

14th Avn Bn (Cbt)

Unit History

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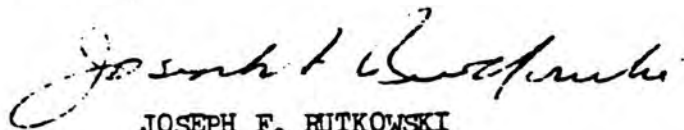


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PREFACE

October 1971 brings to a close a proud and gallant record of combat service in Vietnam for the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion. Members of the Battalion have engaged the enemy from Nha Trang to Khe Sanh and into The Kingdom of Laos over the past seven years. These engagements have taken their toll. One hundred and fifty four men died gallantly for the cause of freedom and countless more were wounded. The high spirit and "can do" attitude remains with the unit up to and through the "stand down" phase. To some "stand down" is the demise of a unit, to current and former members of the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion it is merely a change in mission and preparation for a new challenge. The 14th Combat Aviation Battalion has on countless occasions proven its Versatility as is so appropriately emblazoned on the unit crest. The mission of the Battalion in CONUS, be it training or support, will be accomplished in the same spirit as the combat mission. To have served on two occasions with the "Arabs" has for me been a privilege, challenge and one of extreme satisfaction.



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14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION

I. BACKGROUND:

The 14th Aviation Battalion was constituted 2 September 1964, in the Regular Army as Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion and was activated 3 September 1964, at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Battalion Headquarters arrived in Saigon, RVN 14 October 1964, and was assigned to the United States Army Support Command Vietnam. On 21 October 1964, Headquarters, 14th Aviation Battalion moved from Saigon to Nha Trang. The Battalion was declared operational 17 November 1964. The 14th Aviation Battalion was originally composed of the following companies and supporting detachments.

18th Aviation Company	51st Trans Detachment
92nd Aviation Company	2nd Signal Detachment
339th Trans Company	8th Field Hospital (attached)
87th QM Detachment	19th Signal Detachment

Later the following units were assigned:

I Corps Aviation Company	20th Aviation Detachment
54th Aviation Company	131st Aviation Company
61st Aviation Company	134th Aviation Company
220th Aviation Company	135th Aviation Company
57th Aviation Company	

As a fixed wing Battalion the 14th controlled assets throughout RVN and was responsible for numerous long distance cargo, regular VIP passenger flights as well as surveillance of various areas. Effective 15 April 1965, the 14th was assigned to the US Army Aviation Group Vietnam. The Group was then renamed the 12th Aviation Group 31 August 1965. By April 1966, the Battalion had been divested of most of its fixed wing assets. Many of the companies were redeployed to the states. The 61st, 92nd, and 134th companies were refitted

with UH-1Hs and UH-1C helicopters and returned to RVN 1 November 1967. At that time they were assigned to various other battalions. Later in 1966, the 14th Battalion moved to Iane Army Heliport (West of Qui Nhon) to begin operations as a combat aviation battalion. The 161st and 174th Assault Helicopter Companies were assigned 1 June 1966. The 282nd Air mobile Company was assigned to the 14th on 12 June 1966. In September 1966, the remaining fixed wing companies were detached. During the spring of 1967, the 176th AHC and the 196th ASHC joined the 14th Battalion. The 196th afforded the Battalion its first organic CH-47s.

The assets of the 14th while at Qui Nhon were used to support the famed 9th White Horse and Capitol ROK Infantry Divisions. This association lasted until April 1967, when the Battalion displaced to unprepared tactical field sites in and around Chu Lai to support Task Force Oregon. Task Force Oregon became the Americal Division and the 14th remained to provide aviation support for this unique combat organization.

While beginning their new task of supporting Task Force Oregon the 14th welcomed two more assault helicopter companies into its command, the 71st and the 176th AHCs. In April of 1967, the 71st arrived at Chu Lai from Ben Hoa in order to support the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. Later in the year, November 67, the 176th was released from its mission supporting the 101st at Duc Pho and joined the 14th CAB at Chu Lai. The primary mission assigned to the 176th was to provide aviation support to the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

II. PRESENT CONFIGURATION AND MISSION:

The 14th Battalion's present mission is to provide command, control, staff planning and administrative supervision for three to seven transport aviation companies. (4) Presently the 14th Combat Aviation Bat-

talion is providing timely direct and general aviation support to the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal) and selected units within the I Corps Tactical Zone, on a 24 hour basis. At Chu Lai the 14th fulfilled this mission by providing the following types of support; resupply, reconnaissance, combat assaults, artillery displacement, administrative unit moves, command and control, medical evacuation, armed helicopter escort and other assigned missions, to the 23rd Division and the 2nd ARVN Division.

Headquarters Company, 14th Battalion, 71st Assault Helicopter Company, 174th AHC, 176th AHC and the 178th ASHC were officially attached to the Americal Division in January 1968. On 6 January 1968, the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion was reassigned from the 17th Combat Group (5) to the 16th Combat Aviation Group. During this period the 161st AHC was released from the 14th Battalion and became A Company 123rd, the nucleus of the 123rd CAB. The 14th Battalion now consisted of three assault helicopter companies and one assault support company. In December 1968, another company was attached to the 14th, it was the 132nd Assault Support Helicopter Company. The capabilities of the 14th Battalion were greatly increased with the addition of this support helicopter unit.

During December 1969, the 14th CAB was tasked to support "Operation Holly". On this operation they were in support of the annual Bob Hope Show. They transported several thousand soldiers from fire bases into Chu Lai and return, so they could view the show. Bob Hope and his troupe were flown in from an aircraft carrier to Chu Lai.

The year 1970, had several significant events pertaining to the 14th CAB. The 116th AHC was placed under the operational control of

the Battalion on 7 July 1970. On 1 January 1971, they were assigned to the Battalion making it the largest aviation battalion in Vietnam.

Until September 1971, the 14th CAB consisted of its Headquarters and Headquarters Company and its attached 14th Security Platoon and 534th Medical Detachment; the 176th Assault Helicopter Company (Minutemen & Muskets); the 71st Assault Helicopter Company (Rattlers & Firebirds); the 174th Assault Helicopter Company (Dolphins & Sharks) and its attached 756th Medical Detachment; the 116th Assault Helicopter Company (Hornets & Stingers); the 132nd Assault Support Helicopter Company (Hercules) and the 178th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Box Cars).

