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Why we were assigned
to the 188th

Security Guards - 188th

K The physical security plans of the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion and all subordinate units are integrated with the base camp defense plans of the major units garrisoned at CU CHI, TAY NINH, and DAU TIENG. Within the company areas themselves bunker complexes are still a priority item for construction. The frequency of mortar attacks dictates that constant improvements be made in personnel bunkers and aircraft revetments.

A serious problem exists in the physical security requirement at TAY NINH and DAU TIENG. At TAY NINH the unit commander is required to man the perimeter bunker line of the base camp with 9 enlisted men each night. Requirements placed on personnel leave no choice of selection for this task but to utilize maintenance personnel. This loss of maintenance power directly affects the efficiency and output of the maintenance detachment assigned.

This problem was created essentially when the major unit located at TAY NINH was withdrawn, leaving primarily support units in the area. A subsequent requirement for guards was created.

One possible solution to alleviate this drain of manpower was the submission of a modification to the TDA, recommending the addition of a security platoon. This procedure, however, would not have been satisfactory, since approval of an MTDA would have taken considerable time, during which time the 187th AHC may have relocated. A similar problem exists in the 188th base camp at DAU TIENG.

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