

TET '68

269th
During this period, the 269th worked with the 25th Division in their constant offensive actions, almost

exclusively in the CU CHI - SAIGON area when the VC/NVA forces were engaged in the TET OFFENSIVE. The aviation support of this battalion was instrumental in the 25th Division's actions to open the road between SAIGON and CU CHI and the actual securing of SAIGON proper. In one operation, TAN SON NHUT airfield was the LZ used for the ground elements. As the VC/NVA TET action slowly lost its offensive punch, the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion provided support for various allied units during Operation RESOLVED TO WIN. This highly successful action was designed to remove the enemy forces that were still in positions around the SAIGON, LONG BINH, and BINH HOA area. As a result of supporting allied units on a continued offensive action the 269th had one of its most successful actions to date. On 72 separate combat assaults, all units flew a combined total of 25,585 sorties, carried 47,123 passengers, transported 7,518 tons of cargo, for a total of 9,144 flying hours. The 269th gunships accounted for 131 confirmed enemy kills, and an estimated 104 enemy kills. In addition, the gunships destroyed 163 VC sampans and structures. The 269th suffered 9 wounded personnel and had 64 aircraft sustain combat damage. Through skill, courage and determination, the officers and men of the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion provided the 25th Infantry Division and other allied units with the necessary aviation support to thwart a determined drive by the VC/NVA forces.

← The 116th and 187th Assault Helicopter Companies continued as the primary aviation support units for the 25th Infantry Division; however, tactical situations required their use outside the Division AO. All assault companies have conducted operations in support of the 1st and 9th Infantry Divisions, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, ARVN forces, and personnel from Civilian Irregular Defense Groups.