III. RECENT SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS:

A. General Support. During November and December 1970, the 14th CAB was in direct and general support on a daily basis with operations involving elements of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 11th Light Infantry Brigade, 4th, 5th and 6th ARVN Regiments and LRRP operations with G Company, 75th Rangers. These units were involved in the following operations:

11th Infantry Brigade - Iron Mountain

196th Infantry Brigade - Fredrick Hill

198th Infantry Brigade - Geneva Park and Nantucket Beach

B. Operation Holly. On 24 December 1970, the 14th CAB was once again in support of "Operation Holly", in which units provided aircraft to transport troops from the field to Da Nang for the annual Bob Hope Christmas Show.

C. Lam Son 719. On 23 January 1971, the Battalion was notified

that two assault helicopter companies and one assault support helicopter company would be redeployed in support of operation Lam Son 719. On the morning of 29 January 1971, the men and ground support equipment of Headquarters 14th CAB, 71st AHC, 174th AHC and the 132nd ASHC departed by convoy. All units deployed to Quang Tri, RVN, with the exception of the 132nd ASHC, they were under the operational control of the 159th Aviation Battalion, 101st Division at Hue/Phu Bi, RVN. Lam Son 719, incorporated the initial incursion into The Kingdom of Laos. Some of the most intense anti-aircraft fire of the war was experienced during Lam Son 719. Later elements of the 116th AHC and 176th AHC supplemented the units at Quang Tri in order to make up for battle field losses.

From 1 February to 7 February the elements of the Battalion that were involved in Lam Son 719, also participated in Dewy Canyon II. A battalion forward base was set up at Khe Sanh. This facilitated better communications and flight following with forward aircraft. On 3 February 1971, the 14th CAB participated in the initial insertion into Laos. The 174th supported this combat assault into LZ Hotel (XD725344).

Combat damage had caused availability of aircraft to decrease significantly. While flying support for Hill 30 in Laos, during Lam Son 719 on February 27 1971, the CH-47 flown by CPT Seeger and CW2 Cook, was forced down by NVA small arms fire damaging the aircraft controls. All five crew members managed to safely exit the aircraft just after it crashed and were picked up by a UH-1 flying escort for the flight. The 132nd ASHC helicopter was one of ten supporting the surrounded South Vietnamese paratroopers on Hill 30, despite continuous mortar and small arms fire by possibly two NVA Regiments.

On 3 March, the 71st and 174th AHCs were in support of the 1st ARVN Division and the 1st Vietnamese Marine Division. During the initial insertion into LZ La Lo, seven aircraft were hit and two shot down, with both crews extracted. The combat assault was temporarily delayed due to the intense enemy fire. On the second attempt to combat assault into LZ La Lo, assets of both the 71st and 174th were utilized. One aircraft attempted to land in the wrong landing zone and was immediately shot down. All crew members were missing in action. Two UH-1Cs, enroute to cover the downed aircraft were immediately shot down. The crews from the two UH-1Cs were recovered safely.

The 4th of March, both the 71st and 174th were involved with combat assaults, one for the 1st ARVN Division and one for the Vietnamese Marines. During this time, the 116th, made up of aircraft and crews from the 116th and 176th AHCs departed Chu Lai for Quang Tri and arrived at 1210 hours. LT Flemer, who had been listed as MIA as of the 4th, was extracted with four ARVNs and returned to Quang Tri.

On 5 March, the 174th and 116th AHCs inserted the 1st ARVN Division into LZ Sophia. The insertion met with fierce anti-aircraft fire. Three aircraft were shot down. Two crews were extracted. LT Elliot and six members of his crew remained on the ground.

On 6 March, CPT Bishop and SP4 Rhodes, shot down on the 4th of March, walked into a fire base and were extracted. Rescue efforts continued for LT Elliot and his crew.

On 7 March, LT Elliot and six members of his crew were safely extracted. Although remaining on the ground for three days they sustained no injuries. LT Elliot was promoted to CPT via radio transmission

by MAJ Spratt, while on the ground in Laos.

From the 18th until the 23rd of March, the battalion (-) was engaged in the resupplying and finally the extraction of LZ Delta and LZ Delta I. From the start to the finish enemy anti-aircraft fire, mortars and small arms fire from around the LZs made resupplying almost impossible. The lack of aircraft availability was again supplemented by assets of the 116th and 176th, which arrived on the 20th, at Quang Tri and departed on the 24th of March for Chu Lai. On the 24th of March, the 71st, 174th and 132nd extracted LZ Hotel, with out incidents.

The 71st AHC on 28 March went into stand down for the return trip to Chu Lai. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, stood down on 3 April and departed Quang Tri. The 132nd ASHC returned to Chu Lai on 4 April and the 174th AHC returned on 7 April.

D. Operation Quick Town 20 B was a major relocation and insertion of combat forces of the 5th ARVN Regiment. The 38th NVA Regiment was attacked and aggressively pursued by the 5th ARVN Regiment during this operation. Elements from the 14th CAB provided air support for the 5th ARVN Regiment.

E. Operation Finny Hill was conducted in the southern portion of the AO. The 174th AHC provided resupply, visual reconnaissance, C&C and combat assaults for this operation.

IV. CURRENT AREA OF OPERATION:

The 14th CAB's current area of operation extends from Da Nang on the northern border, to Military Region II on the southern border. The South China Sea borders the operational area on the east and the Kingdom of

Laos borders it on the west. On special operations elements of the 14th CAB have worked in other areas of Military Region I.

V. REOCCURRING MISSIONS:

A. Flight Companies. Currently the 14th CAB provides air support daily for the 11th, 196th and 198th Brigades of the 23rd Infantry Division. The type missions flown are combat assaults, airmobile control, command and control, visual reconnaissance, resupply, psyops, medical evacuation and administrative flights. MACV and the 2nd ARVN Division, including the 4th, 5th and 6th Regiments are supported by the 14th CAB. The following is a list of the 14th CAB's capabilities.

