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Two MiG-21's were patrolling Route 12 after taking off from Vinh when they intercepted an F-4 and chanced upon an HH-53B tail number 66-14430. Vu Ngoc Dinh shot down the helicopter which had been on a search and rescue mission. This was the first reported loss of a U.S. helicopter to an air-to-air missile during the war.

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I was John Dyer's wingman on the SAR that two MIGs shutdown the Jolly Green. He was with one flight of two and I was with two others that were hanging off a C-130 getting fuel. The lead Jolly near John was the one that was shot down. Our illustrious F-4 Mig Cap forgot to tell us they were leaving to refuel again and we were over N. Viet Nam not too far from Vinh where the MIGs launched from! Thats another story though!

Terry Bolstad A-1 pilot

Vũ Ngọc Đình was a [Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21](#) pilot of the [Vietnamese People's Air Force](#). He flew with the 921st fighter regiment and tied for fourth place amongst [Vietnam War](#) fighter aces with six kills (four solo, two shared).^[1]

The following kills are credited to him by the VPAF^{[2][3]}:

- 11 July 1966, a [USAF F-105D](#) (pilot McLelland) (shared with [Dong Van Song](#));
- 30 April 1967, a USAF F-105D;
- 19 November 1967, a USAF [EB-66](#) (shared kill with [Nguyễn Đăng Kinh](#));
- 17 December 1967, a USAF F-105D;
- 23 February 1968, a USAF [F-4D](#)) (pilot Gutterson, WSO Donald);
- 28 January 1970, a USAF [HH-53B](#) (crew Bell, Leaser + 4).

Date	Unit	A/C	Pilot	Weapon	victim
28Jan70	921	MiG-21	Vu Ngoc Dinh	R-3S	HH-53B USAF (Bell+5)

Note: R-3S is better known as the AA-2 Atoll which is a copy of the USAF Aim-9B Sidewinder

