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missed feet wet and his chute was 100 meters inland, very near a small bunker. No radio contact had been made with him nor had he been seen. The area was controlled by the NVA. A CH-47 helicopter from a nearby ship picked up Bravo. After a heated exchange between the Sandys and Queen the SAR was terminated. Joker was unwilling to commit a landing party that the Sandys had asked for. It was later learned that Alpha was a POW.

BLUE GHOST 10<sup>144</sup>

(C) Blue Ghost 10 (an Army OH-6) was downed 15 miles West of Hue by suspected ground fire on 13 June. Sandys were ordered scrambled from Da Nang but were cancelled before they took off. Several Army helicopters were searching the area and at the moment there was no objective. One and one half hours later the Sandys and Jolly Greens were scrambled because the crash site had been located and mirror flashes were coming from it. The objective was in the same vicinity where two Army helicopters were shot down the day before with no survivors. The Jolly Green was briefed to make the run-in as low and as fast as he could. A smoke screen was laid and fast mover strikes put in to the North. The badly burned survivor affected his rescue with only his signal mirror. He had lost his radio in the crash. His fellow crewmember had died when the stricken air-

144. 1st SOS Historical Data Reports. Also, see SARCO Report for Blue Ghost 10, 13 Jun 72, (Doc 37).

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directed a successful pick-up.

On 8 Jun Seafox 06 (F-4) was downed near the DMZ. Sandys 07/08 (Lt Lamar Smith/Capt Shotwell) scrambled from Da Nang and directed the pick-up of Seafox 06B, who was feet wet, 06A was 100 yards inland and no radio contact was ever established with him. Both Sandys took heavy battle damage while searching for Seafox 06A.

On 13 Jun Blue Ghost 10 (Army OH6) was downed at 280/19/69. Sandys 07/08 (Lt Hukee/Capt Bardal) were launched when mirror flashes were picked up from the crash site. The Sandys made several passes over the downed helicopter each time receiving mirror flashes and no ground fire. While a FAC put in a fast mover strike to the north the Sandys directed a successful pick-up of one badly burned survivor. The survivor had lost his radio in the crash.

On 15 Jun Sandys 07/08 (Lt Blevins/Lt Seitz) scrambled for Eagle 02 a VNAF chopper down near firebase Bastogne. The Sandys suppressed ground fire while the Jolly Greens rescued one survivor.

On 19 Jun Spectre 11 was downed near the Ashau Valley, Sandys 07/08 (Lt Blevins/Lt Seitz) directed a quick rescue of three surviving crewmembers while suppressing intense ground fire with the aid of Sandys 05/06 (Maj Milner/Capt Mazzarella).

On 20 Jun Nickel 102 (Navy F-8) was downed north of the Ashau Valley. Sandy 07/08 (Capt Highfill/Lt Brady) directed a pick-up attempt but the Jollys were shot off by small arms fire. Leaving Sandys 01/02 (Capt Clevenger/Lt Brown) on scene Sandys 07/08 headed back to Da Nang with the Jolly Greens for fuel. While

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## STATEMENT

13 June 1972

SUBJECT: Sandy 07 &amp; 08 (BLUE GHOST 10)

1. A successful rescue was made of Blue Ghost 10 a U.S. Army OH6 LOB pilot. The aircraft with 2 SOB was downed by suspected small arms fire on the 280 radial for 10 minutes off of channel 69. This was within 5 kilometers of where two army helicopters had been downed by enemy ground fire the previous day with no survivors.

