

Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this
incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of
personnel: active duty Army Military class: enlisted personnel

This record was last updated on 08/20/95

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Name: MSG Michael Ray Werdehoff (posthumously promoted)

Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing
the duty of Flight Engineer.

Declared dead on 06/05/78.

Age at death: 25.6

Date of Birth: 09/13/42

Home City: Toledo, OH

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 51E-004

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

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205

SSN: 284382871

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: *

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: crew member

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 12/01/67

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA

Length of service: *

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Lutheran (Missouri Synod)

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incident.

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personnel: active duty Army Military class: enlisted personnel

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Name: MAJ Arthur James Lord

Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing
the duty of Pilot.

Declared dead on 04/13/77.

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:
_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

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

Declared dead on 09/02/75.

Age at death: 18.9

Date of Birth: 05/13/49

Home City: Grand Junction, CO

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 51E-002

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

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205

SSN: 522668348

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 67NI/

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: crew chief

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 12/01/67

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA

Length of service: *

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

explosive charges.
The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit causing an Explosion.
Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL
Casualties: 04 DOI
The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.
Both mission and flight capability were terminated.
Burned
Loss to Inventory
Crew: LORD, ARTHUR J; MILLARD CW SHAFER PR WERDEHOFF MR

REFNO Synopsis:
_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

Date: 661023

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED _____

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

While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0100 feet and 090
knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 2 hits from:

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

Systems damaged were: FLT CONTROLS, STRUCTURE, ARMAMENT

Protection of ARMAMENT by Armor was Not Effective

The helicopter made a Precautionary Landing. Aircraft was capable of
one time flight.

The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission
objectives.

Additional damage upon landing

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14205

Date: 661023

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN
THEATER

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

While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0100 feet and 090
knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

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

The helicopter was hit in the Aft area

Systems damaged were: STRUCTURE

Protection of FLT CONTROLS by Armor was Effective

The helicopter Continued Flight.

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14205

Date: 680419 MIA-POW file reference number: 1132

Incident number: 68041910.KIA

Unit: 478 AV CO 1 CAV DIV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY

This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.

While on Landing Zone this helicopter was Landing at UNK feet and UNK
knots.

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: YD255095

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

Explosive Weapon; Non-Artillery launched or static weapons containing

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

Date: 650911

Accident case number: 0C796 Substantial Damage Accident

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 1 Passengers: 0

costing 15110

Crew Members:

P CW TF JENKINS

CP CW CL MANN

CE E6 JF VERNON

G E4 F KNAPP

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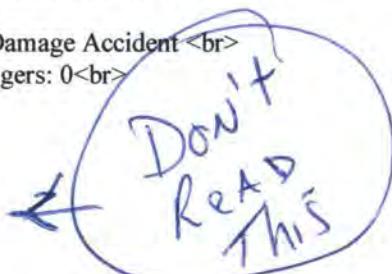
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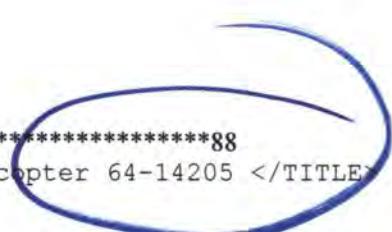


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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14205

Date: 660807

Accident case number: F931

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0

costing 0

Crew Members:

P JE MOORE

CP PE COTTON

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

Primary cause: SVN-BNR

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: vehicular accident

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Vehicle ownership: government

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA

Length of service: *

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Relgion: Protestant - no denominational preference

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this
incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of
personnel: active duty Army Military class: warrant officer

This record was last updated on 02/21/94

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

Date: 6601XX

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was UNK

This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.

While Enroute this helicopter was Unknown at 2500 feet and UNK knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

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

The helicopter was hit in the Left Side

Systems damaged were: ELECTRICAL SYS, STRUCTURE, AFCS

The helicopter made a Precautionary Landing. Aircraft was capable of one time flight.

The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission objectives.

QUI NHON recovered the helicopter.

Crew Members:

AC MARSH ROBERT

Age at death: 27.3

Date of Birth: 01/06/41

Home City: Savannah, GA

Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 64-3

Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 50E-49

Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger. See Millard.

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205

Call sign: Hurricane

SSN: 252621941

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 81981

Primary cause: SVN-BNR

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Vehicle ownership: government

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA

Length of service: *

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: YD255095

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 02/21/94

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Name: CW4 Charles Worth Millard

Status: Body Not Recovered from an incident on 04/19/68 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Declared dead on 09/14/78.

Age at death: 34.9

Date of Birth: 06/08/33

Home City: Wilson, NC

Service: AV branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 62-1W

Service: AV branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 50E-50

Short Summary: Shot down in A Shau Valley while attempting to deliver a bulldozer to LZ Tiger. See Lord.

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14205

Call sign: Hurricane

SSN: 242425230

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: *

War Story:
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

Date: 660809

South Vietnam

Loss to Inventory

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter

Date: 660809

tail number 64-14202

Accident case number: F991

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 4 Passengers: 0

costing 2100000

Crew Members:

P JA BROWN

CP WT LAMB

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

Date: 650914

Accident case number: 0C854 Fatality Accident

Unit: 478 AVN CO

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0

costing 3500

Crew Members:

P CW CR BROWN

CP CW WH DAVIS

CE E6 LF PARRISH

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

Date: 6603XX

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER

for Artillery Relocation , Sling Loading.

