

Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095<BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing<br>  
single male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: enlisted personnel<br>  
This record was last updated on 08/20/95<br>  
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Name: MSG Michael Ray Werdehoff (posthumously promoted)<br>  
Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing the duty of Flight Engineer.<br>  
Declared dead on 06/05/78.<br>  
Age at death: 25.6<BR>  
Date of Birth: 09/13/42<br>  
Home City: Toledo, OH<br>  
Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Service: U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 51E-004<br>  
Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger.<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
SSN: 284382871 <br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: \*<br>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: small arms fire<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: crew member<br>  
Vehicle ownership: government<br>  
Started Tour: 12/01/67<BR>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA<br>  
Length of service: \*<br>  
Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.<BR>  
Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095<BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Lutheran (Missouri Synod)<br>  
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Name: MAJ Arthur James Lord <br>  
Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing the duty of Pilot.<br>  
Declared dead on 04/13/77.<br>

The CH54 "Flying Crane" on which Arthur Lord was aircraft commander, Charles Millard pilot, Arthur J. Lord co-pilot, Michael Werdehoff flight engineer, and Philip Shafer crewchief was carrying a bulldozer into the recently resecured LZ Tiger when the aircraft was hit and crashed. All the crew were classified Missing In Action.

Thorough searches for the 3 helicopters were not immediately possible because of the enemy situation. A refugee later reported that he had found the wreckage of two U.S. helicopters, one with 3 sets of skeletal remains, in Quang Tri Province. The U.S. Army believes this could correlate with any of the three helicopters lost on April 19, 1968, but no firm evidence has been secured that would reveal the fate of the nine missing servicemen

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VHPA Comments: <br> Changed tail number from 64-14025 to 64-14205 on HELILOSS record and from 66-18205 on the HELODAB record. GBR Dec 96

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The following is crew member information for this incident:<p>

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Name: SP6 Philip Raymond Shafer <br>

Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing the duty of Crew Chief.<br>

Declared dead on 09/02/75.<br>

Age at death: 18.9<BR>

Date of Birth: 05/13/49<br>

Home City: Grand Junction, CO<br>

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.<br>

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>

Service: U.S. Army.<br>

The Wall location: 51E-002<br>

Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger.<br>

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>

SSN: 522668348 <br>

Country: South Vietnam<br>

MOS: 67NI/<br>

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>

Compliment cause: small arms fire<br>

Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>

Position in vehicle: crew chief<br>

Vehicle ownership: government<br>

Started Tour: 12/01/67<BR>

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew<br>

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA<br>

Length of service: \*<br>

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.<BR>

explosive charges.<br>  
The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit causing an Explosion.<br>  
Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL<br>  
Casualties: 04 DOI <br>  
The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.<br>  
Both mission and flight capability were terminated.<br>  
Burned<br>  
Loss to Inventory<br>  
Crew: LORD, ARTHUR J; MILLARD CW      SHAFER PR      WERDEHOFF MR<br>  
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REFNO Synopsis: <br>\_South Vietnam      Philip R. Shafer  
                         Arthur J. Lord  
                         Charles W. Millard  
                         Michael R. Werdehoff  
                         (1132)

On April 19, 1968, Specialist 4th Class Shafer was crew chief on a CH-54 helicopter carrying a bulldozer to Landing Zone Tiger located in the A Shau Valley, Thua Thien Province, South Vietnam. Other crew members included Captain Lord (aircraft commander), CW3 Willard (pilot), and Specialist 6th Class Werdehoff (flight engineer). Approximately 1.5 kilometers from the landing zone eyewitnesses reported an explosion in the cockpit of the helicopter which caught fire and crashed at the base of a cliff, exploding. There were no signs of survivors.

The crew was initially reported missing in action and after the war was declared dead/body not recovered. Returning U.S. POWs were unable to provide any information on their fate. <p>

Arthur J. Lord; Charles W. Millard; Philip R. Shafer; Michael R. Werdehoff (missing on CH54, coordinates YD255095-LZ Tiger)

SYNOPSIS: On April 19, 1968 three Army helicopters were shot down in the A Shau Valley of South Vietnam. All three were making supply runs to Landing Zone Tiger in Quang Tri Province. Five men survived the three crashes, and nine men remain missing.