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| 1. Airmobility: | d. Reconnaissance |
| | e. Escort |
| a. Combat Assaults | |
| b. Command and Control (C&C) | 4. Special Operations: |
| c. Aeromedical Evacuation | a. LRRP Insertions and Ex- |
| d. Emergency Ammunition Resupply | tractions |
| 2. Logistical Movement: | b. Airmobile Raids |
| | c. Flame Drop |
| a. Personnel | d. Eagle Flight |
| b. Supplies | e. Radio Relay |
| c. Equipment | f. Chemical (CS-Insecti- |
| 3. Armed Helicopter Operations: | cides) |
| | g. Psyops (Loudspeaker- |
| a. Landing Zone Preparation | leaflets) |
| b. Combat Assault Escort | h. Illumination (Flare- |
| c. Close Fire Support | Firefly) |
| | i. Search and Rescue |

During the past year a typical days activity would consist of 43 slick missions (UH-1), flying a total of 250 flight hours. Normally 12 guships would be committed to fly 30 - 40 hours per day. The two CH-47 companies fly approximately 70 hours per day in support of artillery and fire base resupply.

B. Pathfinder operations consist of airtraffic control, operation of LZs during combat assaults and aircraft recovery. During Lam Son

719, the Pathfinders assisted in operations of combat assaults. They operated three airstrips and conducted recovery missions in The Kingdom of Laos and RVN.

Upon returning from Lam Son 719, the Pathfinders resumed their normal duties of aircraft recovery, operation of Oasis Tower and Quang Ngai Tower, sling load operations into LZs and PZs. The Pathfinders also participated in a program of providing instruction to the 2nd ARVN Division on airmobile operations and aircraft control.

IV. PROJECTS:

A. ARVN Training Commencing 16 July 1971, coordination was made to provide the 2nd ARVN Division with airmobile training. It was decided that officers and cadre of the 2nd ARVN Division should be able to control and coordinate all of their airmobile activity. A 25 hour block of instruction was planned, each five hour block to be given by a separate company of the Battalion. The companies provided instruction by the following schedule; 174th AHC - control of gunships, 176th AHC - control of UH-1 resupply, 116th AHC - combat assaults, 54th Medical Detachment - medical evacuation, 178th AHC - control of CH-47. Classes were given to Headquarters, 2nd ARVN Division, 4th and 5th Regiments. The positive effects of this training are already reflected in the current operation.

B. Hosting VNAF Coordination was made with the 232nd Helicopter Squadron, 51st Helicopter Wing, VNAF, located at Da Nang for relocation of elements of their unit to Chu Lai. The Battalion Staff, assisted the VNAF personnel in obtaining billets, hanger space, aircraft parking revetments, communications, rations and personal items of comfort. The first VNAF elements arrived and began performing at Chu Lai on 16 September.

ber 1971. Six aircraft and crew initially arrived to take up residence at Chu Lai. Few problems were encountered with the arrival of VNAF. The VNAF officers billeted in the HHC officers area and the enlisted were housed in a building on the flight line.

C. Civil Affairs While combat support was the 14th CAB's primary mission, much individual time and effort was given in supporting the Tabitha Children's Orphanage at An Tan, RVN. The Battalion supported the orphanage by donating money, food, clothing and equipment.

VII. As the 14th CAB redeploys to the United States the curtain draws close to its performance in the Vietnam Campaign. The 14th now has a history of providing aviation support to the Free World Forces in Vietnam for 7 years. In all areas of Vietnam from Nha Trang in the south to the DMZ in the north, the 14th CAB has played a leading role in the Free World Forces counter insurgent activities.

"The tumult and the shouting dies, the Captains and Kings depart"

-Kipling, "The Recessional"

The first company to depart the 14th CAB was the 71st AHC. The "Rattlers", guns were "Firebirds". The company joined the Battalion on the 18th of April 1967. They participated in many operations with the 14th CAB, Lam Son 719, Dewy Canyon II, and Heip Duc just to name a few. While with the 14th CAB, the Rattlers primary mission was to support the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. The 71st AHC's last day with the Battalion was 30 September 1971. As of 30 September 1971, the 71st Assault Helicopter Company was deactivated from active duty.

The next unit to receive stand down orders was the 132nd ASHC, "Hercules". Hercules joined the 14th CAB in December of 1968. They pro-

vided the Battalion with resupply and aircraft recovery capabilities. They also deployed to the north, Hue/Phu Bi, during operation Lam Son 719. The 132nd as of this date is preparing for deactivation.

The 14th CAB received official notification of stand down on 20 September 1971. HHC at this time started on a two fold mission. They maintained their normal operational load of supporting all units of the 14th CAB and then immediately began the difficult and arduous task of out processing and redeployment of the Battalion Headquarters.

This process involved all of the offices and staff of the Headquarters to work closely and effectively with each other. All personnel actions must be completed and paperwork prepared for outprocessing. Logistic support must be arranged for transportation during the deactivation, as well as other logistical problems solved. All of the staff were involved in bringing their activities to a climax. During this entire time all of the sections still maintained the normal and efficient support of the units in the 14th CAB.

On 14 September 1971, the 14th CAB began the first day of standown and directed all of their efforts to finalize the outprocessing of personnel, closing all records and accounts and the efficient and orderly shipment of equipment. On 16 October 1971, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company conducted their awards and decorations/redeployment ceremony. On 20 October 1971, all vehicles and MTOE equipment of the unit was loaded on an LST and shipped to Da Nang for the final cleaning and turn in to Keystone processing points. Many long, hard hours were spent at Chu Lai preparing the equipment for turn in prior to shipment so that the operation would progress smoothly and efficiently. This

finalized the logistical part of the standown.

During that time the S-1 office continued to close all records and outprocess personnel assigned to HHC. All personnel were processed out by 25 October 1971, the final day of standown.

