

Khmer Air Force Cessna T-41Ds

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I) **Statistics:**

1) **According to Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly reports November 73 to June 74:**

Number of Cessna T-41Ds assigned to the Khmer Air Force

14 (Nov. 73 – Jan. 74) > 18 (Feb. – June 74)

- The T-41s operated out of Battambang (Air America's Phnom Penh Station weekly report for 7-14 January 72, in: UTD/Leary/B50F11) for use in the general pilot training program.
- 2 T-41Ds had been damaged prior to April 73 and were still lying damaged in the heavy maintenance hangar at Pochentong in April 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for April 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1)

2) **According to the Archival Databases of the National Archives:**

According to the list of US MAP contracts published by the National Archives, the Khmer Air Force received the following quantities of aircraft (information info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson – e-mail sent to the author on 23 October 2010):

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Year acquired</u>	<u>Type of acquisition</u>	<u>Origin</u>
ZB24	12	T-41D	1971	Procured (PR)	USAF
BF17	7	T-41D	1972	Procured (PR)	USAF
BE99	4	T-41D	1973	Procured (PR)	USAF
CQ04	1	T-41D	1974	Procured (PR)	USAF

3) **According to other sources:**

- According to Conboy / Bowra, *The war in Cambodia*, p. 20, the Khmer Air Force had 9 T-41s by the end of 1971
- According to Grandolini/Cooper/Troung, *Cambodia*, part 2, the Khmer Air Force lost 4 T-41s in early 1972.

II) Individual aircraft histories:

- T-41D “70-02040” R172-458 1971
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: gained by the Khmer Air Force in 1971 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); also reported as delivered to the Turkish Army as in 1971, but that seems to be an error.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02048” R172-466 1971
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: gained by the Khmer Air Force in 1971 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); also reported as delivered to the Turkish Army as in 1971, but that seems to be an error.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02049” R172-467 1971
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: gained by the Khmer Air Force in 1971 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); also reported as delivered to the Turkish Army as in 1971, but that seems to be an error.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02050” R172-468 1971
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: gained by the Khmer Air Force in 1971 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014).
Fate: 70-2050 was lost as a Class A accident, 14 July 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014).
- T-41D “70-02051” R172-0469 5 April 71
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 5 April 71 (71095); should go to the Turkish Army, but was delivered to the Khmer Air Force instead; the nose section was repaired in October 73 (Air America’s Phnom Penh Station monthly report for October 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02052” R172-0470 6 April 71
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 6 April 71 (71096); had a hard landing; still not repaired in October 73 (Air America’s Phnom Penh Station monthly report for October 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); crash damage repairs completed on 16 November 73 (Air America’s Phnom Penh Station monthly report for November 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); engine installed on 26

December 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for December 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D "70-02053" R172-0471 6 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 6 April 71 (71096); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D "70-02054" R172-0472 6 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 6 April 71 (71096); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: 70-2054 was lost as a Class A accident on 9 October 71 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014).

T-41D "70-02055" R172-0473 7 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 7 April 71 (71097); shrapnel damage was repaired at Battambang in June 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for June 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1) also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D "70-02056" R172-0474 7 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 3 March 71 (71062); USAF to TL MAP on 7 April 71 (71097); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: 70-2056 was lost as a Class A accident on 14 July 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report for the 1 July to 30 September 1971 period, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014).

T-41D "70-02057" R172-0475 15 March 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 15 March 71 (71074); USAF to TL MAP on 15 March 71 (71074); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D "70-02058" R172-0476 20 April 71

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: Cessna to USAF on 15 March 71 (71074); USAF to TL MAP on 20 April 71 (71110); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

- T-41D “70-02059” R172-0477 20 April 71
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 15 March 71 (71074); USAF to TL MAP on 20 April 71 (71110); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02060” R172-0478 20 April 71
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 15 March 71 (71074); USAF to TL MAP on 20 April 71 (71110); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “70-02061” R172-0479 20 April 71
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 15 March 71 (71074); USAF to TL MAP on 20 April 71 (71110); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “71-01384” R172-0495 ? 3 June 72 ex VNAF
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: 71-1384 gained by KAF on 3 June 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); repairs were in progress in November 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for November 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1).
Fate: 71-1384 was lost as a Class A accident on 26 July 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014).
- T-41D “71-01385” R172-0496 3 June 72 ex VNAF
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: 71-1385 gained by KAF on 3 June 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); repairs were in progress in November 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for November 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1).
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “72-01429” R172-0531 26 Aug. 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1429 gained by KAF 19 September 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); shrapnel damage was repaired at Battambang in June 73 (Air America's Phnom Penh Station monthly report for June 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1) also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p.187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

- T-41D “72-01430” R172-0532 26 Aug. 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1430 gained by KAF 19 September 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “72-01431” R172-0533 8 November 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1431 gained by KAF 8 November 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “72-01432” R172-0534 8 November 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1432 gained by KAF 8 November 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “72-01433” R172-0535 8 November 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1433 gained by KAF 8 November 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); shrapnel damage was repaired at Battambang in June 73 (Air America’s Phnom Penh Station monthly report for June 73, in: UTD/CIA/B39F1); also mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “72-01434” R172-0536 8 November 72
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: Cessna to USAF on 16 August 72 (72229); to TL MAP on 26 August 72 (72239); 72-1434 gained by KAF 8 November 72 (MAP/MEDTC Report, USAFHRA, Maxwell AFB, info kindly supplied by Sid Nanson on 14 November 2014); mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “73-1659” R172-0547
 (real serial as borne unknown)
Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.
Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia
- T-41D “73-1660” R172-0548 1973
 (real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D “73-1661” R172-0549 1973

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D “73-1662” R172-0550 1973

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: landed at U Tapao in April 1975; to the Royal Thai Air Force as BF14/13/18 (World Air Forces: Cambodia, at <http://www.aeroflight.co.uk/waf/aa-eastasia/cambodia/cam-af1-aircraft.htm>)

T-41D “73-1663” R172-0551 1973

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

T-41D “74-1724” R172-0604 1974

(real serial as borne unknown)

Service history: ?; mentioned in Ian Carroll, *World Air Forces Directory 1998/9*, p. 187.

Fate: ?; believed destroyed or abandoned in Cambodia

According to MEDTC (Military Equipment Delivery Team – Cambodia) sources, the Khmer Air Force had received 23 T-41Ds by 31 March 75, of which 10 had been lost by that date. Of the remaining 13 T-41Ds, all were still in Cambodia on 31 March 75. One T-41D was evacuated to Thailand on 17/18 April 75, leaving 12 T-41Ds in Cambodia. These aircraft were captured by the Khmer Rouge, when Cambodia fell to the forces of Pol Pot on 18 April 1975, making a total of 1 T-41D that escaped to Thailand (MEDTC Statistics kindly submitted by Sid Nanson on 16 October 2014).