

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
198502563**

Westland Scout AH-1

10 November 1985

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Occurrence Number: 198502563
Location: Schofields NSW
Date: 10 November 1985
Highest Injury Level: Nil
Injuries:

Occurrence Type: Accident

Time: N/A

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Details: Westland Scout AH-1
Registration: VH-NVY
Serial Number:
Operation Type: Positioning
Damage Level: Substantial
Departure Point: Schofields NSW
Departure Time: N/A
Destination: HMAS Nirimba NSW

Approved for Release: March 13th 1986

Circumstances:

The helicopter had been transported by road to Schofields to form part of the static display associated with an air show. Although it was airworthy, the helicopter was the only one of its type in the country and had not been approved for flight at the show. At the conclusion of the show, one of the persons responsible for the restoration of the aircraft became concerned for its security, and he elected to hover taxi the helicopter a short distance onto Naval property. He had never received any formal helicopter flying instruction and control of the aircraft was lost shortly after it became airborne. The helicopter struck the ground while moving backwards and came to rest on its side some 60 metres from the parked position.