The CH47A on which Douglas Blodgett was a crewman, William Dennis was flight engineer, and Jesus Gonzales was crewchief was resupplying ammunition at the LZ when it received small arms fire from the ground and crashed. The pilot and co-pilot were able to crawl away, but the rest of the crew was never found. They were declared Missing In Action.

The CH47 on which Anthony Housh was flight engineer and Michael Wallace was crewchief was hit by 50 calibre and 37 mm ground fire on its approach to the LZ. Housh and Wallace jumped from the aircraft from an altitude of 50-100 feet above the jungle canopy. The others were rescued. No trace of Housh and Wallace was ever found. They were declared Missing In Action.



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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
Date: 661023 <br>  
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED  
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This was a Rescue and Recovery mission for Aircraft Recovery , Sling  
Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0100 feet and 090  
knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Helicopter took 2 hits from:<br>  
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic  
projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)<br>  
Systems damaged were: FLT CONTROLS, STRUCTURE, ARMAMENT<br>  
Protection of ARMAMENTby Armor was Not Effective<br>  
The helicopter made a Precautionary Landing. Aircraft was capable of  
one time flight.<br>  
The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission  
objectives.<br>  
Additional damage upon landing<br>  
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
Date: 661023 <br>  
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN  
THEATER<br>  
This was a Rescue and Recovery mission for Aircraft Recovery , Sling  
Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0100 feet and 090  
knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>  
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic  
projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)<br>  
The helicopter was hit in the Aft area<br>  
Systems damaged were: STRUCTURE<br>  
Protection of FLT CONTROLSby Armor was Effective<br>  
The helicopter Continued Flight. <br>  
The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.<br>  
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
Date: 680419 MIA-POW file reference number: 1132<br>  
Incident number: 68041910.KIA <br>  
Unit: 478 AV CO 1 CAV DIV<br>  
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY  
<br>  
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.<br>  
While on Landing Zone this helicopter was Landing at UNK feet and UNK  
knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
UTM grid coordinates: YD255095<br>  
Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>  
Explosive Weapon; Non-Artillery launched or static weapons containing

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<h1>Helicopter 58-00987</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 58-00987<br>

Date: 650911 <br>

Accident case number: 0C796 Substantial Damage Accident <br>

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 1 Passengers: 0<br>

costing 15110<br>

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Crew Members:<br>

P CW TF JENKINS <br>

CP CW CL MANN <br>

CE E6 JF VERNON <br>

G E4 F KNAPP <br>

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<h1>Helicopter 64-14205</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14205<br>

Date: 660807 <br>

Accident case number: F931 <br>

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0<br>

costing 0<br>

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Crew Members:<br>

P JE MOORE <br>

CP PE COTTON <br>

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Accident Summary:<p>\_WHILE SLING LOADING A BULLDOZER HYD SERVO RETURN  
LINE RUPTURED HYD FLUID LOST

Primary cause: SVN-BNR<BR>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: vehicular accident<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: pilot<br>  
Vehicle ownership: government<br>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA<br>  
Length of service: \*<br>  
Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.<BR>  
Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095<BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: warrant officer<br>  
This record was last updated on 02/21/94<br>

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<h1>Helicopter 64-14202</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14202<br>  
Date: 6601XX <br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<br>  
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was UNK <br>  
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was Unknown at 2500 feet and UNK knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>  
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)<br>  
The helicopter was hit in the Left Side<br>  
Systems damaged were: ELECTRICAL SYS, STRUCTURE, AFCS<br>  
The helicopter made a Precautionary Landing. Aircraft was capable of one time flight.<br>  
The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission objectives.<br>  
QUI NHON recovered the helicopter. <br>  
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Crew Members:<br>  
AC MARSH ROBERT <br>  
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Age at death: 27.3<BR>  
Date of Birth: 01/06/41<br>  
Home City: Savannah, GA<br>  
Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Flight class: 64-3 <br>  
Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 50E-49<br>  
Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger. See Millard.<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
Call sign: Hurricane<br>  
SSN: 252621941 <br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: 81981<br>  
Primary cause: SVN-BNR<BR>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: small arms fire<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: pilot<br>  
Vehicle ownership: government<br>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA<br>  
Length of service: \*<br>  
Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.<BR>  
Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095<BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference<br>  
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Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer<br>  
This record was last updated on 02/21/94<br>  
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Name: CW4 Charles Worth Millard <br>  
Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing the duty of Pilot.<br>  
Declared dead on 09/14/78.<br>  
Age at death: 34.9<BR>  
Date of Birth: 06/08/33<br>  
Home City: Wilson, NC<br>  
Service: AV branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Flight class: 62-1W <br>  
Service: AV branch of the U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 50E-50<br>  
Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger. See Lord.<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205<br>  
Call sign: Hurricane<br>  
SSN: 242425230 <br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: \*<br>

