

1 Jan 71 - 30 Apr 71

The beginning of the year still finds the men of the 174th Aviation Co in support of the 11th Light Infantry Brigade which is still involved in Operation Finney Hill. But there were rumors being circulated that the 174th is going to move and be involved in some sort of large operation.

On 24 Jan 71, the 174th Aviation Co received orders to prepare its men and equipment for a move which will occur on the 29th of January. And on the 29th of Jan the advance party departed for Chu Lai, RVN to receive instructions for the pending operation, called Dewey Canyon II. This meant moving the whole company north to Quang Tri, RVN. And on 30 Jan 71, the 174th was issued movement orders to proceed to Quang Tri, RVN. The movement was accomplished by a fly-away of aircraft and a large convoy of road vehicles. The flight was hampered by bad weather and didn't close at Quang Tri until 1200 hours on the 31st of Jan. The road convoy wasn't able to reach Quang Tri until 1900 hours on the 31st of Jan.

On 1 Feb 71, the 174th became operational and was given the mission of supporting the 1/5th Infantry Division (Mech) which was involved in Operation Dewey Canyon II. This operation was being conducted by American troops and was within the boundaries of South Vietnam.

On 8 Feb 71, the 174th provided support for the 4th ARVN Division in the form of an initial combat assault of ARVN troops across the Laotian border involved in Operation Lam Son 719. This operation was aimed at disrupting the supply routes of the NVA. The 174th and the other aviation companies involved received intense anti-aircraft fire throughout the mission.

The 174th continued to provide support for the units involved in Operation Dewey Canyon II and Lam Son 719 with it resulting in the 174th flying a total of 3,680 hours, completing 13,747 sorties, carrying 17,598 passengers and 426 tons of cargo. The personnel of the 174th again did an outstanding job in accomplishing their mission.

Upon completion of their supporting units involved in Operation Dewey Canyon II and Lam Son 719, the 174th was moved back south but to Chu Lai instead of their original base at Duc Pho. Once reestablished at Chu Lai, the 174th was again tasked with providing support for the 11th Light Infantry Brigade, 4th ARVN Regiment and the 198th Infantry Brigade. General support was also supplied for MACV and other Americal Division units.

1 May 71 - 31 Aug 71

The 174th continued to support the 11th Light Infantry Brigade in the form of combat assaults, logistical support and command and control. Support was also provided to the 198th Inf Bde , MACV, and the 4th, 5th, and 6th ARVN Regiments.

This support resulted in the 174th flying 12,233 hours, completing 48,841 sorties, carrying 47,302 troops and 924 tons of cargo and completing 37 medevacs.

1 Sep 71 - Deactivation

From 1 Sep 71 to the time of deactivation, the 174th continued to accomplish its missions in an outstanding manner. Throughout its period of activation the 174th served in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and proved that it deserved the motto of

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