

Helicopter 66-16112

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 66-16112

The Army purchased this helicopter 0367

Total flight hours at this point: 00000073

Date: 670617

Unit: 20 TRANS CO

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER for Air/land Assault , Hot Area.

Unknown this helicopter was Landing at 0600 feet and UNK knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)

The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit

Systems damaged were: UNK

The helicopter Continued Flight.

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.

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The Army purchased this helicopter 0367

Total flight hours at this point: 00000153

Date: 690124

Accident case number: 690124081

Unit: HHD 44 ENG GP

Phu Bai Province,

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 1 Passengers: 1

costing 3000

Crew Members:

AC W1 LN MOAK

Passengers:

UNK H HOLIDAY, PAX, D;

Accident Summary:

WHILE TROOPS WERE UNLOADING ACFT ONE STOOD UP INTO M/R BLADES M/R BLADE SUSTAINED INC DAM \

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The Army purchased this helicopter 0367

Total flight hours at this point: 00000869

Date: 690626
Accident case number: 690626171
Unit: 135th Avn Co
Dong Tam Province,
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0
costing 0

Crew Members:
AC O2 CR REX

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-16112

The Army purchased this helicopter 0367
Total flight hours at this point: 00001633
Date: 700123
Unit: 135 AVN CO
South Vietnam
Loss to Inventory

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The Army purchased this helicopter 0367
Total flight hours at this point: 00001633
Date: 700123
Accident case number: 700123121
Unit: 135th Avn Co
Bear Cat Province,
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 2 Passengers: 0
costing 107708

Crew Members:
AC O3 EL MOSES
P W1 JE WILLIAMS
CE E4 FA TRENT
G E4 M KENNON

Accident Summary:

UH-1H AIRCRAFT NUMBER 66-16112 WAS ASSIGNED AS LEAD AIRCRAFT OF 8 TROOP CARRYING AIRCRAFT ON COMBAT ASSAULT MISSIONS ON 23 JANUARY 1970. AFTER COMPLETING THE LIFTS, THE FIRST THREE AIRCRAFT WERE ASSIGNED MEDICAL EVACUATION MISSIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COMMAND AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT WITH AIRCRAFT 112 AS LEAD AIRCRAFT. DURING THE ENTIRE MORNING THE AIRCRAFT HAD GIVEN NO INDICATIONS OF MECHANICAL DEFICIENCIES, WAS PERFORMING ROUTINELY, AND HAD HAD NO RECENT MAINTENANCE ON ANY CRITICAL COMPONENT(S). THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED AT THE MEDEVAC SITE AT APPROXIMATELY 1010 HOURS WITH 1000 LBS OF FUEL, ONLY THE CREW AND THEIR COMBAT GEAR ON

BOARD, AND CARGO DOORS SECURED IN THE OPEN POSITION. THE SELECTED AREA WAS AN OPEN FIELD APPROXIMATELY 100' X 50' (ESTIMATED) WITH PORTIONS DEVOTED TO SUGAR CANE CROPS, BORDERED BY TREES AND TREELIKE VEGETATION ON ALL SIDES. THE LONG AXIS RAN GENERALLY NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST WITH A COCONUT GROVE TO THE NORTH WEST AS THE HIGHEST AND MOST PROMINENT OBSTRUCTION (REFERENCE DIAGRAM). THE GROUND ADVISOR, CONSIDERING WIND, AREA CONFINEMENT AND ENEMY SITUATION RECOMMENDED AN APPROACH FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE NORTHWEST. THIS WOULD HAVE PROVIDED FOR A NORMAL APPROACH AND MINIMUM TIME IN LANDING ZONE AS IT WAS IN LINE FOR THE WOUNDED PICK-UP ELIMINATING TURNS AND UNNECESSARY HOVERING. THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER MADE HIS APPROACH FROM THE NORTHWEST TO THE SOUTHEAST. IT WAS NORMAL TO STEEP IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE HIGH COCONUT TREES, ESTIMATING A CROSS WIND FROM THE LEFT OF ABOUT 5 KNOTS AND ALL INSTRUMENTS WERE IN THE GREEN. IN ORDER TO STAY CLEAR OF THE OTHER SURROUNDING VEGETATION, THE APPROACH TERMINATED AT A 10-15 FOOT HOVER AND A LEFT PEDAL TURN WAS IMMEDIATELY INITIATED. AT THIS POINT A LOSS OF POWER WAS FELT AND THE ENGINE RPM DECLINED RAPIDLY TO AN ESTIMATED 6000-RPM. IN AN ATTEMPT TO REGAIN THE LOST RPM THE COLLECTIVE WAS LOWERED BUT WITH NO RESULTS. AT APPROXIMATELY 5 OR 6 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND, COLLECTIVE WAS PULLED IN TO CUSHION THE LANDING. THE AIR CRAFT COMMANDER WHO WAS AT THE CONTROLS REPORTED THAT THIS MANEUVER SEEMED TO HAVE NO EFFECT AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT TOUCHED DOWN LEVEL WITH NO FORWARD OR LATERAL MOTION INTO AN EXTREMELY SOFT MARSHY, MUDDY AREA. THE AIRCRAFT THEN ROCKED FORWARD AND WHEN FULL AFT CYCLIC HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS, RIGHT CYCLIC WAS APPLIED. THE MAIN ROTOR STRUCK THE GROUND TO THE RIGHT FRONT, CAUSING THE THE RANSMISSION TO RIP LOOSE AND COME TO REST TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE RESULTING FORCE WHICH PULLED THE TRANSMISSION OUT ASSISTED WHATEVER LIFT REMAINED IN THE ROTOR PRIOR TO STRIKING THE GROUND TO ROLL THE AIRCRAFT ONTO ITS RIGHT SIDE. ON THE INITIAL IMPACT THE GUNNER STARTED TO UNFASTEN HIS SEAT BELT AND APPEARED SUCCESSFUL AS WHEN THE AIRCRAFT LURCHED FORWARD HE WAS THROWN FORWARD LANDING FACE DOWN IN THE MUD. THE AIRCRAFT CAME TO REST ATOP 3/4 OF HIS BODY, FROM THE SHOULDERS DOWN, HIS HELMET STILL ON. ALL OTHER CREW MEMBERS RECEIVED NO INJURIES AS A RESULT OF BEING STRAPPED IN SECURELY AND THEIR HELMETS BEING SECURELY FASTENED. OBSERVERS OUTSIDE THE AIRCRAFT STATED THE AIRCRAFT SEEMED TO FALL TO THE GROUND IMPACTING SLIGHTLY TAIL LOW, AND THAT IT APPEARED TO COME UP AGAING PRIOR TO THE MAIN ROTOR STRIKING THE GROUND. THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND PILOT SWITCHED THE MAIN FUEL AND BATTERY TO OFF, BUT COULD NOT ROLL OFF THE THROTTLE PAST THE FLIGHT IDLE DETENT, EVEN PRIOR TO TURNING THE BATTERY OFF. THE ENGINE CONTINUED TO RUN UNTIL FUEL REMAINING IN THE ENGINE WAS FINALLY EXHAUSTED. THE CREWCHIEF EXITED THROUGH THE LEFT CARGO DOOR OPENING WHILE THE OTHERS CAME OUT THROUGH THE GREEN HOUSE. THEY AND SEVERAL OTHERS ON THE GROUND OIFTED THE AIRCRAFT ENOUGH TO EXTRICATE SPECIALIST KENNON, THE GUNNER. NO FIRE OR FURTHER INJURIES RESULTED. THE SECOND AIRCRAFT OF THE THREE ASSIGNED TO THE MISSION LANDED TO TAKE THE INJURED GUNNER TO BINH THUY.\\

