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Given Under My Hand in the City of Washington  
this 24th day of April 1967

*Stanley R. Remy*  
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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



# HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT



## 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. The



#### LT COL CARROLL C. ISAACS

LTC Carroll C. Isaacs was born 25 March 1930 in Washington, D.C. He entered the Army 28 August 1948 and received a direct commission in 1951 while serving in Germany as a Sergeant First Class E-6.

As a newly commissioned officer, he served in the 40th Tank Battalion, 4th Infantry Division in Europe, as a platoon leader in a Recon Platoon. In 1954, LTC Isaacs returned to the States and took command of "C" Company 11th Cav. at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

In 1957, he attended the Army Aviation Fixed Wing School at Fort Rucker and later served as TAC Officer, Executive Officer, and Company Commander of several School Regiment Companies at Rucker. In 1960 LTC Isaacs joined the 9th Cav., 1st Cav. Division, and served on the Battalion Staff as S-2.

From the 1st Cav. Division, LTC Isaacs went to Fort Rucker and became Operations Officer for the Cairn's Army Airfield. In 1963 he interrupted his tour at Rucker to go to the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and after completion returned to Cairns as Operations Officer.

In 1964 LTC Isaacs went through the Rotary Wing Qualification School at Fort Wolters, Texas and was sent to the 2nd Sq., 14th Armored Cav., in Germany where he became Executive Officer. Later, in Feb 1966, he joined the 7th Army Aviation Training Center in Munich as Executive Officer for 5 months and then took command of the school from July 1966 to April 1967. LTC Isaacs is now serving as Commanding Officer of the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion, Republic of Vietnam, having taken the command on 11 August 1967.





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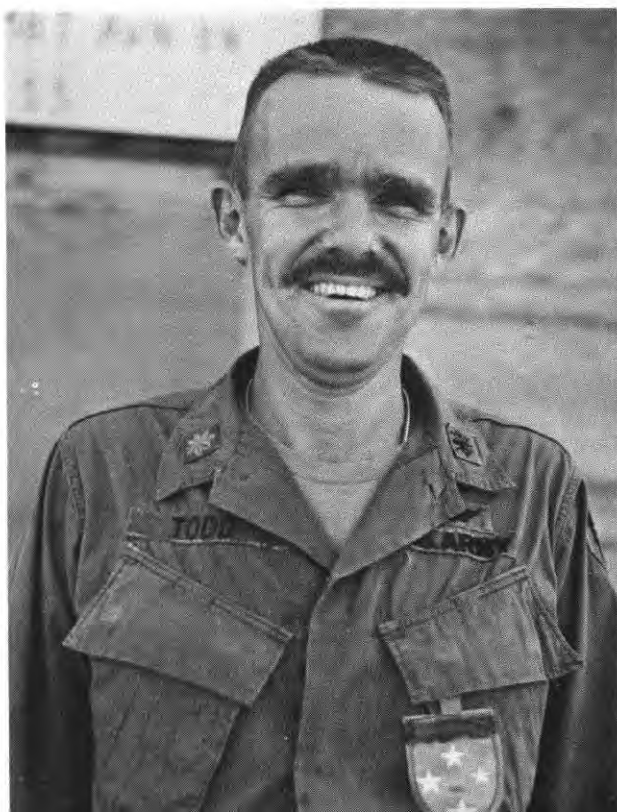


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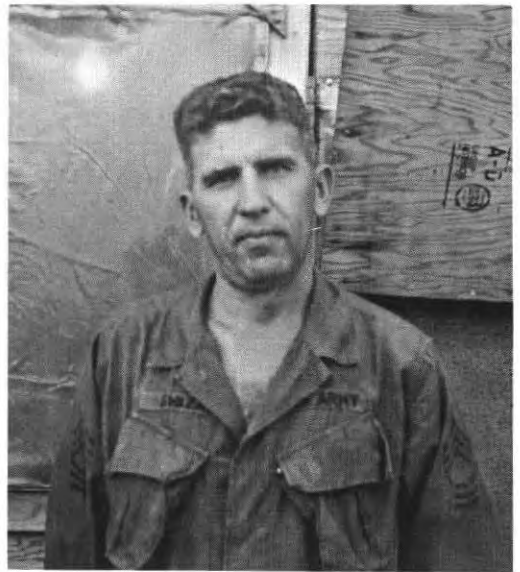
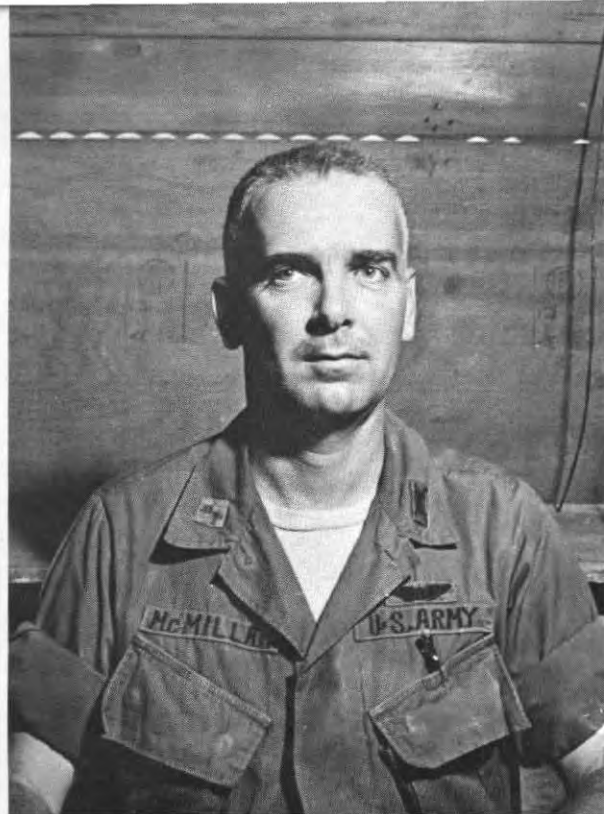


