

Input Wes Jager

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Charles Patrick WIA 1/31/68 - Tet -

On Jan 31, 1968, at 0825 while flying Battalion
Comms aircraft 16114 was raked by enemy fire in
the Ben Hoa Long Binh area. Bn operations was notified
that they were enroute to 93 EVAC hospital in Long Binh
with wounded crew chief Charles Patrick. Sappers
were at that moment setting charges at the Long Binh ammo
dump - which exploded far later. They were to contact
Red Ball at Long Binh for ass & trash. On their approach
in they noticed ~~the~~ MPs on the road leading into the
base with numerous spent brass lying all around them. They
were told that a major fire fight was under way. They were receiving
fire while on the ground. Wes got on the radio and could
hear the fire fight on the line. They were dropping off C rations
They was a 60ft ceiling so they stayed low and at 120 knots
flew over some rice paddies north of Saigon. A company
size enemy unit opened up on the Huey hitting Patrick twice
in the chicken plate along with rounds hitting his knee cap
and elbow. The Huey rocked with the amount of rounds
slapping through the Huey. They finally landed at the 93d
Evac and on close inspection the Chopper was ~~scrapped~~ ^{scrapped} due
to damage from hostile fire. While at the hospital Wes watched
the Cobras making gun runs along the perimeter of the base camp. After
a short stay Patrick was sent to TACH ? Japan and
then back to the States.

Where's
Dittmore

Bob Spradlin Inport 8/3/98

W/A incident

William Stubbs (1/4/68) injury auto rotation

During a C.A. with the P.Z. at Cu Chi - We had a flight of 10 birds in trail formation and Bill was channel #3. Bob Spradlin flying behind saw Bill's ship drop straight out of the air from 400' up. Engine failure caused him to auto rotate, landing crashing hard on the runway. He was evacuated to Japan and then back to the states with back problems.