

SEAPA

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221st SIGNAL COMPANY

MAC-V 8-8-67 (A)

ADOPTION OF the 191st BY the 5th of 60th

BEAR CAT SOUTH VIET NAM

SP5 FOULKE

SP4 DINESSEN

6 AUG 1967

ARRI HL

7242

400FT

NONE

X

X

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HAGRA

DAY EXT

ASA

80

TWO (2)

SUMMARY

During informal ceremonies at Bear Cat, home of the U.S. Army's 9th Inf. Division; the 191st assault helicopter company was formally adopted by the 5th Battalion of the 60th Inf. of the 9th Inf. Division.

The 191st arrived in country about two months ago and during that time the 5th of the 60th was first assigned to the fifth - battalion and later were requested to transport the troops of the 5th Battalion on combat assaults. During this time both units were very pleased with the way the two units preformed towards one another and decided, that the 191st Assault Helicopter Company would be adopted by the 5th Battalion of the 60th Infantry (MOCR) for all future assaults.

It is believed to be the first such adoption of a support unit to have taken place. Previously units were attached to or assigned to the ground units.

Men of the 5th Battalion were heli-lifted from the delta to Bear Cat shortly after noon on the 6th of Aug. Where upon both unit commanders gave Military Greetings to each other, then proceeded to the microphone to accept the adoption and exchange of gifts and again the Military Greeting between the two commanding officers, after which a cook-out took place.

ROLL 1.

1. LS. SYNC Huey helicopters coming in a Bear Cat with men of the 60th Inf. 5th Battalion.
2. CU. " Men of the 5th Battalion of the 60th Inf. getting off the Chopter
3. LS. SILENT Men of the 191st Assault Helicopter Company standing on the left.
4. LS. SILENT Men of the 5th Bn of the 60th Inf. standing on the right.
5. LS. SYNC Both Unit commanders saluting each other in front of there units.
6. MS. " Maj. Clarence A. Patnode Jr. of St. Peterburg, Fla. and Allen S. Flynn of Gardner, Mass. Battalion commander of the 5th of the 60th. advancing to microphone.
7. CU. " LTC Flynn of the 5th of the 60th Inf giving his speech for the adoption of the 191st Assault company. Later LTC Flynn gave a Springfield rifle captured from the VC. to Maj Patnode of the 191
8. MS. " 1st Assault Helicopter Company.
Sp4 Schuman, of San Jose, Calif and Sp5 Readle sitting in a helicopter eating lunch.

ROLL 2

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1. MS. SYNC Maj. Clarence A. Patnode Jr Commanding officer of the 191st give in speech on the adoption of there unit into the 5th of the 60th. Later the Maj. gives a gift of a Huey elevator that was hit by shrapnel on the first Assault landing made by the 5th of the 60th.
2. S. SYNC Both Commanders calling there tropps to attention while the CO's salute each other after the ceremony.
3. CU. " Stakes on the grill and men in line after the ceremony.
4. MS. " Men getting patotce salad and baked beans to eat.
5. MS. " Cook turning over the stakes on the grill and handing them out.
6. LS. " High angle over looking the cook out in the hanger on the 191st
7. CU. " Men opening coke cans in t trailer full of ice.
8. MS. " PFC Darel Kinney of ST. Louis, MO. at the stake line getting one.
9. CU. " PFC Kinney moving to the patotce salad line and corn chip area.
10. MS. " PFC Kinney getting a scoop of patotce salad on the plate.
11. MS. " PFC Kinney moving father through the line.
12. MS. " Men of the Aviation unit standing in line for stakes.