Unknown this helicopter was Unknown at UNK feet and UNK knots.

Not Reported

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

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

The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit

Systems damaged were: HYDRAULIC SYS

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

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

Aircraft repaired after needed tool, parts or personnel brought in

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

Date: 670117

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER

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

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

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 3 hits from:

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

The helicopter was hit in the Forward area

Systems damaged were: FUEL SYS, TAIL ROTOR, MAIN ROTOR SYS

The helicopter Continued Flight.

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.

LZ ENGLISH recovered the helicopter. for

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

Date: 670320

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER

This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.
While Enroute this helicopter was Unknown at 1000 feet and 070 knots.
South Vietnam
Helicopter took 1 hits from:
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)
Systems damaged were: ENGINE
The helicopter Continued Flight.
The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.
CHU LAI recovered the helicopter. for
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14203

Date: 670428

Accident case number: 670428061

Unit: 478 AVN CO

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 0 Passengers: 0
costing 600

Crew Members:

P W3 PE COTTON

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

Date: 01/05/66

Incident number: 0D567ACD Accident case number: 0D567 Total Loss Accident

Unit: 478 AVN

South Vietnam

Number killed in accident: 5 Injured: 0 Passengers: 2
costing 2100000

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

AC CW GAJAN ALTON LOUIS KIA

P CW LANE ROBERT CARL KIA

CE E5 HETZER JOSEPH EDWARD JR KIA

C SP4 BRYAN LIONEL JOHN JR KIA

C SP5 ENGLISH CARVER JOSEPH JR KIA

Passengers:
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SP4 BRYAN LIONEL JOHN JR, CMP, 5;
SP5 ENGLISH CARVER JOSEPH JR, CMP, 5;
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War Story:
_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,

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

Age at death: 21.9

Date of Birth: 02/28/44

Home City: New York, NY

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 04E-053

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204

Service number: 12672207

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 71K3P

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: passenger

Started Tour: 08/19/65

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - non-aircrew

Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right

Length of service: 02

Location: Unknown Province

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Negro

Religion: Episcopal (Anglican)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: enlisted personnel
This record was last updated on 07/29/95
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Name: SP5 Carver Joseph English, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Crew member unspecified.
Age at death: 27.7

Date of Birth: 04/21/38

Home City: Kenner, LA

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 04E-054

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204

Service number: 15634831

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 62E2P

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: passenger

Started Tour: 08/16/65

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - non-aircrew

Current status: hostile dead - died while MIA

Length of service: 08

Location: Unknown Province

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Roman Catholic

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Name: SP5 Joseph Edward Hetzer, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Crew Chief.

Age at death: 24.4

Date of Birth: 08/12/41

Home City: Irwin, PA

Service: regular component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 04E-055

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204

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

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: warrant officer

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Name: CW2 Robert Carl Lane (posthumously promoted)

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/05/66 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 35.1

Date of Birth: 11/16/30

Home City: Coatesville, PA

Service: AV branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 478 HHC 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Service: AV branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 4E-54

Short Summary: Accident while resupplying artillery site w/ Alton Gajan. First Sky Crane casualties in 1st CAV.

Aircraft: CH-54A tail number 64-14204

Service number: W3150729

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 062D

Primary cause: A/C Accident

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 08/16/65

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Current status: hostile dead - killed out-right

Length of service: 16

Location: Unknown Province

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14206

Date: 670703

Accident case number: 670703011 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: 478 AVN CO

Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 5 Passengers: 1

costing 2511200

Crew Members:

P O4 EW BROCK
 CP W2 R CARLISLE
 CE E5 RA SMITH

Passengers:

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

Date: 670706

South Vietnam

Loss to Inventory

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<h1>Helicopter 64-14207</h1>

Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207

The Army purchased this helicopter 0165

Total flight hours at this point: 00000702

Date: 670120

Unit: ARMY AVN DIV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 1000 feet and 100 knots.
Not Reported
Helicopter took 1 hits from:
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)
The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit
Systems damaged were: COMM SYS
The helicopter Continued Flight.
The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission objectives.
QUANG NGAI recovered the helicopter. for
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165
Total flight hours at this point: 00000702
Date: 670120
Unit: ARMY AVN DIV
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER
This was a Logistics Support mission for Resupply , Sling Loading.
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 0500 feet and 100 knots.
South Vietnam
Helicopter took 1 hits from:
Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)
The helicopter was hit in the Forward area
Systems damaged were: FUEL SYS, FLT CONTROLS
Protection of FUEL TANK by SelfSeal was Sealed
The helicopter Continued Flight.
The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-54A tail number 64-14207
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165
Total flight hours at this point: 00000866
Date: 670623
Unit: ARMY AVN DIV
South Vietnam
Loss to Inventory
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Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 64-14207
The Army purchased this helicopter 0165
Total flight hours at this point: 00000866
Date: 670623
Accident case number: 670623201 Total loss or fatality Accident
Unit: 478 AVN CO
Number killed in accident: 0 Injured: 5 Passengers: 2
costing 2511200

Crew Members:

P W3 GW MURRAY
 CP W3 L COLE
 CE E5 WB HARGRAVE

Passengers:
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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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The following is Goldbook

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

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

This helicopter was purchased by the US Army in 0165.

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

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| 6705 | 24 | 832 | 3497 | ARMY AVN DIV | 6TH ARMY | DUGWAY PG | TEVALCOM |
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