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Commander dies in copter crash

side, Calif. Their unit washe United Press International MORGAN CITY, La. – at the Naval Air Stationin Marine "Huey" helicopter on a routine cross-country mission crashed into a makeshift levee

Chasse, La. The aircraft went down tween U.S. 90 and a street in south Louisiana, killing the Southern-Pacific railroad

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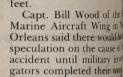
unit's commanding officer and injuring two other men.

The death of Lt. Col. James R. Mires, 42, of Orange, Texas, was confirmed late Thursday the emergency room at Lakewood Hospital in Morgan City and by military officials in New Orleans.

Also injured was Lt. Col. John G. Burns, 40, of Philadelphia.

Authorities said Burns was scheduled to relieve Mires as commander of the Marine Aircraft Group 46 Detachment B on Sunday.

The crash also injured was Dallas early Thursday en Cpl. Bill J. Wilson, 20, of Lake- to Belle Chasse.



The crash occurre

6:30 p.m., reportedly after

helicopter struck some

lines and plummeted 50

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Wood said the helicopt



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