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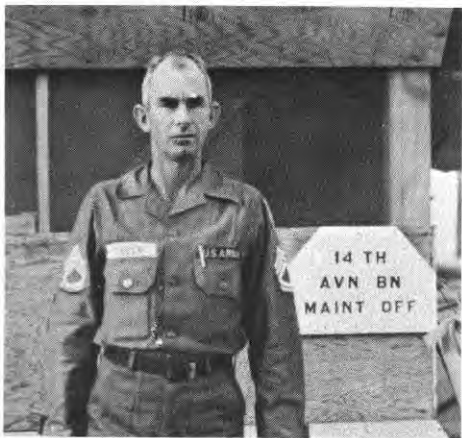
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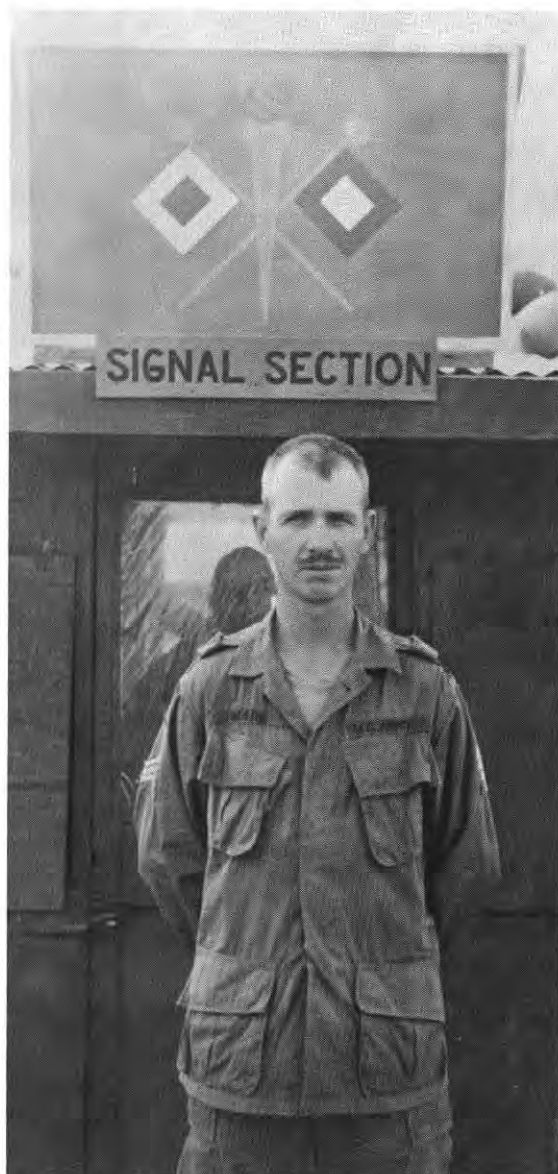


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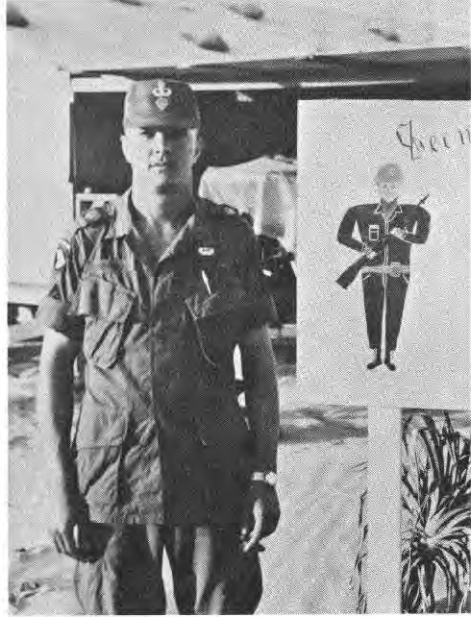
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# 71st AVIATION COMPANY



**RATTLERS**



**151st TRANS DET**



**FIRE BIRDS**

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 71ST

Prior to 1 October 1966, the 71st Assault Helicopter Company carried the designation of Company "A", 501st Aviation Battalion. Company "A" was activated in December of 1964, and was deactivated 1 October 1966. The unit as organized consisted of a company headquarters, two lift platoons, and one service platoon. The 71st Assault Helicopter Company can trace its origin to 15 October 1962, when it was activated as the 71st Aviation Company at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. During this time it was assigned to the 193rd Light Infantry Brigade, where it remained until 1 November 1963. On 1 November the 71st Aviation Company changed location from Fort Kobbe to Fort Clayton, Canal Zone with operational activities at Allbrook Air Force Base. The company was organized under TOE I/77 E with a strength of 7 officers, 10 Warrant officers, and 43 enlisted men. ON 1 October 1966, Company "A", 501st Aviation Battalion, was deactivated from service in Vietnam, and became the 71st Assault Helicopter Company. Although the name of the company had been changed, the nickname "Rattlers" will remain and has been used since the unit came to Vietnam as the 501st.

To begin the New Year, 1966, Company "A" 501st Aviation, as a part of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion, was in support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, as they began Operation Marauder. This operation was to run in conjunction with the ARVN Airborne Brigade's operation to the North. The entire area had been controlled by the

VC for over two years. The name of the game, once again, was "Search and Destroy." The Rattler flight, consisting of ten slicks and five armed ships, left the Snake Pit at 0700 hours with the first of ten loads of troops. Three landing zones on both sides of the Song Vam Co Oriental, Southwest of Bao Trai, were used to admit the 173rd into the area of operations. The Rattlers entered the landing zones receiving only sporadic ground fire, and the Firebirds, using suppressive fire, confirmed one VC killed.

During the month of April 1966, the Rattlers, were called on to support the 1st Infantry Division, in connection with Operation Birmingham. This large scale search and destroy maneuver was conducted in the Tay Ninh area. In one of the largest airmobile operations of the war the company was attached to the 11th Aviation Battalion. A total of ten airmobile companies (light) and one airmobile company (heavy) were staging from airstrips in the Tay Ninh area along with Army and Air Force fixed wing aircraft. The Rattlers flew over 4,080 sorties and transported 8,330 troops during the month of April 1966.

During the month of July, Company "A", 501st Aviation Battalion conducted six battalion and eleven company size operations. During this month, the Rattlers flew a total of 2,003 flying hours, carried 8,369 combat troops, and 49.6 tons of cargo. While compiling this record, the Rattlers also reported that they had confirmed 31 VC killed, and had destroyed 46 structures and 4 sampans. Later on in October, November, and December, the Rattlers supported the US 25th Infantry Division, US 1st Infantry Division, and the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in the Cu Chi, Tay Ninh, Dau Tieng, Ben Cat, and Iron

Triangle areas. While supporting these Free World Forces, during the three month period, the 71st Assault Helicopter Company flew more than 7,500 hours, and lifted over 18,000 troops. Then on 18 April 1967 the 71st Assault Helicopter Company departed Bien Hoa home of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion to support the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, which had moved from Tay Ninh to participate in Task Force Oregon, at Chu Lai.

