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DATE: 2 April 1972

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MISSION NUMBER: A-3-028/2

MISSION OBJECTIVE: Blue Ghost 28

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 67

LOCATION: Approximately 1647N 10719E

SAVES: 2 Combat Saves

1. Summary of SAR Actions: At 0730Z Jolly Green 67 and 65 were scrambled on a feet wet SAR (Nail 81, OV-10). At 0735Z JG 67 and 65 were airborne and proceeding feet wet toward Quang Tri. Weather for take off was 1000 feet overcast and visibility 4 to 6 miles and haze. No difficulty was encountered enroute. At 0745Z we were advised that a US Navy destroyer had picked up Nail 81, but we were to remain on scene for a possible extraction of US Advisers at Quang Tri. During this time Bat 21 (EB-66) was reported down 11 NM Northwest of Quang Tri and a SAR was initiated. At approximately 1050Z we heard Blue Ghost 28 (AH-1G) report over guard frequency that he was hit and wing man Blue Ghost 39 was going down. Blue Ghost 28 reported he had lost tail rotor control and also was losing main transmission oil. As he came out of the mouth of the Qua Viet river I joined in formation with him. He reported he was losing his flight controls and was going to land on the beach approximately 2 miles south of the river. He landed in a marshy area approximately 100 yards inland. I also landed in the marsh and the two survivors were on board within 15 seconds. At 1100Z I was airborne again and holding feet wet. At 1115Z I proceeded to Phu Bai to refuel and drop off the survivors. By the time refueling was complete it was dark and the Bat 21 survivor had been bedded down for the night. At approximately 1200Z Jolly Green 67 and 65 returned to DaNang.

2. Call Sign                      Sorties                      Hours

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| JG 67 | 1 | 5.5 |
| JG 65 | 1 | 6.0 |

3. Unknown

4. Unknown

5. Jolly Green 67

Jolly Green

AC - Capt Rodney S. Griffith  
CP - Capt Douglas A. Peck  
HM - TSgt Roy D. Prater  
RS - Sgt Robert L. La Pointe  
RS - ALC Michael A. Aillet

AC - Major Gerald J. Lange  
CP - Capt Gary A. Dake  
HM - SSgt William A. Simm  
RS - TSgt Allen J. Avery  
RS - ALC William R. Pearson

*Rodney S. Griffith*  
RODNEY S. GRIFFITH, Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander, Jolly Green 67

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