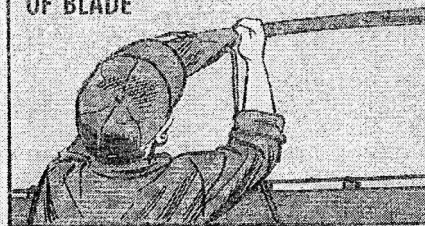


Never flex the OH-58A main rotor blade by grabbing the tip cap, Kiowa mechs. That kind of treatment will crack the facing compound.

A surface crack in the compound—beginning about 4 inches aft of the spar and extending toward the trailing edge—is no cause for condemning the blade. There is no structural damage. Only the compound is affected so your buddies at support can make repairs in the prop and rotor shop.

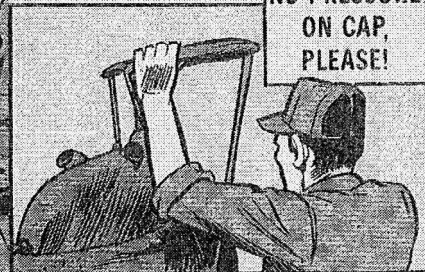
You won't be faced with a grounded bird, tho, if you simply insert the blade tie-down over the end of the blade.

PUT BLADE TIE-DOWN OVER END OF BLADE



Then, secure the blade. The tie-down will distribute the downward forces so you won't put excess pressure on the cap.

NO PRESSURE ON CAP, PLEASE!



A SURFACE CRACK CAN BE REPAIRED!

