

Rayner Brian

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To: Rayner Brian
Subject: Helicopter Crash at USAFRH

Hi,

(Sorry, don't remember your first name!)

You asked me to send you an email describing my recollection of the helicopter crash.

Shortly before 5pm on Tuesday May 30, a number of us (Billy Bartlet, Kelly Summers, Gene (??) and myself) saw a medivac helicopter flying at a low altitude over the course. The helicopter appeared to me to be having difficulty maintaining altitude -- it seemed to make a number of vertical (up and down) changes in height. The noise from the helicopter during these changes in altitude (though my recollection here is imperfect) seemed to vary in volume (i.e. loud, then soft, then loud). I remember wondering if the helicopter was stalling out. After a short time (the struggle described above probably only lasted about 30 seconds), the helicopter appeared to stabilize and flew off in the direction of the hospital, and went out of sight. A few minutes thereafter, we heard a loud noise on the eighth green (in the opposite direction of the hospital) and immediately knew that the helicopter had crashed. I'm not sure if it matters, but I would guess that roughly 5-10 minutes elapsed between our initial sighting of the helicopter and the crash, because Mr. Summers was about to tee off when we first saw the helicopter, and when it crashed, he had teed off and had walked about 150 yards down the fairway.

If you need any other information, Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Angela McKay