

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Camp Villarosa	DATE 1 June 71	TIME	FILE NUMBER
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SWORN STATEMENT

CWR Coy W. Reese

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

On 18 May 1971 RTs Krait and HABU, were inserted on a mission to recover the bodies and survivors of RT Alaska and the downed chopper. About 20-40 meters off the LZ we found the bodies of SGT Dehnke, SP5 Hollingsworth, and one SCU. There was no sign of LT Entrican being wounded or whatever. From this location we moved in a southeast direction downhill where we found the downed helicopter lying upside down uphill. We found pieces of the chopper scattered for about 200 meters down the hill to the chopper. We found one crew member in the chopper still alive. He said his name was Parker. He was shot in upper left leg and had a fracture in the same place. The medic moved down and started giving him treatment. While the medic was treating Parker, I was informed there was a body approx. 70 meters to the west uphill. Several people had already seen him and when I saw him, he was completely mutilated and it appeared that some of his limbs had been ripped off while falling through the trees. He was wearing a helicopter flight uniform. I could not see his rank or name tag. He was buried in heavy debris and it would have been almost impossible for us to try to get him out. When the medic had finished treating Parker, we moved him approx 10 meters uphill where SGT McGlothren took his stabo rig off and put it on Parker so he could be extracted. He went out on the first chopper on ladders and SGT McGlothren climbed the ladder to get inside, also going out on the first bird. We then extracted the rest of the team. As we were extracting, another member of the crew was spotted waving his shirt about 200 meter from the downed chopper. I personally did not see the inside of the downed chopper, however, it was brought to my attention that all the medical supplies on the bird had been removed and Parker had no water nor means to treat himself. *CWR*

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