2. Blue Ghost 10 was downed at approximately 0200Z. Sandy 07 & 08 (Lt Hoken & Capt Randal) were scrambled at 0215Z but before getting getting airborne were told to return to the parking area and shut down. Queen advised that there were no enemy choppers in the area and that the Sandys and Jollys were not needed at the time. At 0330Z Sandy 07 & 08 and Jolly Green 65 & 21 were scrambled by Queen and told that although no radio contact had been made with the survivor, error flashes were observed from the crash site. We were airborne at 0345Z and contacted King. King advised that Covey 116 was the on scene commander at the time and that he was getting fast error strikes in the area. Covey 116 advised that known enemy locations were 300 meters north, 300 meters west and 300 meters east of the survivor. Since no radio contact had been made, Covey 116 was not sure whether there were one or two survivors. Jolly Green 65 & 21 held West wet east of channel 69 and Sandy 07 & 08 went straight to the Sal scene. Covey 116 showed Sandy 07 the survivors position as soon as he arrived in the immediate area at 0415Z. On scene command was given to Sandy 07 at this time and Covey 116 RIB'D to Channel 77 as he was running low on fuel. Sandy 07 made several low passes over the survivor with Sandy 08 watching for ground fire. Covey 28 now arrived on scene and he started putting in fast errors to the west and north. Each time Sandy 07 rolled in over the survivor he got error flashes from him. The survivor was about 10 meters from the wreckage of his chopper. Sandy 08 and Covey 28 were shown the exact location of the survivor by Sandy 07. Due to the lack of ground fire received Sandy 07 decided a pickup attempt would be made using Jolly Green 65 & 21 who were holding fast wet east of channel 69. The plan was to have Covey 28 put in a flight of fast errors 300 meters to the north of the survivor during the pickup. Sandy 8 exited the area to bring the Jollys to a final holding point about 5 kilometers to the east of the survivor. Jolly 65 was told to proceed from the final holding point on a heading of 210° as low and as fast as he could. At the command of execution Sandy 07 dropped a too far 47 and headed out to join with Sandy 08 and Jolly 65. Sandy 07 and 08 put down parallel east west smoke screens 25 meters to the south and 30 meters to the north of the survivor respectively. Sandy 07 & 08 delivered ordnance while the Jolly was in the hover and no ground fire was observed during the pickup which occurred at 0530Z. The survivor who was severely burned and lost his radio in the crash said the chopper rolled onto the other compartment after the crash. Sandy 07 & 08 escorted Jolly 65 with the survivor and Jolly 21 to channel 77. Sandy 07 & 08 landed at 0710Z.

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SANDY 08

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# Jolly Greens aid Army

A Super Jolly Green Giant helicopter crew of the 37th Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron on Monday made a successful pickup of an Army LOACH crew member 14 miles northwest of Hue.

Spotting for artillery, the Army helicopter crashed for unknown reason. The pilot was killed and the observer suffered second and third degree burns.

1st Lt. Olin F. Land Jr., co-pilot of the HH-53, said, "The two escort AIE Sandies directed us to the crash site and we were right over him before we knew it. The PJs lowered the penetrator and the LOACH observer ran out and jumped on." He also reported that there was no ground fire to hamper the rescue.

Members of the HH-53 were Maj. Christopher C. Korper, aircraft commander; Lt. Land; Sgt. Gregory A. Sealander, flight engineer; and SSgt. Douglas E. Wilson and Sgt. Michael L. Wagner pararescuemen (PJ).

The Sandies were piloted by Capt. Gene Bardol and 1st Lt. Byron E. Hukee.

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|       |     |                                                |
|-------|-----|------------------------------------------------|
| 1950Z | LY  | SGT YOUNT ON DUTY.                             |
| 2230Z | LY  | ITEM REPORT TO QUEEN.                          |
| 0140Z | JS  | JG 65 & 21 ↑ ORBIT                             |
| 0454Z | gth | JG 65 & 21 ↓ orbit                             |
| 0630Z | JS  | JG 65 & 21 ↑ ORBIT                             |
| 0759Z | JS  | JG 65 & 21 ↓ ORBIT                             |
|       |     | JG 65 A2 - MINOR WRIT-UPS / JG 21 A2 - DOPPLER |
| 1105Z | gth | FORSTAT & DAAR TO JOKER                        |

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|-------|----|----------------------------------------------|
| 0630L | JS | SSG BREEDEN ON DUTY                          |
| 0715L | JS | ITEM REPORT TO QUEEN                         |
| 0619Z | J  | JG 21 & 65 ↑ ORBIT                           |
| 0806Z | JS | JG 21 & 65 ↓ ORBIT GS A-2 ATTITUDE INDICATOR |
| 1120Z | JS | FORSTAT & DAAR TO JOKER                      |