During the days that followed the Rattler's arrival they found that the Chu Lai area was almost completely under the control of the Viet Cong, for wherever they flew, sniper fire was received.

The 71st has made a big name for itself, even bigger that it had in the III Corps area, by executing very effective offensive as well as defensive destruction on the Viet Cong. The elusive "Chu Lai Charlie" has certainly taken a hard blow since the 71st moved into the area, and will continue to take the pounding as long as he exists.

The company has attached to it the 151st Transportation Detachment, and the 94th Signal Detachment. The mission of the 151st Transportation Detachment is to furnish aircraft maintenance support to the 71st Assault Helicopter Company. The detachment is authorized 2 officers and 70 enlisted men, and have tools and equipment necessary for the performance of maintenance, 1st through 3rd echelon. The detachment is capable of providing continuous (day and night) support. The 94th Signal Detachment performs 1st through 3rd echelon avionics maintenance for the Rattlers. The fine communications enjoyed by the Rattlers is a fitting tribute to the dedication of the 94th Signal Detachment.





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PFC E. Johnson



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D. R. Benedict



L-R: Sp4 R. Marley, 1LT J. Jobson, WO M. Eubanks,  
Sp4 D. S. Benedict



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L-R: Sp4 R. Lewis, Sp5 M. Rogers



L-R: Sp4 W. Reynolds, Sp4 J. Bacca





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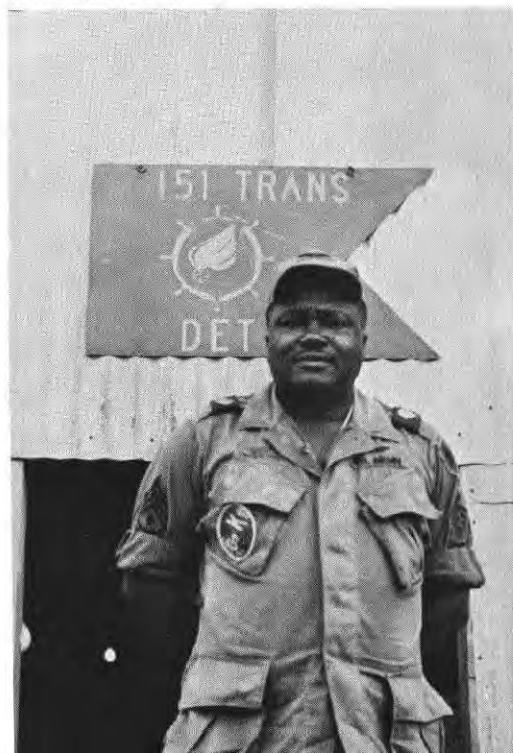


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SSG C. Morehead



# 161st AVIATION COMPANY



**PELICANS**



**SCORPIONS**



**ROAD RUNNER**

# HISTORY OF 161st AVIATION COMPANY



The 161st Aviation Company came into being on 25 August, 1965, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was built up to full strength by November of the same year. The Pelicans, Scorpions, Service Platoon, 406th TC Detachment and the 449th Signal Detachment set sail for the Republic of Viet Nam and landed at QuiNhon, which proved to be not the location of the company site but only the nearest village.

The actual company area turned out to be a scrub covered hill in the An Sou Valley 12 miles west of QuiNhon. Lane Army Airfield, as it was designated, was built from the bottom up, largely through the efforts of the personnel stationed there. Living in tents, the men erected their own quasi-permanent living quarters or "hooches" and Christmas dinner heralded the first "sit-down" meal for the company. In January, 1966, the unit was assigned to the 52nd Aviation Battalion, located at Pleiku, to effect combat operations.

Assigned to give Direct Support to the Republic of Korea's "Tiger" Capital Infantry Division, the 161st Aviation Company concentrated its area of operations in the Phu Cat mountains just North of Lane Army Airfield. The Pelicans, "slicks", flew Delta models while the Scorpions, or "Guns", drove armed "B" models. From their very first combat assault, the Pelicans were known for their attitude of "only the best will do". Throughout their operations at Lane Army Airfield, the Pelicans compiled an extremely meritorious record and earned a well deserved reputation of being completely dependable in any situation. The Scorpions first mission was to provide suppressive fire for the "slicks" during combat assaults. This fire was so effective that the "slicks" sustained a minimum number of hits from enemy fire. Always on Standby, the Scorpions saved many lives due to the fact they could provide a high volume of accurate suppressive fire for combat units on short notice. One action

commander was wounded. The crewchief on board the aircraft was saved by wearing a chest protector as he took a direct hit in the chest. The crew of the downed aircraft was plucked to safety by the crew of another 161st aircraft.

June also saw the 161st in the lead of the 14th Battalion's first major air lift. On June 25th the 161st joined her sister companies the 176th and the 174th in moving two entire infantry battalions. The lift took approximately 5 hours.

On 15 July a trawler, loaded with arms and ammunition was making its way along the coast of South Vietnam when it was run aground by the Navy. Two Scorpions and a Pelican flare ship were dispatched to the scene, and proceeded to help the Navy finish off the trawler. The following morning the 161st and her sister companies joined forces in lifting Koreans into the area to check for Viet Cong and to capture the supplies on board the trawler. July also saw the conclusion of Operation Malheur.

In August, the 161st were kept busy with rescuing the personnel on board a medical evacuation helicopter that crashed near QuiNhon and going to the aid of an Air America twin engine air craft that crashed near Tam Ky.

August also saw the opening of Operation Benton in the mountains northwest of Chu Lai, and the 161st Aviation Company's second mortar attack.

Just three days prior to the local South Vietnamese elections on August 30th, the 161st had between 40 and 50 rounds of enemy mortar fire fall in their perimeter. Luckily no one was hurt and no damage was done to the aircraft.

September marked the ending of Operation Benton and the beginning of Operations Cook and Wheeler. It also proved to be a month of disaster for the 161st.

