

① powerful devastating

SPIDERS

On Sept 3, 1968

Spider Gun platoon leader 1LT. John Sores and Charlie Bailey, ^{48 rockets} ~~was~~ flying the Hog (Climax) #471 down on the airfield, it was dark and they didn't want to move the ships to the comater mortar breakers, which always smelled of piss and dampness; ^{so they released the crew} When he reported to the CO, he was informed that Bd wanted the air craft moved and ordered John to do just that. ^{So the four pilots} When they took off it was ^{into} the pitch black with the runway running left to right. They were flying at 500ft at 80 Knots when they were hit by ^{a down draft of wind} wind and a ^{making} sheet of rain with no visibility. John told Bailey to turn on the wipers, his response was that they were going backwards and he could see the ground. John pulled max power before impact, which probably saved their lives. ^{They crashed} The impact left them inverted with the pilots back rests in the mud. ^{couldn't get loose and} Charlie had trouble getting his harness off, but John helped him focus on the release and got him out. They crashed out side the wire. The other wing man came down hard on the airfield, damaging the sheds and gear.

Who ran the company

1st Shift ran the company

Warrants ran the platoons -- RLO platoon leaders usually asked the warrants what they would do.

RLO received a lot of bean Coup shit from the warrants