

MISHAP REPORT
(Revision A)

271st Aviation Co.
CH47C S/N 68-16005
14 May 81 1100 hours (local)
Korea

Class A Aircraft Mishap

The aircraft was operating in an area near the DMZ approx. 52 miles north-east of Seoul Korea. The aircraft was hovering with a 9500 lb. sling load. Just as the load was released or just as the load touched the ground the pilot reported an increase in rotor RPM, they noted 242 and increasing. The pilot applied collective to compensate and the co-pilot adjusted the AC beep system. The aircraft began to lose RPM and the pilot turned left to attempt landing on pinical. Rotor RPM was below 208 and falling. The aircraft contacted the ground and bounced forward with a nose down attitude. The forward rotor blades struck the ground and a Korean soldier. The forward rotor blades then contacted the aft fuselage area and the aircraft slid backwards down an incline and came to rest in a group of boulders. There was no fire.

There were no reports of any injuries to the aircraft crewmen. One (1) Korean soldier was killed and one (1) injured by flying debris.

A USA Safety Center team is on site and are sending all the power plant control system components back to depot for final evaluation. *That's what Learning needs... another challenge.*

The final aircraft disposition is unknown at this time but it is most likely a strike as the aircraft sustained additional damage during recovery operations.

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