September 29th started out with only a few aircraft flying, but by mid-afternoon every aircraft that was flyable was put in the air. By the end of the day the 161st had 3 aircraft shot down by hostile fire while two other aircraft were grounded

due to extensive battle damage. One crewmember was killed in action and two pilots were wounded with many others sustaining minor injuries. 29 September was truly a black day for the 161st Aviation Company.

October was another fairly quiet month for the very efficient general support company. The biggest moment of the month was when ships were dispatched to search for a marine who was last seen drifting out to sea on an air mattress.

In November things began to pick up again, the 161st began to send ships up to Landing Zone baldy in support of the 1st Cavalry Division. During November the 161st was also playing hero again with rescues. The 161st sent 3 ships to rescue the survivors from a sinking South Vietnamese fishing boat.

November 28th saw the 161st hit for the third time by enemy mortar fire. The first round fell in the area at approximately 2255, hooks and het last rounds hit at 0345. Small arms fire was also received on the perimeter. During the early morning hours a ship equipped with a firefly light was dispatched to aid the flare ship and gunships already on station. Shortly after take off the firefly aircraft was presumably shot down, and crashed into the South China Sea. All four crewmembers were killed in action.

During the period with the Americal Division, the 161st's unending efforts have led to the recommendation of forty individuals for the Distinguished Flying Cross, fifty-six for the Bronze Star, sixty-eight for the Army Commendation Medal, eight Army Commendation Medal's with "V" device for valor, 160 Air Medals, forty-five Air Medals with "V" device for valor, and thirty-four Purple Hearts.

In reputation and honors earned, as in hours flown and passengers carried, the 161st Aviation Company holds its place as one of the finest helicopter companies in the Republic of Viet Nam.





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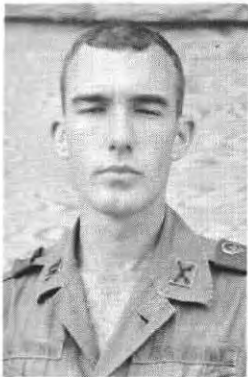
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L-R (KNEELING): WO P. Fourd, WO P. France, WO D. Steele



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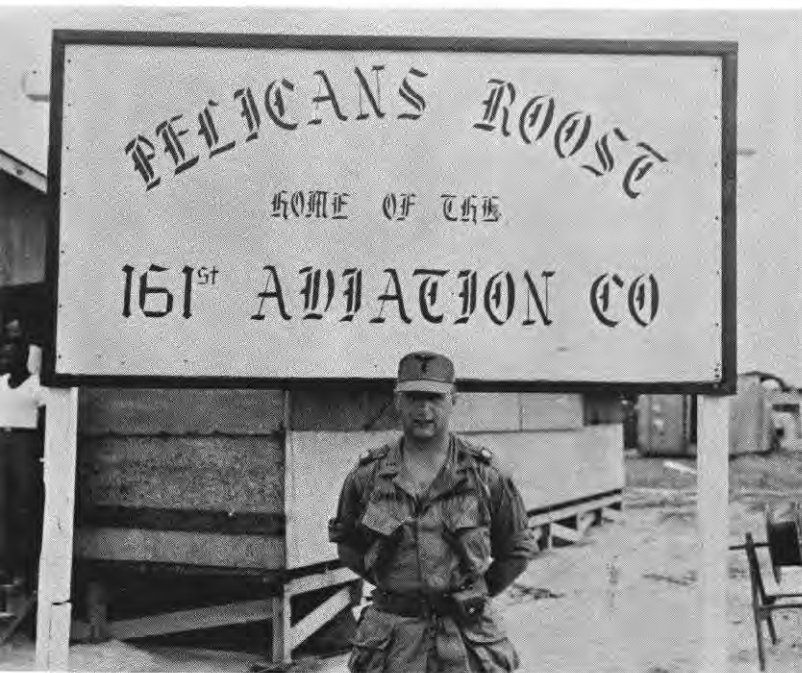




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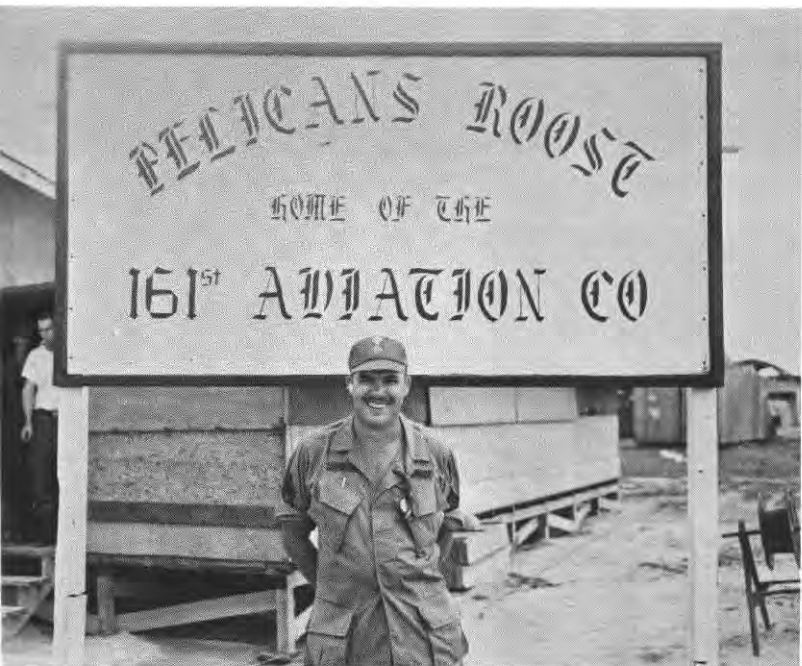


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1SGT Maxwell Thornton



STANDING L-R PFC B. Bongberg, Sp4 J. Rhodes III, PFC R. Hopkins, Sp4, D. Porter, Sp5 R. Talarczyk (Ncoic)  
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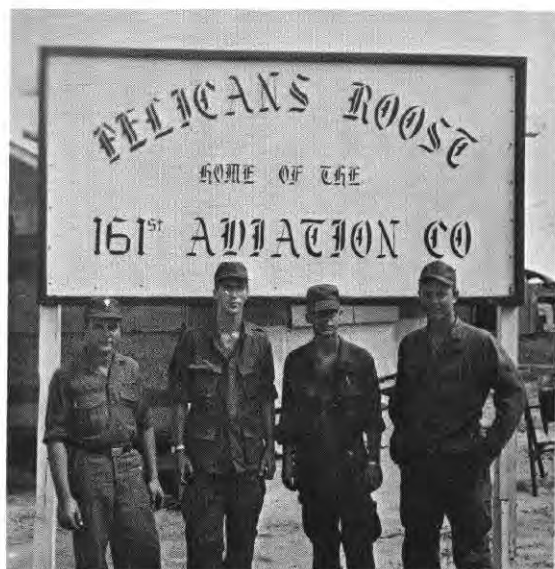
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WO Kenneth G. Jackson





