

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Camp Villarosa	DATE 14 June 71	TIME	FILE NUMBER
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SWORN STATEMENT

RAM Richard A. Hendrick WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 18 May 1971 along with the team members of RT Krait and RT Habu was inserted into the AO to determine the status of RT Alaska and an aircraft belonging to C CO., 158th Avn. Bn. Upon inserting we discovered 3 dead team members of RT Alaska and 1 dead NVA soldier. After extracting the bodies we were instructed to move to the crash site. Enroute to the crash site we found numerous parts belonging to the downed aircraft: 2 skids, 1 M-60 machine gun, 1 tail boom, 1 main rotor, numerous maps and charts and pieces of plexiglass. We also found one freshly mutilated body that was a crew member (wearing norex). The body was in numerous pieces and no identification was made. We then moved down to the crash site. We found the aircraft to be upside down. One crew member (SP5 Parker) was inside of the aircraft. He had recieved a gun shot wound and compound fracture of the leg. He stated that he did not know what had happened during the crash and did not know the status of the other crewmembers. He said that he did not bandage himself because someone had removed the aid kits. He also stated that the emergency radio was gone also. I then searched the aircraft and this to be true. The A/C UHF radio was switched to 243.00 megacycles, however; the radio was inoperative. The right side of the aircraft was badly damaged and the seat was almost completely removed from the aircraft. The safety belts had been torn out. The left side of the aircraft and the on the left side, were intact. The armor plate on the left side was pulled back and no blood was found in the pilot's seat. All indications were that the pilot had exited the aircraft under his own power. Also there were footprints in the mud on the left side of the aircraft where someone had entered and exited the passenger's compartment. We searched the immediate area and hollered numerous times with negative results. We then called FAC and directed a slick in and extracted the wounded crew chief by ladder with no incidents. FAC then directed us to be extracted. In the process of extracting the recovery team, one other crew member was located approximately 1000 meters form the crash site. He was wounded and waving his clothing trying to hail the recovery aircraft. He also was extracted without incident. This statement is factual to the best of my knowledge. *RAM*

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