

# Helicopter UH-1C 66-15668

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 66-15668

Date: 09/21/68

Accident case number: 680921091 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: D/101 AVN

The station for this helicopter was Camp Eagle in

Number killed in accident = 0 . . Injured = 1 . . Passengers = 0

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Source(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Army Aviation Safety Center database.

## Crew Members:

AC W2 CLARK LL

P W1 BRYANT LG

CE E5 STALEY HF

G SEARLS

## Accident Summary:

The aircraft landed in Eagle POL, as wing man of a light fire team, to top off with fuel after repositioning from "D" Company Helipad. The aircraft, as reported by the pilots, had bled from 6600 RPM to 6200 RPM during takeoff from "D" Company. At that time the aircraft was loaded with 800 pounds of fuel, 6,000 rounds of 7.62 mm ammunition (450 pounds) for the mini-guns, 14 - 2.75 inch folding fin rockets (280 pounds), 1600 rounds of 7.62 mm for the door guns (150 pounds) plus the crew, their personal weapons, weapons system pylon, and the basic weight of the aircraft for a total take off weight of approximately 7900 pounds. Upon departing Eagle POL, the aircraft had 200 more pounds of fuel on board for a takeoff weight of 8100 pounds. For the weather conditions present at the time of the accident, the maximum allowable weight for a safe takeoff was 7900 pounds. The aircraft was cleared for an east departure and WO1 Bryant initiated the takeoff. The pilots reported that upon picking the aircraft up to a hover, the RPM again bled off to 6200 RPM and as more forward airspeed was gained more RPM was lost and at 5800 RPM the aircraft was still not in translational lift. Eagle POL slopes to the southeast where it meets a small valley running southeast which contains small rice paddies. When the aircraft reached 5800 RPM the aircraft commander started a right turn following the low terrain. After making the right turn the aircraft traveled approximately 50 meters, still out of translational lift, and then the right skid became entangled in a roll of concertina wire. After hooking the wire the aircraft traveled approximately 15 meters before the wire pulled tight. The aircraft yawed approximately 70 to 90 degrees to the right and rolled slightly over on its left side. The aircraft struck the ground, in approximately 1 foot of water, nose-low on its left side. After initial contact with the ground the aircraft traveled approximately 10 feet to the southeast where it came to rest on its left side in approximately 18 inches of water

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

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