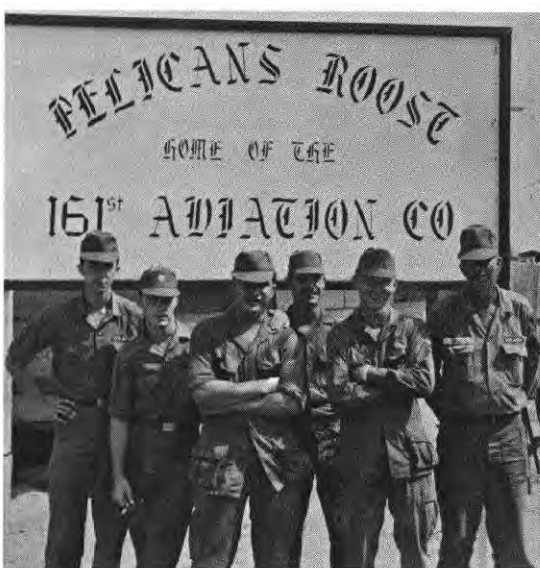
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PFC Swanson



L-R: Sp6 Ted Hill, Sp6 Norman Brown, Sp5 Eugene Jackson,  
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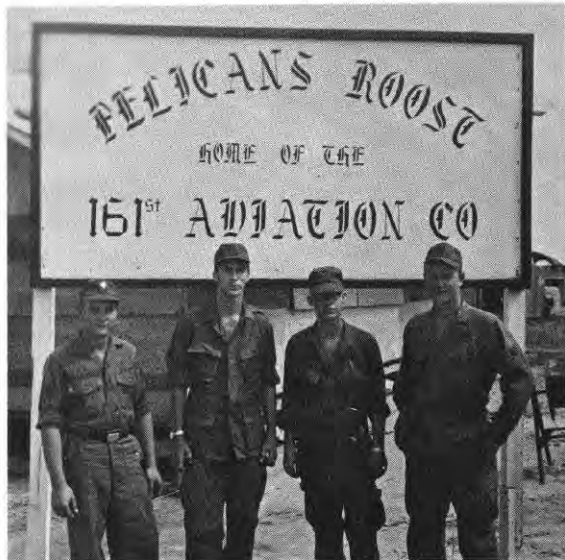
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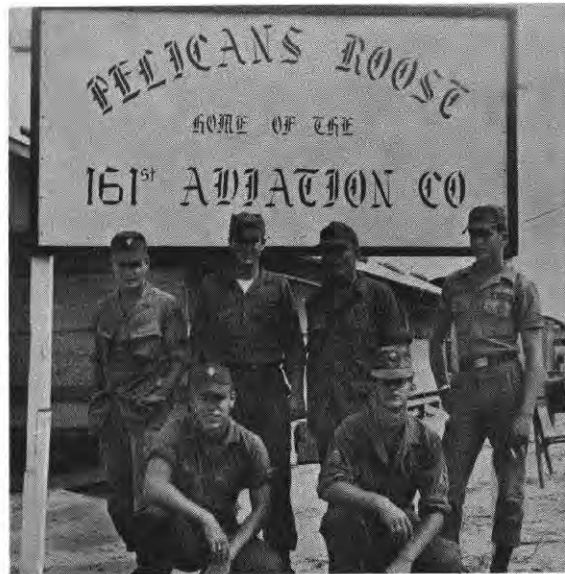
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 FRONT: PFC Terance Carr  
 Sp5 Albert Loflin—Team Leader



L-R: Sp4 George Miscovitz, PFC Richard Ward, Clarence Tiffany, Sp5 Edward Haser



L-R: PFC Larry Prickett, PFC Thomas Owens, Sp5 Charles Foster, PFC Thomas Mason, PFC Lawrence Hoznor  
 Sp5 Charles Foster



L-R (REAR): Sp4 L. Copo, PFC G. Geisinger, PFC Duhan, Sp4 L. Bader  
 FRONT LEFT: Sp4 H. Claybarn III, Sp4 M. Bulzekas



Left—PFC Sclev L. Martihez, Clerk  
Center—SSG Larry S. Cailor, Supply Sergeant  
Right—Sp14 Kenneth J. Cole, Assistant Supply Sergeant



L-R Rear: PFC David Keaffaber, Sp4 Edcardo Sapiandante,  
PFC Mike Elias, PFC Thomas Mooney, Sp4 Dennis Sherry



L-R: PFC Larlun Williams, PFC Charles Finlaw, Sp5  
Gilbert Priest, Sp4 John Fraser, PFC Douglas Kulac, Sp5  
Duane Connell  
Sp5 Gilbert Priest



L-R (REAR): PFC D. Marker, Sp4 C. Fultz, Sp5  
Loflin, PFC C. Wilkinson, Sp4 G. Gilchrist Front  
Kneering, PFC T. Carr

L-R: Sp4 Chris McAfee, Sp4 Gary Giambrone



406th TC Detachment Technical Supply  
L-R: Sp4 Peter Paglialunga, Sp5 Ronald  
Chandler, Sp4 Truman Plummer



Major Schenker accepts command of the 161st.



L-R: Sp4 K. Medlin, Sp4 B. Chetkauskus, Sp4 F. Konawicz









# 174th AVIATION COMPANY

## DOLPHINS and

## SHARKS



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 174 TH AVIATION COMPANY

During 1967 the 174th Aviation Company continued to maintain its outstanding reputation by providing combat helicopter support to the Capitol ROK Infantry Division, the 9th ROK (Whitehorse) Division, the 101st Airborne Division, the 3rd Brigade 4th Infantry Division, and the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

On the morning of 30 January 1967, just as the company rear was moving into its new base camp at Ninh Hoa, RVN, the Company received orders to close at Phan Thiet not later than 1900 hours and begin supporting the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The night of 30 January 1967 turned out to be a sleepless one for many as coordination and plans were made for the next day's operations. At the crack of dawn on 1 February 1967, the 174th Aviation Company and the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion moved the forward fighting elements of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division on one of the most remarkable combat heliborne assaults of the Vietnam War. Within a few hours the area around New Bao Loc, long a Viet Cong stronghold, was besieged from the air and turned into a large base camp complex. During the next few days the company participated in numerous combat assaults and extractions as the area around New Bao Loc was secured and expanded. The Brigade Commander was so pleased by the combat helicopter support that his unit received from the 174th that he sent letters of appreciation to the Company Commander, Major William C. Dalrymple and the Company Operations Officer, Major Henry E. Schwartz.

