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Navy disciplines Concord brass

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blocked tracks leading to the base as a train approached.

In the Sept. 1 incident, Willson, joined by others, sat on railroad tracks as a Navy train moved toward them. While the others escaped serious injury, Willson was hit by the train, losing both legs.

In disciplining Cagle, the vice admiral said in the letter of admonition that the base commander "negligently failed in his responsibility to ensure the safety, well-being and efficiency of his entire command."

The Navy spokeswoman said the letter would not affect Cagle's

present position but would be considered in any of his future commands.

Ching, the officer in charge of the facility's public works, "failed to adequately support the commanding officer . . . failed to properly organize, plan, direct, supervise and train personnel of the public works department so as to conduct safe railroad operations at the weapons station on Sept. 1," the reprimand said, according to the spokeswoman.

Additionally, Ching was found

"derelict in his performance by failing to ensure proper training of command railroad personnel between June 1985 and Sept. 1," the spokeswoman said, quoting from the letter.

Another investigation of the incident will begin Nov. 18, when the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Investigations begins hearings.

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