

STATEMENT of 1stLt. R. D. PARTINGTON 091234 USMC Concerning
Accident involving CH-46A Bureau Numbers 151930 & 151936 on
15 July 1966.

We had made our approach into the LZ with no problems. Airspeed was well under control and clearance over the trees was good - no large attitude change in the approach. Our landing spot was at the forward position in the zone, leaving plenty of room for the following aircraft. On touchdown, I put the speed trim back to AUTO and lowered the ramp. As I watched the troops debark a violent shaking started. At first I was unable to reach any control. After a few seconds Major REAP secured the Engine Condition Levers, I armed the rotor brake and he put the rotor brake on. After the shutdown was finished I left the aircraft from the co-pilots emergency exit, later returning to the aircraft to remove the .50 caliber and personal gear.

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