

19 March 1970

A-1H 52-135275 602 SOS, 56 SOW, USAF, Nakhon Phanom
Maj J Evenson (survived)

A truck park near Ban Len in the Plain of Jars was the target for a flight of Skyraiders on the 19th. Maj Evenson's aircraft was damaged by ground fire as he was returning from the raid but he crossed back into Thailand and ejected 25 miles west of Nakhon Phanom.



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During fire suppression training Pedro 74 was notified of an A-1, Firefly 26, with zero oil pressure. Its position was 290 degrees at 20NM. Conversation between Firefly flight indicated that a bailout was imminent. Pedro 74 deposited the Fire Suppression Kit within the field boundaries. While this was being done the bailout was completed at 1500 hours local. Pedro 74 departed Nakhon Phanom immediately for the crash site, steers were given to the site by Firefly 27 as well as assistance from Invert. The downed pilot was located at 290 degrees at 20NM in the center of a small village. He used smoke (M-13), when it was requested. He then went to the edge of the small village, Pedro lowered the hoist, 20 feet to pick up the survivor. It was impossible to land due to numerous trees, etc, in the vicinity. The pilot was returned to the Pedro pad after spending approximately 15 to 20 minutes on the ground.