War Story: <br>\_Bob Marsh recalls that the round came through the bubble, just missed his head and hit the AFCS just behind the pilots' seats. They landed on a beach to check out the damage and found that they had only taken one round. The Flight Engineer removed the bullet which had smashed into three pieces and Bob has this mounted on a plaque on his wall. They checked things out as best they could, then started the aircraft and made a hover check. Since everything seemed normal, they flew low and slow the eight miles to Qui Nhon where the aircraft was secured for proper repairs

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14202<br>

Date: 660809 <br>

South Vietnam<br>

Loss to Inventory<br>

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter

tail number 64-14202<br>

Date: 660809 <br>

Accident case number: F991 <br>

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 4 Passengers: 0<br>

costing 2100000<br>

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Crew Members:<br>

P JA BROWN <br>

CP WT LAMB <br>

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Accident Summary:<p>\_ VIOLENT EVASIVE ACTION TO AVOID CV2 ACFT BECAME UNCONTROLLABLE DUE TO OSCILLATION OF SLING LOAD OF AMMO LOAD COULD NOT BE RELEASED ACFT CRASHED OUT OF CONTROL CANON PLUG OF SHEAR MECHANISM BROKEN AND GROUND WIRE LOOSE

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<h1>Helicopter 64-14203</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14203<br>

Date: 650914 <br>

Accident case number: 0C854 Fatality Accident <br>



Unit: 478 AVN CO<br>  
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0<br>  
costing 3500<br>  
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Crew Members:<br>  
P CW CR BROWN <br>  
CP CW WH DAVIS <br>  
CE E6 LF PARRISH <br>  
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Accident Summary:<p>\_The aircraft experienced a hard landing that cracked the landing gear support system. As a result, this aircraft was only used for sling loads from that time on because they did not want to risk putting too much weight on the landing gear.

This information was supplied by VHPA member Bob Marsh

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14203<br>

Date: 6603XX <br>

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER<br>  
for Artillery Relocation , Sling Loading.<br>

Unknown this helicopter was Unknown at UNK feet and UNK knots.<br>

Not Reported<br>

Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>

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

The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit<br>

Systems damaged were: HYDRAULIC SYS<br>

The helicopter made a Forced Landing. Aircraft took off, fully flight capable.<br>

The aircraft was diverted or delayed after completing some mission objectives.<br>

Aircraft repaired after needed tool, parts or personnel brought in<br>

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14203<br>

Date: 670117 <br>

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER<br>

This was a Rescue and Recovery mission for Aircraft Recovery , Sling Loading.<br>

While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0100 feet and 050 knots.<br>

South Vietnam<br>

Helicopter took 3 hits from:<br>

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

The helicopter was hit in the Forward area<br>

Systems damaged were: FUEL SYS, TAIL ROTOR, MAIN ROTOR SYS<br>

The helicopter Continued Flight. <br>

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.<br>

LZ ENGLISH recovered the helicopter. for <br>

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14203<br>

Date: 670320 <br>

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER<br>

This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was Unknown at 1000 feet and 070 knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>

Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>

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

Systems damaged were: ENGINE<br>

The helicopter Continued Flight. <br>

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.<br>

CHU LAI recovered the helicopter. for <br>

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14203<br>

Date: 670428 <br>

Accident case number: 670428061 <br>

Unit: 478 AVN CO<br>

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0<br>

costing 600<br>

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Crew Members:<br>

P W3 PE COTTON <br>

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Accident Summary:<p>\_ On take-off, a whistling sound was hear by personnel on the ground. After the flight, the blades were inspected and one main rotor blade was damaged. A loose rag was observed flying through the air on initial take-off

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>

Date: 01/05/66 <br>

Incident number: 0D567ACD Accident case number: 0D567 Total Loss Accident <br>

Unit: 478 AVN<br>

South Vietnam<br>

Number killed in accident: 5 Injured: 0 Passengers: 2<br>

costing 2100000<br>

Loss to Inventory<br>

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Crew Members:<br>

AC CW GAJAN ALTON LOUIS            KIA<br>  
P CW LANE ROBERT CARL            KIA<br>  
CE E5 HETZER JOSEPH EDWARD JR    KIA<br>  
C SP4 BRYAN LIONEL JOHN JR        KIA<br>  
C SP5 ENGLISH CARVER JOSEPH JR    KIA<br>