During the time from the first day of notification of the 71st AHC to the final day of standown, the 14th CAB maintained a Keystone operation and liaison section in the S-4 office. Its prime mission was to coordinate and assist all of the units assigned to the 14th CAB in any and all of the problems associated with a standown operation of this size and complexity. Close coordination was constantly maintained with the 16th CAG and the 23d Infantry Division during the entire standown operation. Their assistance was a vital key to the smooth and efficient standown of the 14th CAB and its subordinate units. An additional mission of the liaison section was to keep a daily record of the units progress and keep all key personnel informed of this progress so that any problems could be recognized and solved before they became critical.

The final curtain closes on the 14th CAB's activities in Vietnam as LTC Rutkowski, the Commanding Officer and SFC Thompson return with the unit's colors to the United States. The 14th CAB's new home will be at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. At Fort Sill the unit will receive new personnel and equipment. There it will serve once again with honor, dignity and courage as it did in the Republic of Vietnam.

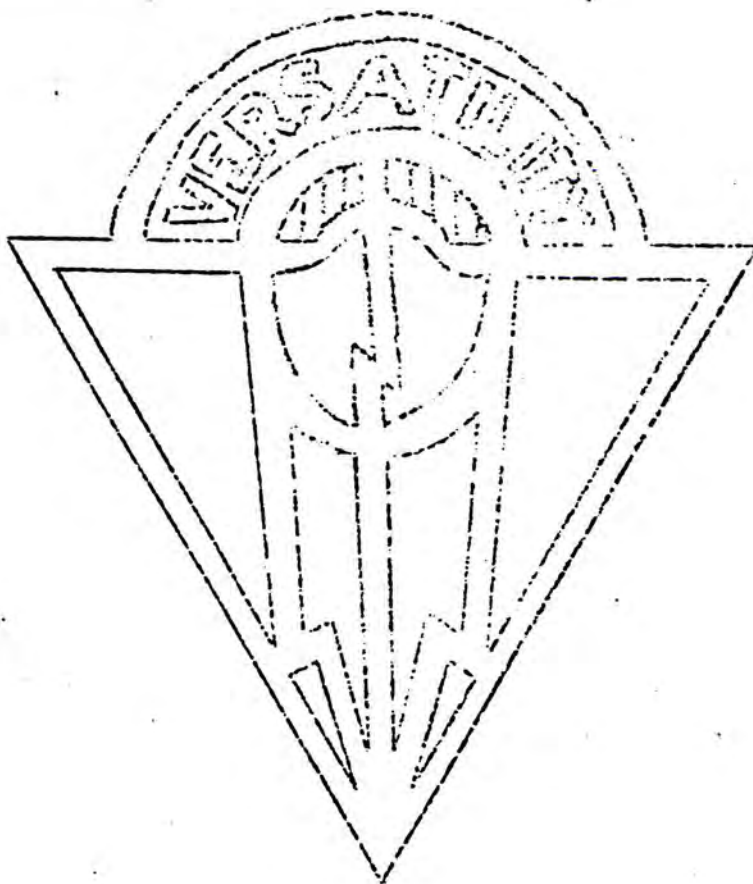
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14th BN
HEADQUARTERS
AND
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



DESCRIPTION

A silver color metal and enamel insignia 1 1/8 inches in height overall consisting of a silver ring containing a red and blue disk horizontally divided by a nebuly partition line, the ring emerging from a blue triangle apex in base and radiating therefrom three silver flashes, the center flash extending to the top inner rim of the disk.

SYMBOLISM

The 14th Aviation Battalion's readiness to furnish aircraft facilities in areas of combat is represented by the nebuly divided red and blue disk. The ring alludes to the reconnoitering and observation functions.

14th AVN BN (CBT)



71st AHC



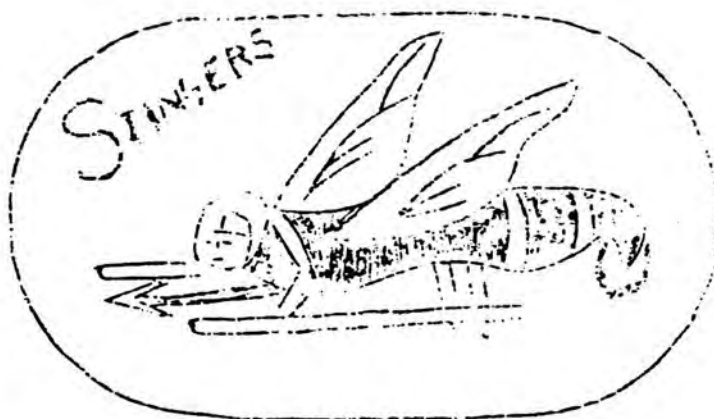
71st AHC/GUNS



116th AHC



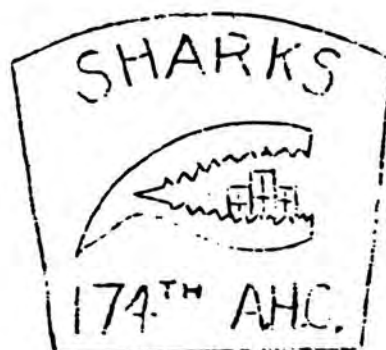
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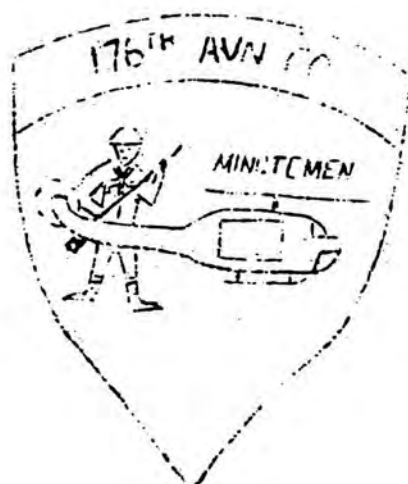
174th AHC



