



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	PAPUA, Papua New Guinea	Accident Number:	LAX91LA172
Date & Time:	04/01/1991, 1700 HST	Registration:	N9227F
Aircraft:	HUGHES 369C	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	2 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General Aviation - Aerial Observation		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Flight Instructor; Commercial	Age:	44, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	Helicopter	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	03/09/1990
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	9000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 3500 hours (Total, this make and model), 8000 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 125 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 110 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	HUGHES	Registration:	N9227F
Model/Series:	369C 369C	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	1140665S
Landing Gear Type:	Skid	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	03/24/1991, 100 Hour	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3000 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	30 Hours	Engines:	1 Turbo Shaft
Airframe Total Time:	8756 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	ALLISON
ELT:	Installed, activated, did not aid in locating accident	Engine Model/Series:	250-C20
Registered Owner:	CAROLYN M PARTNERSHIP	Rated Power:	400 hp
Operator:	SARDINA & CILEU MGT. INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:	CAROLYN M PARTNERSHIP	Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	50 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	Calm /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:		Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	29° C / -18° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	Company VFR
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	1700	Type of Airspace:	

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	2 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Scott R Erickson

Additional Participating Persons:

Investigation Docket: NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov, or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/>.