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Passengers: <br>

SP4 BRYAN LIONEL JOHN JR, CMP, 5;

SP5 ENGLISH CARVER JOSEPH JR, CMP, 5;

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War Story: <br>\_ After completing an ammo resupply for an artillery unit, the aircraft was returning to An Khe. Since this was one of the first times they had flown with sling gear that included a net with a canvas bottom, the crew tried an experiment. They let out all 100 feet of cable while the sling equipment dangling from the hook. Either the cable or the sling gear tangled in the tail rotor and whipped into the main rotor blades. One main blade came off and went through the cabin. The aircraft disintegrated, crashed and everyone on board died. This was the first CH-54A loss and fatalities in Vietnam. Since the 478th Avn Co only had four aircraft, this loss significantly impacted their operations.

This information was supplied by VHPA member Bob Marsh

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The following is crew member information for this incident:<p>

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Name: SP4 Lionel John Bryan, Jr. <br>

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Crew member unspecified.<br>

Age at death: 21.9<BR>

Date of Birth: 02/28/44<br>

Home City: New York, NY<br>

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.<br>

Unit: 478 HHC<BR>

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>

Service: U.S. Army.<br>

The Wall location: 04E-053<br>

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>

Service number: 12672207<br>

Country: South Vietnam<br>

MOS: 71K3P<br>

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>

Compliment cause: weapons<br>

Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>

Position in vehicle: passenger<br>

Started Tour: 08/19/65<BR>

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - non-aircrew<br>

Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right<br>

Length of service: 02<br>

Location: Unknown Province <BR>

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>

Casualty type: Hostile - killed<br>

single male U.S. citizen<br>

Race: Negro<br>

Religion: Episcopal (Anglican)<br>



The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military  
class: enlisted personnel<br>  
This record was last updated on 07/29/95<br>  
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Name: SP5 Carver Joseph English, Jr. <br>  
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Crew member  
unspecified.<br>  
Age at death: 27.7<BR>  
Date of Birth: 04/21/38<br>  
Home City: Kenner, LA<br>  
Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Service: U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 04E-054<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>  
Service number: 15634831<br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: 62E2P<br>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: weapons<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: passenger<br>  
Started Tour: 08/16/65<BR>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - non-aircrew<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA<br>  
Length of service: 08<br>  
Location: Unknown Province <BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Roman Catholic<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military  
class: enlisted personnel<br>  
This record was last updated on 07/29/95<br>  
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Name: SP5 Joseph Edward Hetzer, Jr. <br>  
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Crew Chief.<br>  
Age at death: 24.4<BR>  
Date of Birth: 08/12/41<br>  
Home City: Irwin, PA<br>  
Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Service: U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 04E-055<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>

