

C-130E 62-1797 Detachment 1, 374 TAW, USAF, Tan Son Nhut
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The resupply of An Loc claimed yet another Hercules on the night of 3 May, the third since 18 April. Capt Unger had made his low level CDS drop and was pulling up from 500 feet to return to Tan Son Nhut when his aircraft was hit by automatic weapons fire. The Hercules crashed a few miles from An Loc and all the crew were killed. The aircraft was from the CCK's 50th TAS. After this incident no more low level drops were made at An Loc. The USAF resumed high altitude GRADS drops at An Loc on 4 May having solved some of the earlier problems with the system and achieved a 90 per cent success rate using this radar-directed drop procedure.