

MISHAP REPORT

179th Aviation Co.  
CH47C S/N 68-16010  
20 March 81 1130 hours  
New Mexico

Class B Aircraft Mishap

Aircraft was enroute with crew of (4) four and (6) six passengers. The aircraft encountered severe turbulence resulting in a aircraft pitch up of 40° to 50° followed by a nose pitch down of 80°. Two of the aft rotor blades contacted the No. 1 tunnel cover and was torn from the aircraft. The aft rotor blades also contacted the No. 1 drive shaft flex pack and balance flange. The aircraft made an immediate landing.

There were no reported injuries to any of the personnel on board.

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