

WITNESS STATEMENT

NAME: ALEXANDER, JOHN C      SP5      OCCUPATION: Senior Hel Repairman  
ADDRESS: B Troop 2/17th Cav      DATE OF ACCIDENT: 2 July 1969  
101st Abn Div      DATE OF STATEMENT: 4 July 1969  
APO SF 96383

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Q. What part of the aircraft did you work on?

A. The tail rotor.

Q. Did you notice anything wrong with it?

A. No.

Q. Did you turn it in to be magnaflexed?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you get the same one back?

A. No.

Q. Do you know who pulled the oil samples?

A. No.

Q. Were you rushed?

A. No.

Q. Do you think this was a better than average aircraft?

A. I'd say average.

Q. Did you notice anything unusual about the aircraft?

A. No, except the tail rotor cable was a little frayed, but it was checked off.

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Q. Was all the work you did checked by a TI?

A. I don't know for sure, they said it was.

Q. Where was the cable frayed?

A. About 6 or 8 inches up from the 42° box.

Q. What was causing it to fray?

A. I'd say normal wear.

Q. When you checked the tail rotor do you make sure the rotor doesn't go any closer than 3 inches to the tail boom?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you check this one?

A. I didn't, but I know Mr. Holditch and SGT Tovey did.

Q. You didn't check it yourself?

A. I checked movement but didn't notice how close it was to the tail boom.

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