The Company then returned to Ninh Hoa and supported the 9th ROK (Whitehorse) Division until 25 March 1967. During the period the unit conducted numerous combat assaults many of which were of Battalion or Regimental size. When the company received orders to once again move, Major General Lee, Commanding General of the Whitehorse Division was so appreciative of the outstanding support rendered by the 174th, that he personally presented letters of commendation to the company Commander, Major William C. Dalrymple and the Company Operations Officer Major Henry E. Schwartz on behalf of the men of the 174th.

The unit began supporting the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division on 28 March 1967 at LZ Uplift and then on 18 April moved with the 3rd Brigade to Duc Pho, RVN, where it remained for the duration of the year. Shortly after the move to LZ Uplift the unit had a change of command with Major David M. Mosher taking over at the helm.

The Duc Pho area was virgin enemy territory, so to speak. Intelligence estimated of the situation indicated that the Viet Cong had controlled the area for over 20 years; thus the 174th received a real taste of combat in that one or more ground units was always in heavy contact with the enemy.

Then, in the early morning of 24 June 1967, tragedy struck as the Viet Cong vainly attempted to avenge the death of over 1,000 of their comrades in the Duc Pho area with a mortar attack. A total of seven shells landed in the company area killing Sp4 Thomas Dickinson and Sp4 Larry R. Guentzel and wounding 36 others. The next day the men of the 174th began their duties with renewed determination to avenge their fallen comrades.

On 26 June 1967 Major Thomas W. Wheat Jr. received command of the 174th as Major Mosher rotated back to the States.

In the months to follow the 174th set the pace for other Aviation Companies in the 1st Aviation Brigade by flying an



average of over 3 000 hours per month. Because of the combat situation, it wasn't uncommon for the company to fly four or five combat assaults per day with the gunships (Sharks) being scrambled sometimes up to eight times in one day. Most of the combat assaults were now of platoon or company size. However, the company still participated in several lifts of a much greater magnitude such as the lift on 14 August 1967 when the company set a record for itself by flying 185 hours while combat assaulting two Battalions of the 101st Airborne Division into the mountains West of Chu Lai, RVN. Also during this period the unit's aircraft availability rose to the highest level since it had been in country and on 14 September 1967, 100% of the company's aircraft were flyable and mission ready. Also during the month of September the unit set another record for itself by flying 3202 hours. During the first week of October 1967, Major Thomas W. Wheat Jr. was selected to return to the United States, to receive the "Outstanding Aviation Unit Of The Year" Award for the 1st Brigade.

Near the end of October 1967, the 174th

in addition to supporting the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division also began providing support and in-country training for the 198th Light Infantry Brigade. For over two weeks the Company worked with and trained the men of the 198th concerning the optimum use of rotary winged aircraft in support of infantry units.

The year was marked by many individual and collective acts of heroism in combat against an armed enemy. Some of the more outstanding examples are:

First Lieutenant Billy R. Wood and crew.

While flying in support of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry on 25 April 1967, Lt. Wood made numerous trips into a heavily defended LZ through concentrated ground to air fire to deliver supplies and vacuate the wounded of the ground unit. Lt. Wood's efforts, skill and raw courage may be cited for saving at least two lives and more if the badly Heeded supplies and ammunition had not been delivered.

Captain Woods distinguished himself while flying as fire team leader on a mission to support the extraction of a LRRP team that was in danger of being overrun by an unknown size enemy force. For over an hour Cpt. Woods suppressed enemy fire around the LRRP. The weather was extremely poor; nevertheless, they remained on station over the patrol. He courageously flew his heavily loaded gunship into a small and totally unsecured landing zone near the LRRP's position and dropped off a stretcher and some badly needed medical supplies for the wounded. Minutes later he guided an evacuation helicopter into the same landing zone to extract the patrol. Because of his quick thinking and courageous actions Captain Woods is credited with saving four American soldiers from capture or death at the hands of the enemy.

Major Thomas W. Wheat Jr. and crew on 2 October 1967 during a very severe wind and rain storm voluntarily accepted a mission to extract a patrol of men from the rocky slopes of a small but steep mountain side where they had inadvertently walked into mine field, and had already detonated one mine killing one member of the patrol. Though having to hover down wind, Major Wheat expertly maneuvered his aircraft into and out of the perilous area five times, each time sling loading one member of the team to safety. Because of his courage, quick thinking and extra ordinary flying ability, Major Wheat fully accomplished the mission and is accredited with saving the lives of five American soldiers.

The above instances are evidence of the pride and valor of the men of the 174th Aviation Company. During 1967, the 174th was confronted with many problems, however, through close coordination, proper supervision and an aggressive attitude on the part of every one all problems were met and solved.



CO, MAJ. Thomas Wheat



XO, CPT George W. Boswell



First Sargent SFC Richard E. James





L-R: Sp4 D. Browning, Sp4 R. Belmonte, Sp5 B. Williams, Sp4 R. Blair, PFC I. Foxx



Operations Officer, MAJ Glen D. Gibson



Operations, SGT SSG Bruce Senter





STANDING: PFC A. Bileld, Sp5 D. Williams, Sp4 J. Ramey, PFC Norris  
KEELING: PFC M. McGlew, Sp4 E. Kemper, PFC J. Huggins



STANDING: WO1 Hall, Robert WO1 Fife, William WO1 Sillman, Glen WO1 Johnson, Kenneth WO1 Loughry, Thomas WO1  
KNEELING: WO1 Lind WO1 Main, Milford



WO R. Dodge, PFC L. Waker, SP4 R. Hrvol, PFC P. Duncant



Sp4 L. Howard, Sp4 W. Putnam, Sp4 J. Johnston, Sp5 D. Richardson, Sp4 S. Delnero Sp4 D. Nevin



1LT L. McCrarry



L-R: WO1 Carter, WO1 W. Brigante, WO1 J. Campbell, / WO1 D. Connin, WO1 J. Hathaway, WO1 C. Holcombe



1LT William G. Neuman



WO1 J. Jacobson



STANDING L-R: SP4 J. Lear, PFC F. Stewart, Sp4 R. Mitchell, SGT J. Yocum, Sp4 A. Schert, Sp5 C. Maher, Sp4 H. Kostter  
KNEELING L-R: Sp4 G. Bugher, Sp5 R. Hood



L-R: WO Carmichael, WO C. Miller, WO R. Pearson, Cpt T. Woods, Jr.



