

1 Jan 69 - 30 Apr 69

During this period, the 174th Aviation Co continued to provide support in the form of airlift of personnel, materials, and supplies, along with suppressive fire power to expedite combat counter-insurgency operations in the Republic of S. Vietnam in support of units of the Americal Division.

In providing this support, the 174th Aviation Co flew a total of 7,352 hrs, 30,404 sorties, 1409 tons of cargo and medevacing 209 personnel. The 174th was also credited with 275 enemy KIA, the destruction of 14 sampans and the destruction of 508 structures. All of the above being accomplished with only 4 aircraft being lost and 68 being damaged.

Also during this period, the personnel of the 174th were subject to an ever increasing number of enemy rocket and mortar attacks. The enemy also initiated attacks during daylight hours, which was a first for this unit. But the personnel of the 174th with their high degree of discipline, training and morale were able to overcome this obstacle and continued to accomplish their missions in an outstanding manner and at the same time, repair all damage done to the base camp in the minimum amount of time.

The personnel were also able to accomplish the complete rebuilding of the operations building, the building of new platoon leader's billets and begin work on new enlisted billets. The company area was also completely rewired and drainage sumps for the mess hall and showers were installed.

1 May 69 - 31 July 69 -

With the beginning of this period, we find the 174th Aviation Co providing continuous combat assaults and logistical support primarily to the 11th Light Inf Brigade but also providing support for other Americal and ARVN units.

Most of the support for the 11th Light Infantry Brigade was a result of their being involved in Operation Iron Mountain, which was a large operation that took place in the area northwest of Duc Pho. As a result, the 174th Aviation Co flew a total of 8,489 hours, 39,118 sorties, 59,833 troops, 1,923 tons of cargo and 243 personnel being medevaced. The unit was also credited with 14 enemy KIA and the destruction of 105 structures. The above being accomplished with the minimum amount of damage or loss to the aircraft.

The enemy continued to plague the base camp at Duc Pho with rocket and mortar attacks. The enemy also initiated a few sapper attacks on the base camp during this period. And again, the personnel of the 174th rallied to meet the situation and continued to meet their mission requirements in an outstanding manner.

And back at the base camp, the unit's personnel were also able to build another enlisted billet, rebuild the officer's and enlisted billets for better ventilation and start construction on a new NCO billet. The shower was installed with new plumbing and a well was dug to supply water for the shower. New latrines have been built and construction has been started on rebuilding a maintenance hangar that was damaged in a rocket attack. Dolphin Park is being re-pediprimed and PSP is going to be put down in the revetments.

1 Aug 69 - 31 Oct 69

During this time period, the 174th Aviation Co continued to give support to the 11th Light Infantry Brigade in the form of numerous combat assaults and logistical support missions. The majority of the support was made necessary by the fact that the 11th Light Infantry Brigade was still involved in Operation-Iron Mountain. The 174th also provided support for other Americal and ARVN units.

The support provided during this period has seen the 174th accumulate 8,511 flying hours, complete 37,954 sorties, carry 58,893 troops, carry 2,090 tons of cargo, and medevac 117 personnel. The 174th was also credited with 25 enemy KIA and the destruction of 4 sampans and 23 structures. The above being accomplished with only 18 aircraft hit by enemy fire.

The 174th base camp area is still being plagued with enemy rocket and mortar and sapper attacks. The attacks have become a continual threat but have in no way deterred the personnel from performing their duties in the same outstanding manner that they have in the past. Besides their normal duties, the personnel of the 174th are still continuing to build and rebuild the base camp area to make it more comfortable to live.

The 174th Aviation Co has also instituted a civil affairs program after coordinating with the S-5 and G-5. The program consisted of sending the doctor from 756th Med Det which is attached to the 174th, into the ville on Medicaps on the average of 6 times a week and treating about 35-40 patients per day. The major portion of the patients being orphans ranging in age from a few months old to ten years old. This program did much in improving the relations between the 174th and the Vietnamese people.

1 Nov 69 - 31 Dec 69

The 174th Aviation Co has continued to provide support for the 11th Light Infantry Brigade and other Americal and ARVN units. With the majority of the support being provided to the 11th Lt Inf Bde because of their still being involved in Operation Iron Mountain. The 174th has also picked-up the requirement of giving support to MACV.

Because of all of these requirements, the 174th accumulated 6,439 flying hours, completed 31,277 sorties, carried 46,656 troops and 1,404 tons of cargo, and also medevaced 109 personnel. The 174th was also credited with 36 enemy KIA and destroying 14 sampans and 67 structures. The above being accomplished with a minimum loss or damage to aircraft.

The personnel have completed a majority of the work on the base camp because of the added incentive of no enemy rocket or mortar attacks during this period. But the Thanksgiving holiday finds the 174th engaged in a staggering effort of supplying a hot turkey meal to all the personnel of the 11th Lt Inf Bde that were located in the field. Although it meant being late for their own units very enjoyable meal, the helicopters were not shut down until the mission was completed.

The Christmas holiday for the 174th again a very busy day but also a very rewarding one. After completing their missions of supplying the personnel in the field with a hot meal, the men returned to the base camp where they were having a party for about 100 orphans from the surrounding villages. The party consisted of a meal for the children and the passing out of gifts that the personnel of the 174th had donated.

The high esprit-de-corps of the men of the 174th has shown through the results and accomplishments of the 174th in the past year. Again the 174th has lived up to its motto of