Service number: 13745528<br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: 67T20<br>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: weapons<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: crew chief<br>  
Started Tour: 08/19/65<BR>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right<br>  
Length of service: 03<br>  
Location: Unknown Province <BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - killed<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Lutheran (Missouri Synod)<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military  
class: enlisted personnel<br>  
This record was last updated on 07/29/95<br>  
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Name: CW3 Alton Louis Gajan <br>  
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Pilot.<br>  
Age at death: 37.5<BR>  
Date of Birth: 07/18/28<br>  
Home City: Brookfield, NY<br>  
Service: TC branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Service: TC branch of the U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 4E-54<br>  
Short Summary: Accident while resupplying artillery site w/ Robert Lane. First Sky Crane casualties in  
1st CAV.<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>  
Service number: W2203888<br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: 062D <br>  
Primary cause: A/C Accident<BR>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: weapons<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: aircraft commander<br>  
Started Tour: 09/13/65<BR>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right<br>  
Length of service: 16<br>  
Location: Unknown Province <BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - killed<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military  
class: warrant officer<br>  
This record was last updated on 07/29/95<br>  
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Name: CW2 Robert Carl Lane (posthumously promoted)<br>  
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Pilot.<br>  
Age at death: 35.1<BR>  
Date of Birth: 11/16/30<br>  
Home City: Coatesville, PA<br>  
Service: AV branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.<br>  
Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV<BR>  
Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division<br>  
Service: AV branch of the U.S. Army.<br>  
The Wall location: 4E-54<br>  
Short Summary: Accident while resupplying artillery site w/ Alton Gajan. First Sky Crane casualties in  
1st CAV.<br>  
Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204<br>  
Service number: W3150729<br>  
Country: South Vietnam<br>  
MOS: 062D <br>  
Primary cause: A/C Accident<BR>  
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea<br>  
Compliment cause: weapons<br>  
Vehicle involved: helicopter<br>  
Position in vehicle: pilot<br>  
Started Tour: 08/16/65<BR>  
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot<br>  
Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right<br>  
Length of service: 16<br>  
Location: Unknown Province <BR>  
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed<br>  
Casualty type: Hostile - killed<br>  
married male U.S. citizen<br>  
Race: Caucasian<br>  
Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference<br>  
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.<br>  
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military  
class: warrant officer<br>  
This record was last updated on 07/29/95<br>  
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<h1>Helicopter 64-14206</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14206<br>  
Date: 670703 <br>  
Accident case number: 670703011 Total loss or fatality Accident <br>  
Unit: 478 AVN CO<br>  
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 5 Passengers: 1<br>  
costing 2511200<br>  
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Crew Members:<br>  
P O4 EW BROCK <br>  
CP W2 R CARLISLE <br>  
CE E5 RA SMITH <br>  
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Passengers: <br>  
E3 LIPSCOMBJJ, PAX, D;  
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Accident Summary:<p>\_ While sling loading a 155 howitzer, the aircraft began to settle on short final. The pilot was unable to stop the descent. An attempt was made to release the load. The crew and pilot was unaware that the cargo was already released. The pilot had released the cargo with the cyclic stick release. The aircraft crashed and burned.

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14206<br>  
Date: 670706 <br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Loss to Inventory<br>  
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<h1>Helicopter 64-14207</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207<br>  
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165<br>  
Total flight hours at this point: 00000702<br>  
Date: 670120 <br>  
Unit: ARMY AVN DIV<br>

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER<br>  
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 1000 feet and 100 knots.<br>  
Not Reported<br>  
Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>  
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)<br>  
The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit<br>  
Systems damaged were: COMM SYS<br>  
The helicopter Continued Flight. <br>  
The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission objectives.<br>  
QUANG NGAI recovered the helicopter. for <br>  
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207<br>  
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165<br>  
Total flight hours at this point: 00000702<br>  
Date: 670120 <br>  
Unit: ARMY AVN DIV<br>  
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER<br>  
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.<br>  
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0500 feet and 100 knots.<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Helicopter took 1 hits from:<br>  
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)<br>  
The helicopter was hit in the Forward area<br>  
Systems damaged were: FUEL SYS, FLT CONTROLS<br>  
Protection of FUEL TANK by SelfSeal was Sealed<br>  
The helicopter Continued Flight. <br>  
The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.<br>  
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207<br>  
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165<br>  
Total flight hours at this point: 00000866<br>  
Date: 670623 <br>  
Unit: ARMY AVN DIV<br>  
South Vietnam<br>  
Loss to Inventory<br>  
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14207<br>  
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165<br>  
Total flight hours at this point: 00000866<br>  
Date: 670623 <br>  
Accident case number: 670623201 Total loss or fatality Accident <br>  
Unit: 478 AVN CO<br>  
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 5 Passengers: 2<br>  
costing 2511200<br>  
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Crew Members:<br>  
P W3 GW MURRAY <br>  
CP W3 L COLE <br>  
CE E5 WB HARGRAVE <br>  
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Passengers: <br>  
E5 FV AIKEN, PAX, D;  
\*\* NO NAME, PAX, D;  
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Accident Summary:<p>\_Aircraft landed at a POL are on a hill top. The pilot inadvertently released the parking brake after activating the rotor brake. The aircraft rolled downhill striking the blades of a parked CH-47 and the nosewheel dropped into a gulley and collapsed. Suspect malfunction of main transmission

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information on US Army helicopter CH-3C tail number 64-14207<br>

It is provided here as an ESTIMATE of the history of this helicopter and is not intended to be the final authority.<br>

This helicopter was purchased by the US Army in 0165.<br>

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

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| 6702 | 42  | 744 | 3497       | ARMY AVN DIV  | 6TH ARMY   | DUGWAY PG | TEVALCOM |
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