The following is Goldbook information on US Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 66-16112
 It is provided here as an ESTIMATE of the history of this helicopter and is not intended to be the final authority.

This helicopter was purchased by the US Army in 0367.

Please provide any additional information on this helicopter to the VHPA.

DATE	FLT	HRS	UIC	UNIT	AREA	POST	COUNTRY
6703	3	3	WOMHAA	DIROF SUP TRAN	6TH ARMY	SHARPE GD	AVCOM
6704	0	3	WOMHAA	DIROF SUP TRAN	6TH ARMY	SHARPE GD	AVCOM
6705	0	3	WOMHAA	DIROF SUP TRAN	6TH ARMY	SHARPE GD	AVCOM
6706	70	73	WCKGAA	20 TRANS CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6707	0	73	WCKGAA	20 TRANS CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6708	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	4TH ARMY	NAVAL AIR STA	AVCOM
6709	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	4TH ARMY	NAVAL AIR STA	AVCOM
6710	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	4TH ARMY	NAVAL AIR STA	AVCOM
6711	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	4TH ARMY	NAVAL AIR STA	AVCOM
6712	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	4TH ARMY	NAVAL AIR STA	AVCOM
6801	0	73	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	IN MAINT	NAVAL AIR STN	AVCOM
6802	0	153	8005	355 AVN CO	4TH ARMY	FORT SILL	4TH ARMY
6803	0	153	8005	355 AVN CO	4TH ARMY	FORT SILL	4TH ARMY
6804	0	153	8005	BELL HCPT	BAILMENT	FT WORTH	AVCOM
6805	0	153	8005	355 AVN CO	4TH ARMY	FORT SILL	4TH ARMY
6806	0	153	8005	355 AVN CO	4TH ARMY	FORT SILL	4TH ARMY
6807	0	153	8005	OPM SEA NITEOPS	1ST ARMY	FORT BELVOIR	AMC
6808	0	153	8005	HHD 44 ENG GP	THAILAND		PACIFIC
6809	0	153	8005	HHD 44 ENG GP	THAILAND		PACIFIC
6810	0	153	8005	HHD 44 ENG GP	THAILAND		PACIFIC
6811	0	153	8005	POST SUPPLY	6TH ARMY	FORT ORD	6TH ARMY
6812	0	153	8005	HHD 44 ENG GP	THAILAND		PACIFIC
6901	0	153	3300	HHD 44 ENG GP	THAILAND		PACIFIC
6902	119	272	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6903	160	432	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6904	161	593	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6905	155	748	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6906	121	869	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6907	162	1031	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6908	116	1147	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6909	130	1277	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6910	113	1390	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6911	85	1475	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
6912	73	1548	WC08AA	135 AVN CO	VIETNAM		RVN
7001	85	1633	WCLMAA	56 TRANS CO DS	VIETNAM		RVN
7002	0	1633	WDFHAA	HHC 520T BN34GP	VIETNAM		RVN
7003	0	1633	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	IN MAINT	NAVAL AIR STN	AVCOM
7004	0	1633	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	IN MAINT	NAVAL AIR STN	AVCOM
7005	0	1633	WOMUAA	ARADMAC	IN MAINT	NAVAL AIR STN	AVCOM

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