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(C) Just after dark on the 2nd of Dec, Jolly Green crews were notified at their quarters that Firefly 55 was down seven miles northwest of the base. Jolly Green 17 and 19 launched and located the survivor, 1Lt Richard D. Chollins, 602nd SOS. The survivor was suspended in a tree, but was able to lower himself to the ground with his tree lowering device. He was hoisted aboard Jolly Green 17 without further incident.

Jolly Green 17 (Low)

AC Capt Leonard D. Fialko
 CP Maj Edward L. Hlavaty*
 FE TSgt Daryl I. Durant
 RS Sgt Charles D. Morrow
 RS SSgt Roy D. Bloebaum

Jolly Green 19 (High)

AC Capt Charles D. Hoilman*
 CP Capt John J. Livengood+
 FE SSgt Robert E. Hunt
 RS SSgt Jon K. Hoberg*

(S) (Gp 3) Wolf 04 bailed out 45 miles due east of our base in eastern Laos on 3 Dec. Jolly Green 19 and 17 were scrambled for the rescue effort. After the survivors were located and the area determined secure enough for a rescue attempt, Jolly Green 19 dropped his tip tanks and proceeded in for the pick up attempt. He was able to pick up the first Wolf 04 pilot, Major Bradford L. Sharp, 497 TFW, but lost the location of the Wolf 04 second pilot, 1Lt John C. Mangles, 570-26-6319, 497 TFW, and departed the immediate area until he could be located again. He was located quickly and Jolly Green 19 again came into the area to pick up the second pilot. Jolly Green 19 received hostile ground fire on the way to the survivor, but was able to proceed on in to the survivor and did not receive ground fire while in the hover. He made the pick up and departed the area to return to base.

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Jolly Green 17 (High)

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(S) (Gp 3) Playboy 16 bailed out in the late afternoon on the 27th of Dec., in a heavily defended area in south central Laos. There was insufficient time to effect a rescue on that day, therefore a first light effort was organized for the next day. An HH-3E, Jolly Green 37 was paired as low aircraft with an HH-53, Jolly Green 76 as high on the first launch. In the process of putting in strikes to silence the big antiaircraft guns, Lovebug 206 was hit by antiaircraft and forced to eject about 10 miles from the area of Playboy 16. Jolly Green 37 and 76 were in the area at this time and Jolly Green 37 immediately went down and picked up both Lovebug pilots, 1Lt E.M. Franger, USMC 0103292 and 1Lt Douglas K. McLellan, USMC, 015367, without further incident. After considerable ordnance had been put in by Sandys and strike aircraft, the HH-53, Jolly Green 68, from the 40th ARRS at Udorn was able to go in and pick up both Playboy pilots.

* TDY from the 37th ARRS at Da Nang RVN + TDY from the 40th ARRS at Udorn

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FM OL 2 3ARRGP UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

TO RUEFHQA/HQ USAF

RUCIEUA/HQ ARRS

INFO RUSQSN/7AF/DOTO/D0/DI/DP/BDPMP/CP/TAN SON NHUT AB RVN

RUCIEUA/HQ MAC

RUMTFJA/USAF MPC/AFPMSC/RANDOLPH AFB TX

RHMSMVA/MACV SAGION RVN

RUHHHQA/CINCPAC/CC/CAMP HM SMITH HAWAII

RUHHABA/CINCPACAF/CC/HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUHHABA/41ARRWG HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUSQSN/3ARRGP/3JRC/TAN SON NHUT AB RVN

ZEN/7/13AF/TACC UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

RUCEAAA/HQ USAF ALTERNATE CP MAXWELL AFB ALA

RUEKC/AFEDC FT RITCHIE MD

RUMOREA/602SOS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAI

RUMOREA/DET 1 40ARRS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAI

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DEC 69, 7AF FOR TACC.

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AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
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1. RESCUE OPENING CLOSING REPORT 01 DEC 69.

2. 2-3-076-01 DEC 69

3. FIREFLY 55. A. TACTICAL. B. CLASSIFIED. C. CAMOUFLAGED/546/A16.

D. USA. E. USAF/602 SOS. F. 1/LT RICHARD D. HORLINS. G. 1 POB. H.

USAF STANDARD 4. 01/1710 NAKHON PHANOM TUOC. 6. 2/HH-3E/DET 1, 40TH ARRS.

7. JG 19/17 LAUNCHED AT 01/1736Z. 8. 172630N 10433E. 9. A. NOT A

FACTOR. B. NOT A FACTOR. C. NOT A FACTOR. 10. OL-2, 3ARRGP, CAPT.

RICHARD D. SMITH. 11. 602 SOS. 12. FIREFLY 54/01/0706Z/17260N 10433E.

13. DET 1, 40TH ARRS/HH-3E/FOREST PENETRATOR/01/1750Z.

14. 1/1/1/1/0/0. 15. TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB, THAILAND. 16.

2/0.6/DET 1, 40TH ARRS/HH-3E. 17. 0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0. B.

0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0. 18. A. CREW MAKING SAVE: AC FIALKO, LEONARD D. CAPT.

CP HLAVATY, EDWARD L. MAJ. (37 ARRS) FR DURANT, DARYL I. TSGT.

RS BLOEDBAUM, ROY D. SSGT. RS MORROW, CHARLES D. SGT. ALL ASSIGNED

TO DET 1, 40TH ARRS, EXCEPT AS INDICATED. B. PERSONNEL SAVED:

HORLINS, RICHARD D. 1/LT 602 SOS USAF. 19. H. ARRS

CREDITED WITH 1, USAF NON-COMBAT AIRCREW MEMBER SAVE, RS WAS DEPLOYED.

AIR REFUELING WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED. NAKHON PHANOM TUOC REPORTED

FIREFLY 55 DEVELOPED ENGINE TROUBLE ELEVEN MINUTES AFTER OFF

AND WAS RETURNING TO NAKHON PHANOM. FIREFLY55 BAILED OUT AT 01/1706Z

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AT POSITION 305/7.3/89. FIREFLY 54 ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE

SURVIVOR AND ORBITED THE AREA. JG 19/17 WERE ALERTED AND LAUNCHED AT

01/1736Z. JG 17 MADE CONTACT WITH THE SURVIVOR AT 01/1740Z, AT WHICH

TIME THE SURVIVOR REQUESTED THE RS BE DEPLOYED AS HE ESTIMATED HE

WAS 30 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND, HUNG IN A TREE. AS THE RS WAS DEPLOYING

THE SURVIVOR FELL FROM THE TREE, APPARENTLY STILL IN GOOD CONDITION.

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