Gun Platoon Leader CPT. T. Woods, Jr.



L-R: WO1 S. Dodge, PFC L. C. Walker, Sp4 R. Hruol, PFC P. Duncan





J-R: (1st Cook) Sp4 E. Crisp, Sp4 S. Dentrone, Sp4 E. Phillips, Sp4 C. Holmes, Sp4 T. Ast, Sp4 G. Hubbard (1st Cook)



Sp4 Charles Tanksley Sp4 Clyde Jones Sp4 Gary Schellhaas  
PFC Janka Dennis



Mess Officer WO1 Michael O. Magno



Sp4 James M. Grimsley



Sp4 Steven Fletcher



Sp4 Larry, Rathbone  
PFC Eastham, Perry





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Sp4 Carl Martin, Sp4 Romero, Jose, PFC Freddie Stewart  
Sp4 Edward Crutchfield, PFC Harry Fogle



PFC Bates, Daniel, PFC Bollig, Sp4 Feister, Alexander,  
Sp4 Maryanski, Tom  
PFC Currie, Eulysis, PFC Sorel, Robert

CPT Goff, Edward



WO1 Martin, Larry K.



PFC Cenicerros, PFC Schowalter, Jerry, PFC Bessey,  
Stanley, Sp5 Lundgren, Gary  
PFC Randolph Jones, Sp4 Gary Chilson, Sp4 Richard  
Wedden



SSG R. Dowdy (NCOIC) 452  
Signal Detachment



PFC Devore, Dale, PFC Frix, Roy, PFC Armstrong Danny, Sp4 Hennesey, Michael, PFC Patterson, Sp4 Trapp, George



Sp4 L. Svanoe, Sp4 P. Walker, Sp4 R. Cox PFC R. Lytle, Sp4 A. Velasco



WO1 M. Coakwell, Sp4 Gary Griffin, Sp4 David Seese, Sp4 James Simmons, Sp4 Robert Everman





L-R: PFC J. Phipps, PFC K. Rice, Sp4 H. Watkins, Sp4 W. Noll



Sp4 John Chaky, Sp4 Joseph McKay, Sp4 Robert Curtin, Sp4 Parcell Wheeler



L-R: SSG T. Strocks, Sp5 E. Davis, Sp5 P. Grays, PFC J. Fallon



L-R: PFC W. Hice, Sp4 J. Andric, Sp4 E. Price



Motor Sargent, D. Davenport





STANDING L-R: PFC Cenicerros,  
PFC J. Showalter, PFC S. Bessey, Sp5  
G. Lundgren  
KNEELING L-R: PFC R. Jones, Sp4  
G. Chilson, Sp4 R. Wedden



STANDING L-R: PFC T. Ellis, Sp4  
Glennhead, PFC D. Stanley



STANDING L-R: PFC D. Bates, PFC  
Bollig, Sp4 A. Feister, Sp4 T. Mary-  
anski  
KNEELING L-R: PFC E. Currie,  
PFC R. Sorel





**BLUE TEAM**

STANDING, L-R: SSG M. Diebler, Sp4 G. McGoldrick, Sp4 D. Seese, Sp4 L. Gatti  
KNEELING, L-R: Sp4 G. Griffin, Sp4 B. Williams



OIC—756 Med. Det  
CPT B. W. Schoolfield



STANDING L-R: Sp6 Sims. Johnny, Sp4 B. Scott  
KNEELING L-R: Sp4 R. Olesiak, Sp4 L. Ditto





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MAJ Thomas W. Wheat Jr., CO, 174th Avn CO  
COL. Wear CO, 3 Bde, 4th Inf.





SHARK GUNMEN IS ON THE ALERT IN ACTION NEAR DUC PHO.

INFANTRY TROOPS OF THE 1ST BN, 3RD BDE, 4TH DIV. LEAP FROM 174TH "SLICK" IN AN ACTION NEAR DUC PHO.









# 176th AVIATION COMPANY



**MINUTEMEN**



**MUSKETS**



**AVIONICS**



**A/C MAINTENANCE**



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 178TH AVIATION COMPANY

The 176th aviation company (airmobile light) was activated on 1 October 1965, at Fort Benning, Georgia by Third Army General Order 308. The same order formulated The 411th Transportation Detachment and The 454th Signal Detachment. During the period of mobilization The company and its detachments were under The Command of The 44th Aviation Battalion (provisional) 10th Aviation Group, Fort Benning, Georgia.

The mission of the 176th Aviation Company is to provide aviation support to units of the Free World Military Forces and the Republic of Vietnam Forces in the—Corps Tactical Zone.

The advance party arrived in country at Bien Hoa on 8 February 1967. After a brief stay at the 90th Replacement Company, the party reported to the 12th Aviation Group and in turn to the Buffalo Bn. at Bear Cat. Orders were received to report to the 17th Aviation Group in Nha Trang. On 14 February 1967 The party signed into the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion at Lane Army Heliport and began building their base camp at Phu Hiep. This was to become known as Minuteman Manor, where the main body and all the company equipment began arriving on the 16th and the final aircraft arriving on the 20th. Construction of the base camp permanent facilities began immediately utilizing the self-help program with assistance from the 577th Engineer Company, while the task of unloading and accounting for materials and equipment was undertaken.

At the same time, the unit's pilots and enlisted crews were assigned to the other aviation companies of the 14th Bn. for in-country orientations and standardization training. This training included Flight Section and Flight Platoon instruction, execution and planning of airmobile assaults, aerial gunnery tactics and techniques on crew chief training and door gunner firing.

