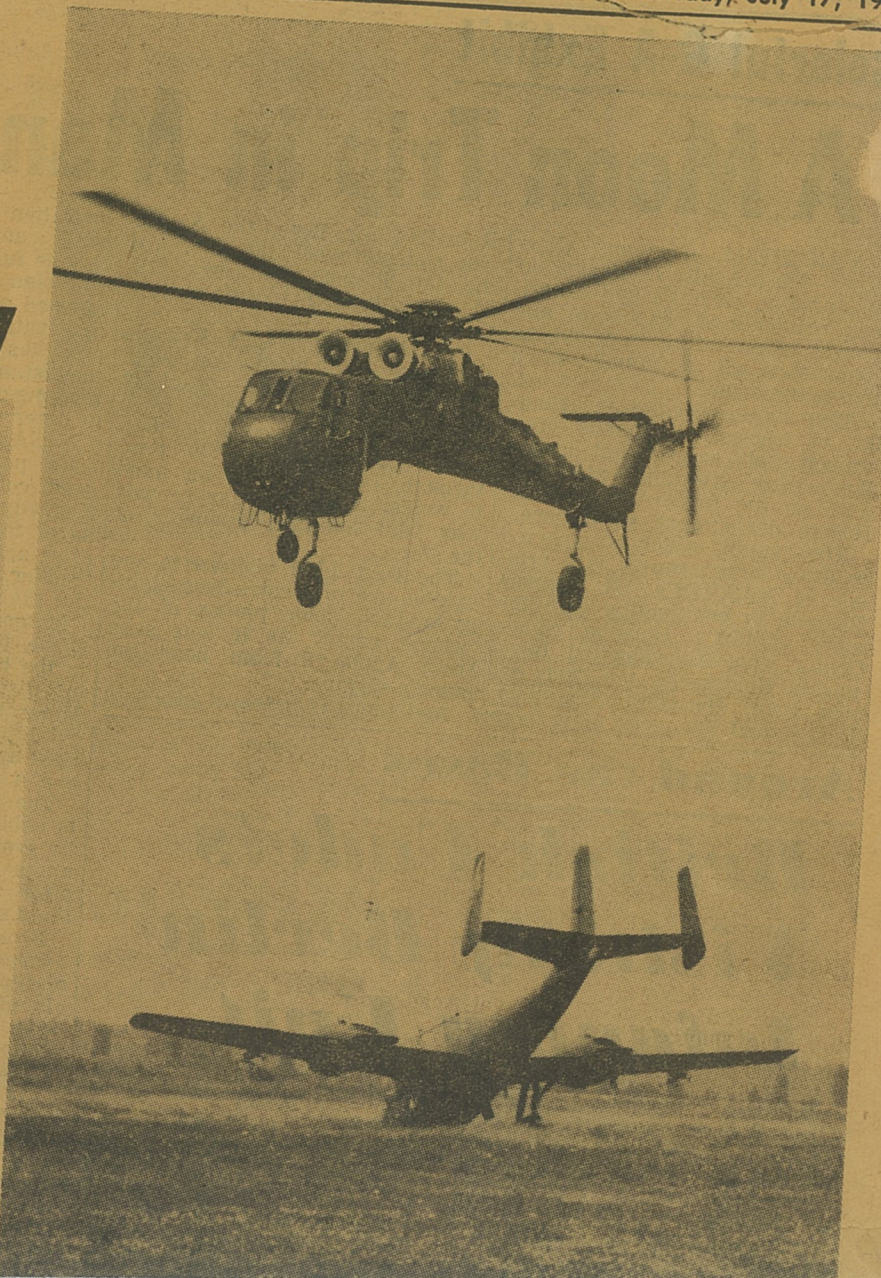


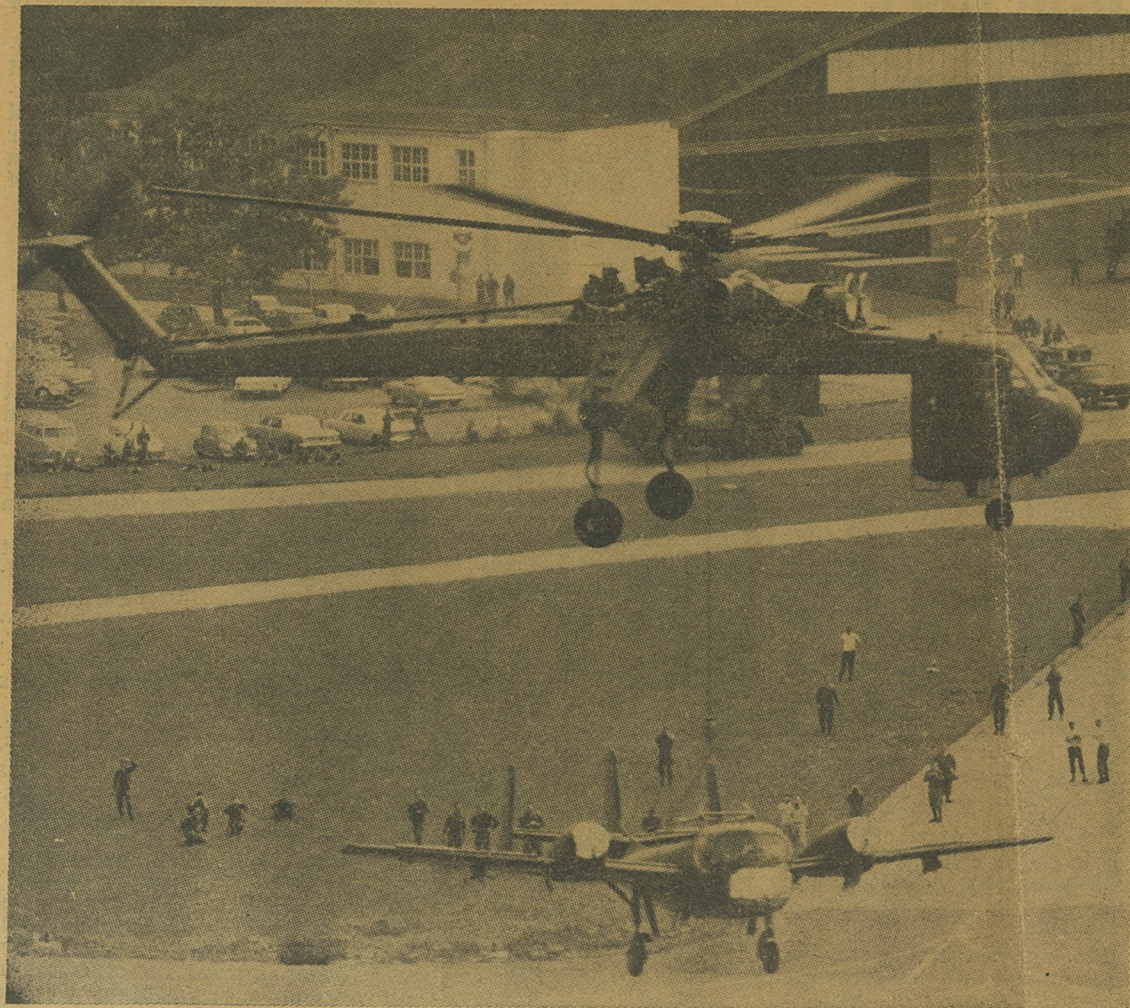
# Flying Crane Unit Lifts Downed Mohawk For Its First Recovery

"A malfunction in reversing the props on landing—one reversed and the other didn't—and off the runway I went," said Capt. Lawrence D. Hower, pilot of the Mohawk that ended up in the mud flats along the runway at Fliegerhorst Casern in Hanau after completing a photo mission back in April. No one was hurt. Early this month the 295th Aviation Co (heavy helicopter) from Finthen Airfield near Mainz, Germany, was called in to transport the Mohawk, the 295th's first actual recovery operation since the flying cranes arrived in Europe in May. "There's no telling how much money and time was saved by these two companies working together in hauling this plane for repairs at Coleman Barracks near Mannheim," said Capt. Elbert C. Black III, maintenance officer for the 122 Aviation Co (airborne surveillance). "It would have taken us quite a while to disassemble the wings and fix the plane for land transport, and it would have been further damaged by road vibrations, etc.," added Black. After an eight-man recovery and evacuation team from Hanau's 30th Transportation Co hooked in an aircraft



CO recovery sling, the big crane— with 20,000-pound lifting capacity — hovered overhead and in less than five minutes the disabled 10,000-pound Mohawk was airborne for repairs with CWOs Max Bentley and Robert Meade at the controls of the crane.

—BILL NEAL Team headed by CWO Charles Regan installs recovery sling.



The disabled Mohawk begins its airlift journey by giant Flying Crane helicopter.



DOWN AND UP—A Flying Crane from the 295th Aviation Co hovers and lowers a cable to hook up for transporting the disabled Mohawk aircraft from Fliegerhorst Casern in Hanau to Coleman Barracks in Mannheim for repairs. Below, the Mohawk is lifted from the runway in Hanau for its trip to Mannheim.

—Army Photos, Tomaras

