

# Line of Duty Investigations

I had no more reported to the First Sgt when I was appointed to do the—damn, can't remember the name—a report that determined if the death was duty related—Ah Line of Duty Investigation. The first was a kid who had just got off the night shift and stopped to watch them winch an APC off of an LST. The cable snapped and though the kid was standing a good thirty yards away, it wiped back and decapitated him. The next was a 19-year-old who fell in love with a boom-boom girl and rented an apartment for her. He came home too soon and found her with another soldier. He went back to his quarters—the Ky Son maybe?—and shot himself in the gut with a 45.

Engineers from the First ID had made a teeter-totter and swing set for the kids in a nearby orphanage. They tried to lift it out of the base camp with a rescue cable from a Huey. The two items began to spin, the cable snapped and whipped back to the rear rotor. When the rotor went out the Huey began to spin, crashed to the ground. All on the Huey were killed as well as two men on the ground crew.

That's ten cases I know about.