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|          |     |                                                                                                                        |
|----------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2230Z    | gth | SSgt Haller to Duty                                                                                                    |
| 2320Z    | gth | Item Report to Queen                                                                                                   |
| 0300 & Z | LY  | BRAVO'S COCKED.                                                                                                        |
| 0140Z    | gth | Alpha ↑ for orbit (JG 66 & 65                                                                                          |
| 0435Z    | gth | JG 21 ↑ for orbit (replacement                                                                                         |
| 0530Z    | LY  | JG 66 ↓ Fm ORBIT.                                                                                                      |
| 0630Z    | LY  | JG 21 & 65 ↓ Fm ORBIT.                                                                                                 |
| 0700Z    | LY  | JG 64 ↑ FCI                                                                                                            |
| 0700Z    | LY  | QUEEN ADVISED: BLUE-GHOST WHITE-LOACH-PWN.<br>BLUEGHOST RED REPORTS ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AREA.<br>NEGATIVE VOICE CONTACT. |

11 JUNE (CONTINUED)

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| 08102 | LY | JG 64 + FM FCF    |
| 1006  | LY | JC 64 T OPS CHECK |
| 1000  |    |                   |

12 Jan

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| 2230Z | gbl | SS of Hallen to duty                                                |
| 2300  | gbl | Item Report to Queen                                                |
| 0149  | 25  | QUEEN SAYS SCRAMBLE JOLLIES FOR ARMY<br>OH6. GO TO CHGS FEET WET.   |
| 0154  | 25  | HOLD JOLLIES & SANDIES, ENGINES RUNNING.                            |
| 0156  | 24  | JOLLIES & SANDIES SHUT DOWN, ARMY PICKED<br><del>UP</del> UP OH6.   |
| 0330  | gbl | ARMY DID NOT PICK UP OH6.                                           |
| 0333  | gbl | JOLLIES AND SANDIES SCRAMBLED.                                      |
| 0500Z | LY  | PHASE "A" JOLLYS IN AREA.                                           |
| 0530Z | LY  | JG 65 GOING IN - BRAVO'S LAUNCHED.                                  |
| 0544Z | LY  | JG 65 PICKED UP SURVIVOR.                                           |
| 0543  | LY  | TAKING SURVIVOR TO 95TH HOSPITAL.<br>SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE BURNS. |
| 0610Z | LY  | JOLLIES RTB. BRAVO'S CONTINUE TO<br>FLY FOR ITEM 11. A 259          |
| 0630Z | LY  | JG 65 + 21 ↓ FM SAR.                                                |
| 0720Z | LY  | JG 66 + 64 ↓ FM ORBIT.                                              |
| 1015Z | LY  | FORSTAT + QAR TO JOKER.                                             |

SURVIVOR  
NAME RANK  
SSAN ORIGIN

| DATE       | CREW                                            | JG # | SAVE # | SAVE LOCATION                                     | TYPE SA                                |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------|------|--------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 08 MAY 72  | KNUTSON<br>DAKE<br>GARCIA<br>WAGNER<br>MARSH    | 65   | 840    | CW03CASTONGUAY<br>JAMES J.<br>UNKNOWN<br>VMFA 212 | 330/17/103<br>COMBAT                   |
| 26 MAY 72  | DAKE<br>BRUNER<br>PINA<br>STEPHENS<br>PARKING   |      | 842    | UNKNOWN<br>WEST OF KHE SANH                       | COMBAT<br>2                            |
| JUNE 1972  |                                                 |      |        |                                                   |                                        |
| 12 JUNE 72 | KORPER<br>LAND<br>SEALANDER<br>WILSON<br>WAGNER | 65   | 843    | W01 MARTIN,<br>SAM.<br>196 INF BRIG.              | SOUTH WEST OF<br>CH 69.<br>1<br>COMBAT |
| 15 JUNE 72 | SCOTT<br>PINA<br>FRIEDRICH<br>YOUNG             | 64   | 844    | UNKNOWN<br>VNAF                                   | 283/13/69<br>1<br>COMBAT               |