174th AHC Guns



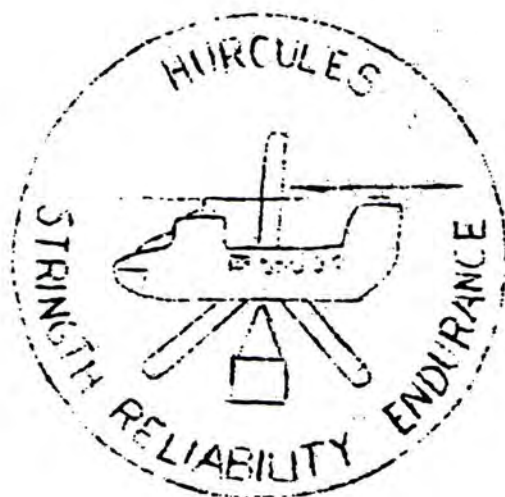
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176th AHC/PLNS

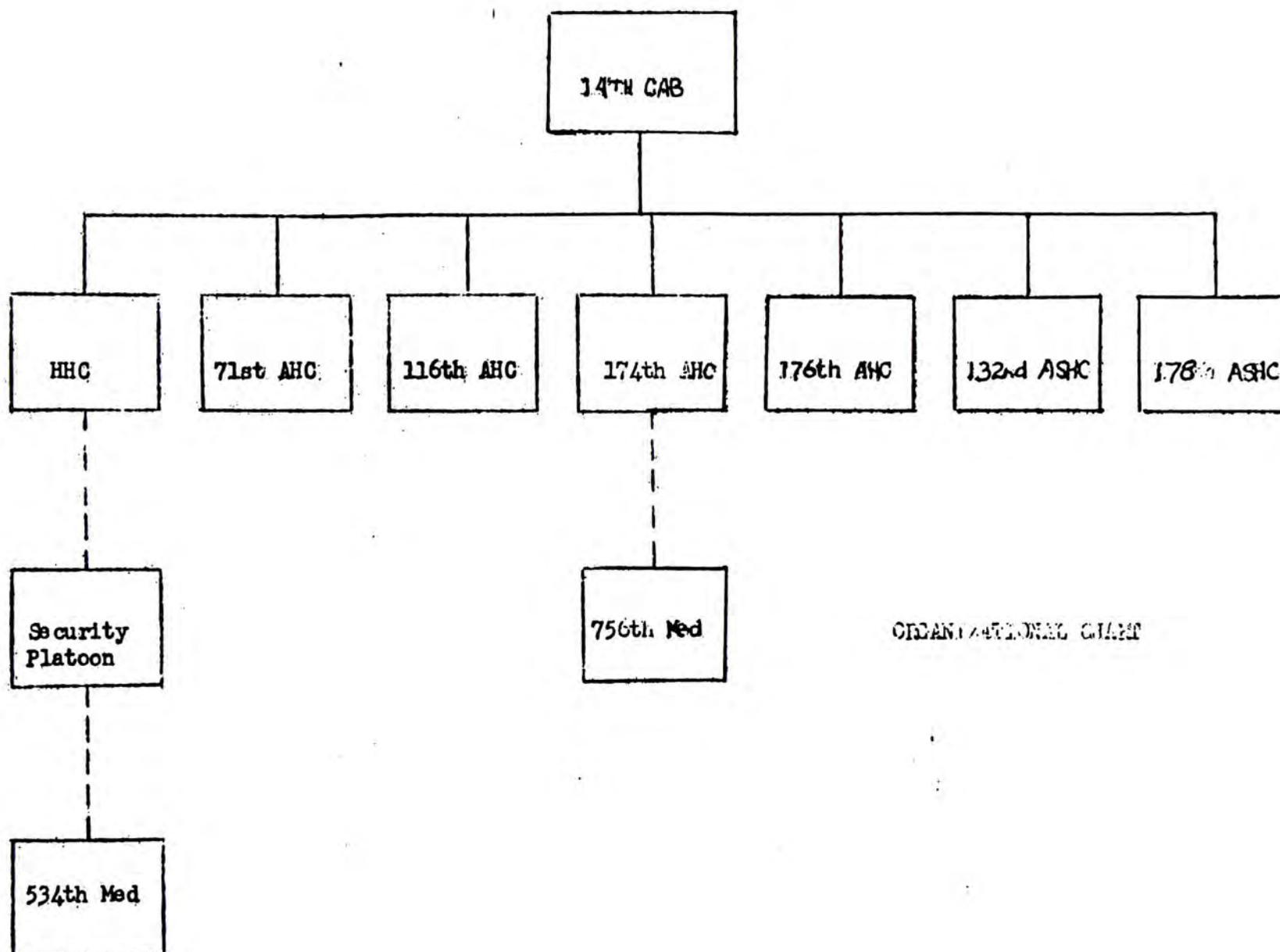


132nd ASHC



178th ASHC





HEADQUARTERS
14th Aviation Battalion

14 October 1971

SUBJECT: Roster of Personnel

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>	<u>JOB TITLE</u>
RUTKOWSKI, JOSEPH F.	LTC	Removed	CO
HAMILTON, VICTOR A.	MAJ		XO
MORGAN, LLOYD H.	MAJ		Maint Off
WALLACE, C. G.	CPT		S-1
NILIUS, ROBERT M.	CPT		S-2
FRAZER, EDWIN M.	CPT		S-3
WAUGH, DELBERT L.	CPT		Asst S-3
SHIVE, EUSTICE M.	CPT		S-4
HILL, LESIE A.	CSM		CSM
ALEXANDER, ELTON	MSG		Maint SGT
RAINES, J. D.	SFC		S-1
THOMPSON, WILLIAM T.	SFC		S-3
JEANS, WILLIAM B.	SFC		S-4

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>
YOUNG, WADE L.	CPT	
COTTON, JOHN P.	CPT	
EDELMAN, RICHARD E.	CPT	
EWING, EDWARD W.	CPT	
FURIA, FREDERICK A.	CPT	
GEORGE, CLIFFORD N.	CPT	
HANSEN, ALBERT M.	CPT	
KEUHNER, GARY D.	CPT	
McGAFICK, EDWARD F.	CPT	
RITTER, JACK H.	CPT	
SATHER, THOMAS D.	CPT	
HEROLD, ERIC G.	1LT	
ILLUM, VERNON L.	1LT	
KROT, GREGORY P.	1LT	
NITTA, GARY S.	1LT	
RYALS, LARION	1LT	
SCHWAB, HARVEY J. JR	1LT	
SMITH, A. L.	1LT	
LISONBEE, LAWRENCE J.	CW4	
NORTH, WILLIAM M.	CW2	
BAYNE, WILLIAM F. JR	1LT	

