48

11/3 Home

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SEPTEMBER 26

19 Souza, Besor, Mackney & Duffy
camp J.S. for about 4 weeks
let they get more J.S. over
at Du-Hang

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SEPTEMBER 27

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SEPTEMBER 28

19 Sgt Walters + 1st Bombay
left today for in Mang.

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SEPTEMBER 29

11/4 19 To 98⁰⁰ May. Fletcher + c
May. Mc hard CP Childs HAI
J 2⁰⁰ out of NKP made a peek -
up of a 1st co-pilot that had
19 ejected. The pilot took the
bird on home. Nobody knows
why he punched out.
— Capt Murphy pilot
19 Tellerman P.S.

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NKP. 2 pilots down out of a
F4B 60 miles north of the DMZ
Dot 1 and ~~the other~~ ^{he} heard a loud
19 crash in ~~the~~ ^{the} direction of where the
other one went down. Everybody
figured he must have released
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.
116. 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.
Harrison on pick-ups P-CATO MARI

to get the guy this morning. PICKER
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 OF
NKP. FIND DOT TOMORROW IF THE
19 GOT HIM.

118 HOME - UDORN

HE WAS DEAD, KELLERMAN WENT
DOWN AFTER HIM

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Hackney got a pick-up today
by Sam Nera. Lt. Webster
Pilot. They picked up a lot

19 of flak coming out of there.

The pilot was a K-104 rocket
out of down. Hackney is just over
here for a few days T.D.V.
19 from Da Nang.

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OCTOBER 4

11/19 NORTH-98 CAPT. O'MARA PILOT
C.P. CAPT PERRY TSgt MASSENGALE H.M.
HIGH BIRD TODAY, BIRDS WORKING OUT
OF NKP + DANANG.

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OCTOBER 5

12019 TO 36 SCRAMBLED AT 0800 FOR
A TEMPEST (F4B) 3 DOWN WEST OF
HANOI AND EAST OF DIEN-BIEN PHUE.
WING MAN SAW 2 GOOD CHUTES AND
1960T 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 LONG 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

OCTOBER 5th

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 SANDYS 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 PENETRATOR.
HE WAS IN TALL ELEPHANT GRASS PRETTY THICK.
I WAS FIRING STRAIGHT OUT THE DOOR AT ABOUT
10 YDS ABOVE THE PILOT. THAT'S 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
SPATTERED ALONG SIDE MY ~~LEFT~~ ^{LEFT} SHOULDER
AND A COUPLE OF THE PIECES WENT INTO
19 IT. NE 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. ARMOUR
PIERCING THEY SAY. THEY MADE ANOTHER
19 PASS, STOPPED AND GOT HIM. WILLIAMSON
BJ. CAPT KENNEDY - P - CAPT. HARRIS SGT HALL
H.M. LOSS CONTACT WITH OTHER PILOT SO

~~SUN~~ 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 SPATTERING.
JUST FLESH WOUNDS, NOTHING SERIOUS
ET LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SILVER STAR FOR
WILLIE.

21 19 TO 36 AIR FORCE CROSS FOR
22 TO 98 CAPT KENNEY + CAPT
23 HCMIE O MARA

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SUN. OCTOBER 9

124 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 UDORN

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FRI OCTOBER 14

OCTOBER 15

19 1 DOWN NEAR DMZ. SANDY'S
SCRAMBLED OUT OF HERE. BEOPER STOPPED
CHUTE PICKED UP. NO CONTACT.

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105 DOWN 105 MILES NE OF HERE.

19 PILOT HURT - FIGHTERS HAVE VOICE
CONTACT. J.L.'S SCRAMBLED OUT OF 48.

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MAJ. YOUNGBLOOD RC 4TH BOMBARD CP

