



UH-1C IROQUOIS

Utility Helicopter - Gunship Version



The UH-1C was specifically developed as a gunship version until an attack helicopter, the Bell AH-1G Huey Cobra was available and to correct the deficiencies of the UH-1B when it was used in the armed role. The UH-1C was widely referred to as the "Huey Hog" in US Army service.

The "Charlie" model was fitted with the 1,100 shp T53-L-11 engine to provide the power needed to lift the weapons systems in use or under development at the time. It incorporated the new Bell 540 rotor system with 27-inch chord blades. The increased power lead Bell's engineers to design a new tailboom for the "C" which incorporated a wider chord fin on a longer boom and larger synchronized elevators. The "C" also introduced a dual hydraulic control system for redundancy in battle and an improved inlet filter system for the dusty conditions found in southeast Asia.

Development commenced in 1960, with production starting in June 1966. A total of 766 "C" models were completed.



OUR AIRCRAFT

SN 66-00563



UH-1C SN 66-00563 entered active duty with the US Army in August 1966. It served 3 tours in Vietnam with units of the 1st Aviation Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, and 4th Infantry Division from October 1966 to March 1972. After 2419 combat flight hours, 3 major factory rebuilds, 2 major depot repairs, and numerous combat damage repairs, it spent its last active duty days with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY. In January 1976 it was sent to the Sacramento Army Depot as a non-flying avionics training platform until the facility closure in 1995. It has since been restored as a static display by volunteers of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association - California Chapter North.

OCT 1966 - JAN 1968: 114th ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (Cobra) at Vinh Long, RVN

JAN 1969: D Troop/2nd Squadron/1st CAV (Blackhawk) at An Khe, RVN

FEB 1969 - JUN 1969: B COMPANY/4th Aviation BN/4th INF (Gambler) at Camp Enari (Pleiku), RVN

JUL 1969 - SEP 1969: D Troop/2nd Squadron/1st CAV (Blackhawk) at An Khe, RVN

OCT 1969 - JAN 1970: 134th ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (Devil) at Phu Hiep, RVN

MAY 1970 - JUL 1970: 175th ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (Outlaw) at Vinh Long, RVN

MAY 1971 - SEP 1971: 116th ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (Stinger) at Chu Lai, RVN

JAN 1972 - MAR 1972: 120th ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (Razorback) at Nha Be, RVN

SEP 1973 - DEC 1975: 101st Airborne DIV at Ft. Campbell, KY

JAN 1976 - MAR 1995: Sacramento Army Depot at Sacramento, CA

MAR 1995 - Present: Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association - California Chapter North at West Sacramento, CA

Specifications

Crew: Pilot, Co-pilot, Crew chief, and Gunner

Gross weight: 9,500 pounds

Speed: 140 Knots max

Range: 260 nautical miles

Armament: The UH-1C could be armed with a variety of hard point mounted weapons and crew held M-60 machine guns.

M3 - 24 each 2.75" folding-fin Rockets

M5 - Turret mounted 40mm Grenade launcher

M6 - Quad 7.62mm machine guns

M16 - Combined 7 each 2.75" rockets and quad 7.62 mm machine guns

M21- Combined 7 each 2.75" rockets and 7.62 mm 6 barrel mini- gun (up to 6000 rounds per minute)

M22- 6 each TOW missiles

DONATIONS WELCOME - This aircraft is maintained by volunteers using funds donated to the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association California Chapter North, a 501(c)3 not for profit veterans organization dedicated to the preservation of this helicopter and the memory of all who served in Vietnam.

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