SUBJECT: Roster of Personnel (Continued) 14 October 1971

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>
COX, FRANK R.	1SG	
BOYD, WILLIAM E.	PSG	
BUCHLER, GEORGE	SFC	
CHANDLER, JAMES R.	SFC	
PANANGANAN, HENRY	SFC	
ROGERS, CRAVEN	SFC	
BARRIOS, DANIEL	SSG	
FAIRBURN, GARY A.	SP6	
KENCHEN, CHARLIE	SSG	
MYERS, RICHARD T.	SSG	
QUINTEROS, SIMON	SSG	
WALDECK, RICHARD	SP6	
BERTELSON, BRUCE I.	SGT	
CARR, CLIFTON M.	SP5	
CLARK, CURTIS L.	SGT	
EGGE, SHERMAN S.	SGT	
HOOKS, PHILLIPS A.	SGT	
HUTSON, STEVEN J.	SGT	
KORC, DAVAD N.	SGT	
CREEK, PAUL E.	SP5	
MANN, WILLIAM F.	SP5	
METHAN, MICHAEL L.	SP5	
PARISH, THOMAS E.	SP5	
PURCIVAL, ROBERT L.	SP5	
SAM, WILLIE R.	SGT	
SAMS, JIMMY JR.	SGT	
SEALY, HARVEY E.	SGT	
SISNEROS, RAMON L.	SP5	
WASHINGTON, JOSEPH J.	SGT	
WILLIAMSON, DANNY	SP5	
ACRE, EDWARD S.	SP4	
BEATTY, JERRY L.	SP4	
BRAVARD, JOHN R.	SP4	
CARSON, DENNIS M.	SP4	
CLAYTON, WAYNE C.	SP4	
CONNOLLY, JAMES M.	SP4	
CORONA, NATIVIDAD	SP4	
CROUCH, DENNIS R.	SP4	
CURRY, DAVID D.	SP4	
DONALDSON, RONALD W.	SP4	
DYER, STEPHEN W.	SP4	
ELLIOT, ROBERT S.	SP4	
ESPARZA, DANIEL	CPL	
FLINT, TERRY A.	SP4	
FORSYTH, ARCHIBALD F.	SP4	
GARRBETT, KARRICK M.	CPL	
HADON, DENNIS J.	CPL	
HANNA, RICKY H.	SP4	

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>
HERNANDEZ, GILBERT	SP4	
HUTCHINGS, JAMES M.	CPL	
JASPERSON, JAMES L.	SP4	
KELLER, LARRY D.	CPL	
LAPEKTS, DENNIS L.	SP4	
LARSON, GREGORY P.	CPL	
LEESON, JOHN W.	SP4	
LITSCOMB, DENNIS G.	SP4	
LUKECIRE, WILLIAM B.	SP4	
MAYFIELD, WILLIAM B.	SP4	
MAZAC, STEPHEN J.	SP4	
MERCURIO, MICHAEL G.	SP4	
MORGAN, MICHAEL W.	SP4	
MORRIS S, DAVID M.	SP4	
MURPHY, PATRICK F.	SP4	
NESVIG, STEVEN C.	SP4	
PETERS, TERRY L.	SP4	
PFANNENSTEIN, JOHN W.	SP4	
PHILLIPS, JIMMY R.	SP4	
PINGLETON, DARRELL M.	SP4	
REICH, EDWARD L.	SP4	
REAVES, DONALD G.	SP4	
REED, FRANCIS E.	SP4	
REYNOLDS, JIMMY D.	CPL	
SEULVADO, JERRY D.	CPL	
SEXTON, WILLIAM D.	CPL	
STENLUND, PAUL D.	CPL	
TOMLINSON, BOBBY G.	CPL	
VANASSE, VINCENT A.	SP4	
VARLAAN, ROBERT J.	SP4	
WACKER, ANTHONY U.	CPL	
WIGINTON, JAMES E.	SP4	
WILLIAMS, TEDDY W.	SP4	
YORK, EDWARD F.	SP4	
HOLCOMB, DANIEL R.	PFC	
JOHNSON, ELLIOT P.	PFC	
SICHMELLER, RICHARD H.	PFC	
SIMPSON, MICHAEL G.	PFC	
TACKETT, JOHNNY L.	PFC	
TRANTHELL, JIMMY M.	PFC	
WILKERSON, LINNELL O.	PFC	
LEMON, NELDON D.	PV2	
COX, MICHAEL A.	PV1	
McLEAN, TERRY V.	PV1	
CROCKETT, DONALD P.	PFC	

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14th Security Platoon

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>
WALKER, THOMAS F.	1LT	
ASHLEY, WILLIE J.	SSG	
BYRD, GEORGE J.	SSG	
HALL, WILLIE J.	SSG	
OPENS, RAY	SSG	
BARNES, NATHANIEL J.	SGT	
McGASKILL, GEORGE M.	SGT	
SOLEY, EDWIN G.	SGT	
COLON, AMADOR E.	SP4	
FRASHER, EDWARD P.	SP4	
HENSLDY, SMIKEL B.	SP4	
RIVAS, RICHARD M.	SP4	
STAKFORD, DEE L.	SP4	
WALKER, JIMMY L.	SP4	
WILSON, STEVEN T.	SP4	
HANSEN, DAVID L.	PFC	
TITTLE, DONALD R.	PFC	
CLARK, DONALD	PV1	

534th Medical Detachment

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>
KURTZ, RICHARD A.	CPT	
MURPHY, ROBERT J.	SSG	
CROW, RONALD G.	SP4	
HART, STEVEN J.	SP4	
SCHWARTZ, CHRISTOPHER M.	SP4	
VANNOZZI, GARY C.	SP4	
HARTMAN, BRUCE A.	PFC	

DIED IN BATTLE

The following list of names are men of the 14th Battalion that gave the greatest sacrifice men can give to their Country, their lives.