5 ELY HM GEORGE HUNT P.S. THEY PICKED

19 HIM UP. TOOK 8 HITS DOING IT.

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EVERYBODY OKAY

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14 OCTOBER 20

- 19 TAC DOWN IN 100 RADIAL 80 MILES NKP
129 BIRDS SCRAMOLED OUT OF NKP. WE
SCRAMOLE OUT OF 98 FOR NKP. LOW BIRD
GOES IN FOR 1st MAN. GETS ALL SHOT UP
19 PICK-UPS UP R.D. HE GOT SHOT IN FOOT
COMING UP HOIST. HIT THEIR TRANSMISSION,
LOST ALL OIL PRESSURE. PUT D2 DOWN IN
LITTLE CLEARING. OTHER 5. 6. 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, MATT YOUNGBLOOD AND KT. BURFORD
ON DOWNED BIRD. CAPT KENNEDY WARD ON
PICK UP BIRD. SANDY (CAPT WAGGARD) GOT
SHOT DOWN WHILE MAKING PASSES
19 SUPPRESSING THE GROUND FIRE. THEY
SAW HIS PLANE BURNING AND DON'T THINK
HE GOT OUT. THESE CREW + F4C CREW
WENT BACK TO LOOK

OCTOBER 20

19 Went down to get a couple
of the bad guys. No trace of
the sandy pilot. Tactum C-47
went down about 50 miles
SE of here. No one heard.
Nothing found of them.

AIR FORCE CROSS FOR CAPT
19 KENNEDY FOR YESTERDAY

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OCTOBER 24

19 19 - 1st. Supper with the PUS
 & just back out.
 it. Love today the new 3rd up
 Commander came up today
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OCTOBER 25

131 to Udon. Weather
bad at 36. Hunt & Hassler
left today for Bangkok to
fly cover for President
Johnson in Bangkok

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NOVEMBER 1

134¹⁹ ^{high} 20th St. Webster Ave St. Louis P.
A2C Meyers 14M

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NOVEMBER 2

DRV Low bird

135¹⁹ To 36: We scramble on fire-
jock who punched out between
36 and Sam Noss. Picked
him up - No sweat: 2k was
19 in pretty good shape. Took
136 him to 98. Airco bird picked
him up to take him to Eldon.
137. Back to 36

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138 Eldon. Listened to Fireflies
on the way home that caught
2 miles of trucks out in
19 the open on Route 6 and called
in stripes on them. Sounds
like they had a ball and got
quite a few secondaries.
19 Only about 4 miles from
where we picked pit up today.

NOVEMBER 3

AIR-A

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Porter crashed on runway
at 36 today. Pilot killed

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

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NOVEMBER 4

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DUTY

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Hunt got a pick-up
today out of NKP

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Heard they lost a #43 out
of Alaska. Don't know if
any dead or hurt

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M NOVEMBER 7

139¹⁹ To 98 for alert

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T NOVEMBER 8

140¹⁹ To 36 Pretty quiet today.

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141 98

142 Alarm

19 General H. Clowry, - Air
Force Vice Chief of Staff,
presented the Silver Star
to Williamson and Hunt
today.

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NOVEMBER 11

19 Stayed at 98 Kailua.
1. Lined down No. of Hawaii
no keeper or co-pilot. Wingman
did spot a good chute.

19 2. Binds down out of 1 flight
in the 10th 2. 2 men in each
plane. Sandy got the 1st.
J. L. launched out of Jung Iri.

19 Sandy shot down while searching
J. L. picked him up. Search
called off before any more shot
down. 1 more down just North

19 of there. Wingman saw 20-
25 people around him when
he hit the ground. Captured
or killed?

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144 To 1st

NOVEMBER 12

Duty

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NOVEMBER 15

H 2 High Bird
 14 scrambled on briefly down 80
 14 miles on the 100 radial. Sandy &
 14 get close and starting right off
 picked up ground fire. Got 35
 19 miles out and the low bird
 (Capt. Murphy Lt. Fugitt, Holbrook)
 lost transmission oil pressure
 and had to set down in a rice
 19 paddy. We went in with them
 but stayed airborne. Didn't see
 any people around to shoot. ~~But~~
 Compress advised that there are some
 19 friendlies in the area. I Sandy &
 stayed to cover them and they launched
 a hurry 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

NOVEMBER 15

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 OR 19) however 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 AIE pilot's name. He
 was alert with us yesterday.
 19 His chute opened right above
 the trees. He almost wanted 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.

NOVEMBER

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14 They've brought Thai and Laotian troops
14 to secure the area so the main men
can fix it right there. We flew food and
water out to the guards. I took it
148/19 down the coast and took some pictures
coming up.

