

20th SOS Losses in Southeast Asia

- 31 March 1967** Major Robert L. Baldwin, E Flight Commander, 20th HS, KIA UH-1F
- first 20th fatality in SEA, aircraft destroyed
- 23 August 1967** CH-3C lost while on classified mission, no injuries, aircraft destroyed.
- first CH-3 lost in SEA
- 21 September 1967** UH-1F lost to enemy action at Kontum, RVN. Capt Raymond E.
Hoffman and 1Lt James W. Berka, seriously injured.
- 30 December 1968** CH-3C #63-9678 lost near Lima Site 85 in Laos while on a supply
mission. Aircraft lost power while on final approach to 5740 ft helipad.
No injuries.
- 26 November 1968** UH-1F lost to enemy fire while supporting pinned down SF team, aircraft
destroyed, no injuries. Medal of Honor mission near Duc Co, RVN.
- 27 November 1968** UH-1F lost to enemy fire while on approach with 10 personnel on board.
5 KIA, including Ssgt Gene P. Stuijbergen, door gunner.
- 3 January 1969** UH-1F #63-13164 lost to enemy fire near Duc Lap while attempting to
rescue a SF team. Sgt Ronald P. Zenga KIA.
- 17 January 1969** CH-3E #62-12582 lost while supporting a TACAN site in northern Laos.
Major Walter Martin, Capt Richard A. Fleming, Albert J. Davis, and three
passengers KIA.
- 13 February 1969** UH-1F #64-15492 lost to enemy fire while trying to suppress enemy fire
for the rescue of an SF team near Duc Co. No serious injuries.
- 26 March 1969** UH-1F #63-13158 lost near Duc My, north of Nha Trang. Of the 10
persons on board, 2 survived. LTC Frank A. DiFiglia, squadron
commander, Col Donald G. Lepard, 14th SOW/DO, Col J.B. Levesque,
14th SOW/DCM, Capt(Dr) Robert W. Fields, Capt Walter C. Booth, 20th
Maintenance Officer, Tsgt Jesse C. Bowman, gunner, Sgt Antonio L.
Alho, gunner, and Abb Greer, Bell Helicopter tech rep killed. Sgt James
P. O'Gorman and Sgt Joslin, critically injured. Aircraft experienced severe
vibration at approximately 4000 feet and an autorotation was initiated.
Aircraft control was lost and aircraft came apart in flight.

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- 13 April 1969** UH-1F #65-7937 lost to enemy fire while extracting a recon team. Gun 2 received fire which killed Captain Lynch, the co-pilot. The A/C, Capt Johnson was injured in the left leg. He landed the aircraft although he was nearly unconscious from blood loss.
- 21 April 1969** UH-1F #63-13152 lost to enemy fire while attempting to extract a recon team. No injuries.
- 19 May 1969** UH-1F #63-13151 lost due to a fuel control malfunction. No injuries.
- 14 July 1969** UH-1F #65-7929 lost due to material failure in the engine during an FCF. No injuries.
- 19 July 1969** UH-1F #65-7930 lost due to material failure in the engine. Minor injuries.
- 25 August 1969** UH-1F #66-1217 lost due to material failure in the engine. Minor injuries.
- 13 September 1969** Capt Thomas W. Norman and Capt James F. Cameron, 20th SOS pilots KIA when the O-2 they were riding in crashed due to battle damage.
- 8 October 1969** UH-1F #UNK destroyed after the aircraft went into an unusual attitude and crashed while attempting to refuel. One gunner was pinned was pinned under the fuselage but was rescued.
- 21 October 1969** UH-1F #UNK experienced an engine failure and autorotated to a field. Upon landing the aircraft rolled over and began to burn. One gunner was trapped under the aircraft. Nine men ran to the scene, rolled the aircraft over and rescued the gunner. The aircraft exploded seconds later and was destroyed.
- 8 December 1969** UH-1F #UNK lost due to enemy fire in the vicinity of Ban Don, RVN. The aircraft was hit several times by ground fire and the engine failed. The aircraft commander was trapped in the wreckage for some time. An Army slick assisted and the crew engaged in a firefight with enemy forces. The A/C experienced brain damage and was returned to the US.
- 14 March 1970** UH-1P #64-15491 lost due to enemy fire near Duc Lap, RVN. Captain Dana A. Dilley, KIA, other three crew members received major injuries.
- 19 March 1970** UH-1F #65-7944 lost due to enemy fire near Ban Me Thuot, RVN. Captain Clyde W. Enderle, Captain Carlos A. Estrada, Jr., and Tsgt James W. Greenwood were killed. A1C John M. Visnesky had major injuries.

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- 29 July 1970** UH-1P #65-7930 lost to enemy fire near Tuy Hoa, RVN. Major injuries to the crew. The pilot was returned to the US due to his injuries.
- 25 September 1970** UH-1P #64-15484 crashed into trees while attempting to avoid a mid-air collision with a VNAF H-34 near Duc Lap, RVN. Capt Jackie P. Heil and Msgt Gerald A. Cooper were killed. The other two crew members were injured.