"How sleep the brave, who sink to rest
by all their country wishes bless'd"

-unknown

CW2 Walter F. Morris
178th ASHC
26 April 1967

SP4 Efrain J. Robledo
71st AHC
12 September 1967

2LT Russell L. Robbins
94th Sig Det
2 May 1967

SP4 Robert Anderson
161st Aviation Company
29 September 1967

SP4 Kenneth C. Hurse
71st AHC
12 June 1967

SP4 Michael A. Bird
71st AHC
14 October 1967

SP5 Gary L. Taylor
71st AHC
12 June 1967

WO1 Dennis G. Blackmon
174th AHC
19 October 1967

SP4 Thomas M. Dickenson
409th TC Det
24 June 1967

SP4 Robert D. Berta
176th AHC
13 December 1967

SP4 Larry K. Guentzel
409th TC Det
24 June 1967

CW2 Richard D. Jenks
176th AHC
13 December 1967

WO1 Robert F. McDaniel
71st AHC
5 July 1967

SP4 James G. Whaley
176th AHC
13 December 1967

SSG Maurice C. Descoteaux
HHD, 14th Avn Bn
19 August 1967

SP5 Ernest F. Briggs
411 TC Det
5 January 1968

SP4 Robert Garcia
71st AHC
12 September 1967

WO1 Dennis C. Hamilton
176th AHC
5 January 1968

SP4 James Morrison
71st AHC
12 September 1967

WO1 Sheldon D. Schultz
176th AHC
5 January 1968

SP4 James D. Williamson
176th AHC
5 January 1968

SP4 Warren E. Norris
C Troop 7/17 Air Cav
9 January 1968

WO1 James L. Phipps
C Troop 7/17 Air Cav
9 January 1968

WO1 Rainer S. Ramos
C Troop 7/17 Air Cav
9 January 1968

SP4 Fred J. Secrist
C Troop 7/17 Air Cav
9 January 1968

FVT Ralph E. Consavage
C Troop 7/17 Air Cav
7 March 1968

SP5 Larry W. Mack
71st AHC
20 April 1968

SP4 John A. Rogers
71st AHC
20 April 1968

WO1 David L. Blattel
176th AHC
5 May 1968

1LT Samuel R. Gardner
176th AHC
5 May 1968

PFC Gary W. Meier
176th AHC
5 May 1968

SP4 John L. Ramsey
176th AHC
5 May 1968

SP4 Gordon L. Terrell
176th AHC
5 May 1968

SP5 Darl T. McCoy
174th AHC
29 May 1968

WO1 James D. Carter
174th AHC
13 June 1968

WO1 Jerry H. Johnson
174th AHC
13 June 1968

SP4 Gary A. Milton
174th AHC
13 June 1968

PFC Allen R. Weamer
174th AHC
13 June 1968

CW2 Charles M. Cotton
71st AHC
19 June 1968

SP6 Gerald A. Phillips
178th ASHC
19 June 1968

WO1 Geddes C. Boyter, Jr.
178th ASHC
1 July 1968

SP4 Richard F. Burnham, Jr.
178th ASHC
1 July 1968

1LT William B. Eoff, Jr.
178th ASHC
1 July 1968

SP4 Morris E. Ostrander
178th ASHC
1 July 1968

SP4 Robert L. Puls
178th ASHC
1 July 1968

WO1 Robert L. Scott
176th AHC
25 August

WO Ronald R. Blohm
176th AHC
10 September 1968

1LT Fred A. Washburn
71st AHC
4 October 1968

SP4 Donald L. Wester
71st AHC
4 October 1968

SP4 Wayne A. Tice
174th AHC
19 November 1968

SP5 Donald T. Cornell
71st AHC
23 November 1968

WO Paul R. Loforti
71st AHC
23 November 1968

CW2 Henry W. Tews
174th AHC
29 December 1968

SP4 Jon Bailey
176th AHC
24 February 1969

WO1 Merle F. Butler, II
176th AHC
24 February 1969

SP5 Richard W. Ford
176th AHC
24 February

WO1 Angus W. McAllister
176th AHC
24 February 1969

WO1 Ray R. Davis
174th AHC
1 March 1969

WO1 Edward L. Harris
174th AHC
1 March 1969

PFC David E. Schulte
174th AHC
1 March 1969

PFC Donn P. Zarina
174th AHC
1 March 1969

CPT Charles D. Rogers
174th AHC
11 March 1969

MAJ Richard A. Brown
174th AHC
17 March 1969

WO1 Bruce W. Shaffer
176th AHC
28 March 1969

PFC James E. Esnec
174th AHC
12 May 1969

CPT Paul R. Lukins
71st AHC
13 May 1969

SP5 Dennis G. Schmidt
174th AHC
16 May 1969

PFC Donald A. Contaring
174th AHC
14 August 1969

WO1 Robert H. Shields
174th AHC
15 August 1969

WO1 John H. Bozinski
174th AHC
15 August 1969

SP4 Alejo Del Valle
174th AHC
15 August 1969

PFC Johnnie Graham, Jr.
174th AHC
15 August 1969

WO1 Gerald L. Silverstein 71st AHC 19 August 1969	1LT Don E. Stockton 176th AHC 15 December 1969
WO1 John D. Plummer 71st AHC 19 August 1969	WO1 Dee A. Hyden 176th AHC 15 December 1969
PFC Stewart J. Lavine 71st AHC 19 August 1969	SP5 Larry D. Keeler 176th AHC 15 December 1969
PFC Stephen Martino 71st AHC 19 August 1969	SP4 William S. Barritt 176th AHC 15 December 1969
WO2 Barry K. Alexander 71st AHC 22 September 1969	SP4 Donald R. Rose 176th AHC 15 December 1969
WO1 David R. Jackson 71st AHC 25 September 1969	SP4 Donald Salkey 174th AHC 22 December 1969
SP5 Johnnie L. Williams 71st AHC 22 September 1969	SP5 Wayne (NMI) Allen 71st AHC 10 January 1970
SP4 John P Rankin 71st AHC 15 November 1969	CPT Herbert C. Crosby 71st AHC 10 January 1970
1LT Walter D. Romero 71st AHC 15 November 1969	SP4 Francis C. Graziosi 71st AHC 10 January 1970
WO1 Richard W. Regalado 174th AHC 15 November	WO1 George A. Howes 71st AHC 10 January 1970
WO1 Adam Wilson 174th AHC 15 November 1969	PFC Raymond D. Regier 174th AHC 5 February 1970
SP4 Forest C. Hodgkin 174th AHC 15 November 1969	CPT John M. Gibbons 174th AHC 12 February 1970
SP4 Ronald C. Ducommun 174th AHC 15 November 1969	WO1 Paul J. James 71st AHC 7 March 1970