J.C. 18 out of Jimmy. In is down
149 we scramble. They picked up
19 2 out of a HIE. The crew chief
they don't think was a survival suit.
The pilot was shot pretty bad coming
up the coast. A P.S. went down the
19 coast to beat the search for the
3rd guy and the bad guys really
opened up. They bring him through
the trees. Guess he was not
19 pretty safe. We got 10 miles
out and they RTB all.

NOVEMBER 18

Low level

19 Far. Bird saw signal panels
out 60 miles on the 840, after
May Pass. Compress launched up.
They spot 5 or 6 guys in gray
19 clothes. Looks like it might be
150 a intel team. We go on in, however
they don't know how to use
the penetration so we go down
19 and show them. I kept my
eye 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.

Sousa was P.S. yesterday.
He'll be all right after a few
19 days. No sign of the crew
chief. The Col. was shot sitting
on the P.S. seat while he was on
th.

NOVEMBER 19

NOVEMBER 20

Duty

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Received a Christmas tree
with decorations from home
Today. Even I'll put it up
in the barracks.

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Duty.

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Talked to Tracey today over
at La Mang. Boring the
key and get a couple of
there troops over here & try.

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11 NOVEMBER 21

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14 V1 19 North to 98 at 0630
Capt Murphy AC.

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19 Copter J-6 lost transmission
oil pressure on landing. Change
the transmission here at 98.
Will take about 3 days

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11 NOVEMBER 22

19 To 36 can't land, completely
overcast. 56 54 gets fuel leak
and declares an emergency and has
to turn back. 2 Sandy & stay
with us + 2 go with 54. Plane
hit by Sam 20 miles NW Hanoi -
when they're hit there they're just
written off. We orbited on
19 border for 3 hrs then went
to 36.

53 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, 56 and 2 101's that
killed us. I down down south
I think the birds got him

NOVEMBER 25

NOVEMBER 26

H₁ 19 To 98, HIGH

14 156 RICHARDE KELLERMAN (BUGGS)

14 LEFT TODAY FOR BANGKOK FOR THE STATES, HE'S GOING TO HAMPTON.

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

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19 19 RETURN TO UOORN

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DECEMBER 3

19 Commanders call this morning
Col Smith presented me the Purple Heart
Stevenson the DFC, Williamson
and Helverson the Air Medal.

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DECEMBER 4

DECEMBER 5

- 19 Helverson and Williamson headed
for Am Bay on Red River. They
lost voice contact 20 minutes
out. Compere had held them at
19 the border for 45 minutes
before sending them in. We listened
on the radio in Ops. They
searched for 22 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

1 BIRD pilots

- 19 2 F4 B from Idom down at
Nien Bien Phu. Bowers on low
bird. Capt Lloyd 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 jacked up
19 as the bird took off. They had
opened up on them and shot one
engine out so Capt Lloyd 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.

DECEMBER 7

- 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 J.C. from 48 came in to pick up Stevenson and saw Bowen on another hill. Hunt P.S. no problem. They were really lucky. Bad guys were within 20 yds of them sometimes.

7 DEC.

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

P. DECEMBER 8

- 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
Travis for discharge. Kind
of 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. JAMES P. STEVENSON PJ.
MADE PICK-UP S.W. OF HANOI
HEAVILY POPULATED AREA. 3 MORE
DOWN IN THAT GENERAL AREA. NO
19 CONTACT. A-26 DOWN 80 MILES
ON THE OAO MU-GIA PASS. HASSLER
O'MARA GOT 2 OF THEM. HURY 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. THAT'S THE REASON
FOR THE SHOOTING. THEY'RE NOT
REALLY SHOOTING AT THE PLANES

16/19 North to 98 AT 12:15

DECEMBER 16

163 19 To 36 Lots of strikes but
nobody down

164 19 Back to 98, Have to spend
another night. 2 days is bad
enough but 3 is awful.

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19 miles from Udon 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 BIL WILLIE IN A FILM
19 ABOUT STANLEYVILLE, ALSO HOWIE
FAVOUR AS C & P. O & P. 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 WAFB to film
a scramble and small talk
with Bob Hope. They really
had a good show. Hope &
19 back to Vopm in the blue
room of the Sandy. Steurony
sang several songs on the
show including the 5-6
19 song.

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