

Gunships in action over Somalia

The AC-130 “Spectre” gunship which carried out an attack on suspected al-Qaeda targets in Somalia has already seen combat in the Horn of Africa, supporting UN troops in Operations Continue Hope and United Shield. In March 1994, an AC-130 crashed off the coast of Kenya killing eight crew

AC-130H gunship – Crew: 13, built by Lockheed/Boeing, 21 on active duty

Black Crow
radio sensor

Laser
target
designator

Beacon
tracking radar

Searchlight

Twin 20mm
Vulcan cannon
(6,600 rounds/min)

7.62mm
Miniguns
(3,000 rounds/min)

40mm Bofors canon
(100 rounds/min)

105mm
howitzer

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