

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Camp Villerosa	DATE 1 June 1971	TIME	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME COOK ROBERT E	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]	GRADE SSG	
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SWORN STATEMENT

Robert E. Cook

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

On 18 May 71, I, Robert E. Cook, [REDACTED] inserted on an operation with other members of this command. We found two U.S. KIA on, or near, the LZ. There was also one SCU, KIA on the LZ, all were members of this unit. We moved approx 300 meters from the LZ and found one helicopter destroyed, at the bottom of a very steep hill. There was wreckage scattered approx. 200 meters from where the chopper had crashed and then rolled down the hill. We found one body in flight-fatigues approx. 70 meters west, up the hill, from the chopper. This body was American, but was very badly mutilated and recognition, and/or recovery was impossible. I went to the body and tried to discover any identify. From waist up the body was totally mutilated and beyond recognition. From waist down I would judge that the size of the man was average - 5'11" and 180 lbs. Without too recovery was impossible because it was buried in dirty, trees, brush, and aircraft debris. I believe I saw one pilot seat and a harness. At this we also found a wounded man, crewman, in the chopper and concentrated our efforts on extracting him. First aid was given by our medic and the man was or seemed to be in shock from the wound in his leg. My 10 gave the crewman his stabo rig for extraction by ladder. I did not see the inside of the chopper. I did notice, tho I that the M-60 on the left side was still on its gun mount. We then extracted our team. As we were being extracted by ladder, another member of the crew was found about 200 meters from the chopper. He directed attention to him-self by waving his shirt at the other choppers in the air. This statement covers all I know about the operation. It is correct to the best of my knowledge. *ELC*

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