WO1 Stephen L. Lane
71st AHC
7 March 1970

SP4 Buford E. Sumner
71st AHC
7 March 1970

SP5 Hugh Jr. Clowers
132nd ASHC
17 March 1970

SP4 Douglas G. Howes
132nd ASHC
17 March 1970

CW2 Truman D. Norris
132nd ASHC
17 March 1970

SP5 Erwin (NMI) Schmeling
132nd ASHC
17 March 1970

WO1 Mark A. Whikehart
132nd ASHC
17 March 1970

SP4 Billy J. Hartsfield
178th ASHC
27 March 1970

WO1 William W. Noetzel
176th AHC
25 April 1970

WO1 Richard A. Henke
174th AHC
13 May 1970

SP4 Sidney W. Jarrell
174th AHC
13 May 1970

SP4 Ernest L. Johns
174th AHC
13 May 1970

PFC Derek W. Patrick
174th AHC
13 May 1970

WO1 Fredrick Sheffield
174th AHC
13 May 1970

SP4 L.G. Yager
176th AHC
11 July 1970

1LT J.C. Becker
71st AHC
15 August 1970

WO1 L.E. Mizer
174th AHC
15 August 1970

SP5 H. Bell
174th AHC
15 August 1970

SP5 F.G. Van Diver
174th AHC
15 August 1970

SP4 P.A. Schmidt
71st AHC
15 August 1970

CW2 D.W. York
178th ASHC
26 August 1970

SP4 G.E. Tefft
178th ASHC
26 August 1970

SP4 J.C. York
178th ASHC
26 August 1970

PFC H.D. McDougall
178th ASHC
26 August 1970

WO1 E.D. Petty
176th AHC
9 September 1970

WO1 R. Sizemore Jr.
176th AHC
9 September 1970

SP4 J.M. Brown
176th AHC
9 September 1970

SP4 D.M. Pickett
176th AHC
9 September 1970

WO1 P.R. Goodnight
174th AHC
4 October 1970

1LT D.C. Tauregui
174th AHC
28 November 1970

CW2 C. Creamer
174th AHC
28 November 1970

SP4 J.B. Powell
174th AHC
28 November 1970

PFC G.U. Field
174th AHC
28 November 1970

SSG D.M. Smith
534th Med
30 November 1970

SF4 Robert J. Bojanek
HHC, 14th CAB
30 November 1970

WO1 R.B. Gentry
174th AHC
8 February 1971

WO1 S.R. Burch
174th AHC
25 February 1971

WO1 P.B. Erb
174th AHC
25 February 1971

PFC G.T. Padilla
174th AHC
3 March 1971

SF5 D.W. Allen
F8
6 March 1971

SF5 J. Flores
F8
6 March 1971

SF5 T. McClanahan
F8
6 March 1971

SF4 H.W. Wright
F8
6 March 1971

CPT M. Afflerbach
F8
8 March 1971

WO1 H.P. Port
F8
8 March 1971

SF4 D.P. Knutsen
176th AHC
22 March 1971

WO1 J.G. Trayer
176th AHC
22 March 1971

WO1 R. Cleve
176th AHC
22 March 1971

PFC W.R. Hall
176th AHC
22 March 1971

SP4 W.C. Baggett
174th AHC
11 April 1971

PFC A.R. Hankins
HHC, 14th CAB
8 May 1971

1LT Lance Workman
176th AHC
11 July 1971

1SG H.K. Harris
71st AHC
26 July 1971

CWO A.L. Harris
174th AHC
29 August 1971

SF5 E.G. DeLong, Jr.
132nd ASHC
31 July 1971

PFC C.M. Miltnovich
174th AHC
25 September 1971

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VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 202-1g(4), AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded to the following named units of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated:

The 14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 14th Combat Aviation Battalion

348th Aviation Detachment

534th Medical Detachment

14th Security Platoon

71st Assault Helicopter Company

151st Transportation Detachment

94th Signal Detachment

174th Assault Helicopter Company

409th Transportation Detachment

452d Signal Detachment

756th Medical Detachment

176th Assault Helicopter Company

411th Transportation Detachment

454th Signal Detachment

178th Assault Helicopter Company

400th Transportation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 12 May 1968 in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. Demonstrating exceptional bravery and professional competence, the officers and men of the battalion gallantly extracted 1,000 friendly forces from the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp while under intense hostile fire. Severely threatened by an estimated 100 North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Cong. regiments, the camp had suffered heavy casualties and was under weapons fire and numerous large bombs. The situation was untenable. Although enemy forces were in the area, the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion rapidly responded to the situation. The battalion's attack on the ground positions in command of the hostile forces was successful. The defenders was necessary and the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion rapidly responded to the situation. The battalion's attack on the rain of hostile mortar and machine gun fire. The battalion's attack on the coming helicopters was successful. The battalion's attack on the runway and began evacuating the friendly forces. The battalion's attack on the enemy positions was successful.

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ters, the men of the command effectively completed a vital resupply of
ammunition and continued to evacuate the hard-pressed troops. Despite
severe damage to numerous aircraft, the determined aviators repeatedly
entered the dangerous battlefield, ultimately evacuated the entire bat-
talion and contributed immeasurably to the safety of seven American
lives. The extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty displayed
by the members of the 14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION are in keeping with
the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit
upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



GEORGE T. MABRY, JR.

Major General, USAF

JOHN A. O'BRIEN

Colonel, AUC

Adjutant General

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