

Camarillan 'satisfactory' after copter crash; pilot lost at sea

A Camarillo co-pilot is in "satisfactory" condition today at the Naval Hospital at Port Hueneme while a Point Mugu pilot has been declared officially missing and presumably dead in the aftermath of Monday's helicopter crash off the Ventura County coastline.

Lt. Michael W. Delorey, 28, of 120 Calle La Fiesta, Camarillo, is listed in

"satisfactory" condition at the naval hospital with a fractured pelvis, abrasions and contusions in the incident, military officials said Tuesday.

But the helicopter pilot flying the H-3 helicopter which crashed into the Pacific Ocean Monday afternoon about 20 miles from Point Mugu while on a routine flight remains lost at sea.

He has been identified as Lt. Commander Richard M. Shand, 38, of Point Mugu, a pilot attached to the Point Mugu Naval Missile Center as head of the Missile Target Division.

A search for Lt. Cdr. Shand was discontinued at about 10:20 a.m. Tuesday morning after an all-night search by three helicopters, a fixed wing aircraft and a missile frigate proved fruitless.

Identities of the four crewmates, withheld Monday pending notification of kinfolk, have been released. Treated at the naval dispensary and released were Aviation Machinists Mate, First Class, Robert Francis Lavoie, 27, of Oxnard; Aviation Machinists Mate, Second Class, Donald Gilliam, 29, of Point Mugu and Aviation Machinists Mate, Second Class, Thomas H. Rahn, 32, also of Point Mugu.

Lt. Cdr. Shand is survived by a wife, Judith L. and three children, Gwen, 14; Paige, 12 and Guy, 9, all of whom reside at 1022 Oriole Drive at Point Mugu.

LCDR Shand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcomb A. Shand of Route 9, Chestertown, N.Y.

An accident investigation board is being convened to ferret out probable cause of the accident, but results are not expected for several weeks. Announcement of memorial services for the downed pilot is pending.



Camarillan safe

Lt. Michael Delorey



Missing

Lt. Cdr. Richard M. Shand