On 8 March 1967, Minuteman aircraft and crews led by Lt. Col. Harry T. McDaniel participated in their first com-

bat assault along with the 174th Assault Helicopter Company. On 25 March 1967, the company was officially declared Operationally Ready after having flown some 2200 sorties in 615 hours while participating in five combat assaults.

On the same day the unit deployed its aviation elements to Ninh Hoa to assume the support mission for the 9th Infantry Division of the Republic of Korea. This duty was replaced by the assignment to support the Capitol ROK Infantry Division out of Lane Army Heliport on 12 April 1967. While working with these two units, the Minutemen participated in Operation Ojackyo and Operation Beak-Ma II, as well as other lesser operations with Free World Military Forces and Republic of Vietnam military forces. The Company also trained five Korean aviators and familiarized them with airmobile assault techniques. In Operation Beak-Ma II the unit encountered its first experience with troop repelling due to the hazard of landing zones located on sharp peaks and razor-back ridge lines.

On 6 May 1967, the 129th Assault Helicopter Company relieved the 176th Aviation Company of its support responsibility at Lane Army Heliport. Thus the unit returned to its base camp at Phu Hiep and began a period of maintenance and preparation for its move north to Duc Pho.

An advance party consisting of representatives from maintenance's supply, with the commander proceeded to Duc Pho on 9 May to coordinate with the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. During their visit, final plans were made on movement of the unit. A movement team had been designated and movement and loading got under way at Tuy Hoa. The equipment to be transported by sea was moved by convoy to Vung Ro Bay and off-loaded there to be put aboard LST's.

During this time the unit did not have any major operation scheduled, although support in form of a light fire team from the armed helicopter platoon and a flare ship were provided at Duc Pho to be

utilized primarily for base camp security at night.

The entire move from Phu Hiep was completed in four days, and living quarters were established to provide for the main body which arrived on 10 and 11 May 1967. Lt. Col. McDaniel was called home unexpectedly on emergency leave on 31 May and Maj. Donald W. Phillips assumed command of the company on 12 June 1967.

The Minutemen remained in Duc Pho in direct support of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division on Operation Malheur II until 1 August 1967, at which time the Airborne moved in the area west of Quang Nai on Operation Hood River from 2 August through 13 August 1967.

At the completion of Hood River, the 176th followed the 101st further north to Chu Lai to begin Operation Benton, with the paratroopers working in the mountains west of Tam Ky.

At this time The Minutemen began working besides the other Units comprising The Americal Division then known as Task Force Oregon. This operation lasted until the 20th of August when the 101st again moved to Duc Pho. The Minutemen followed, and on 1 September participating in Operation raid, an All-day attempt, utilizing quick-strike capabilities to release Vietnamese prisoners from a Viet Cong prison compound Southwest of Quang Nai. Upon the successful completion of this operation the Paratroopers were heli-lifted into the mountains northwest of Quang Nai on operation cook. This operation lasted until 9 September at which time The 101st again moved. The move this time brought them even further north to a place called Chu Lai. The Minutemen used Ky Ha as their Base Camp. This place had been formerly operated by the Marine Corps aviation personnel. Presently under the Command of Major Paul E. Jackson, the 176th is in direct support of the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, along with general support of the whole I Corps Area.



XO, Major James O. Morton



First Sargent Robert King



CO, Major Paul E. Jackson



Supply Officer, WO B. Toombs



Awards And Decorations, Sp4 J. Wells, WO R. Moon



Orderly Room, Sp4 C. Pagliai, CPT J. Blein





TOP ROW, L-R: WO C. Peters, WO C. Canfield, WO T. Lake, WO B. Lamon, 1LT D. Raymond BOTTOM ROW, L-R: WO A. Cerullo, WO D. Robinson, WO J. Huss, WO L. Tucker



TOP, L-R: Sp4 T. Adams, Sp4 Reed, Sp5 T. La Rock, Sp4 Berta, Sp4 Amsler BOTTOM, L-R: Sp4 Clutter, Sp5 E. Davis, Sp4 Fuller, Sp4 Kinard, SSG S. Sudduth

TOP, L-R: WO L. Boise, WO W. Borchart, WO E. Mayhen, WO E. Fitzsimmons BOTTOM, L-R: WO D. Bottoms, WO W. Formes, WO D. Eagleston, WO D. Eakin



TOP, L-R: Sp4 G. Garich, PVT C. Martin, Sp4 C. Mullen, BOTTOM, L-R: Sp4 J. Tobin, Sp4 D. Mabry Sp4 M. Ochoa



1LT D. Raymond, SSG J. Sudduth





L-R: Sp5 J. Fleming, Sp4 B. MacVane, PFC J. Elum, Sp4 L. Rodriguez



L-R: 1LT Gardner, SSG VERMULEN, WO Pollock



L-R: PFC R. Williams, Sp4 D. Weiese, Sp4 R. Lewis, Sp5 R. Mohr, PFC L. Silva, Sp5 R. O'Connell



Platoon Leader, Second Flight Platoon Major James D. Kanning





**SECOND FLIGHT PLATOON**

L-R: WO R. Moon, WO R. Johnston, WO W. McClure, WO B. Lawson, WO P. Rodriguez, WO M. Connor



L-R: 1LT M. Doyle, WO D. Borton, WO R. Blohm, WO B. Gorman





L-R: WO1 T. Sarvis, WO1 S. Christine, WO1 T. Hammond, CW2 G. Garraty, WO1 G. Beck



L-R: CPT M. McGuire (Plat Ldr), WO1 J. Coburn, WO1 M. Arline, WO2 G. Kern, WO1 J. Busby, WO1 K. Bagley, SSG L. Godwin (Plat Sgt)



L-R: Sp4 L. Plummer, Sp4 R. Johnson, Sp4 M. Hutchens, Sp5 R. Dugger, Sp4 M. Haggart, Sp4 R. Hayes, Sp4 C. Nelson, Sp4 S. Olson



TOP, L-R: Sp4 J. Swansunger, Sp5 A. Hefley, Sp5 R. Konnen, Sp5 J. Newville  
BOTTOM: Sp5 R. Rydingsword, Sp5 W. Stanley





Commanding Officer  
454 Signal  
1LT Alexander Braszko



TOP L-R: PFC Breeze, Sp4 Griffin  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 Meile, Sp5  
Deboer



TOP L-R: Sp4 Yeagly, Sp4 Daugherty, PFC Perotta  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 Pehs, Sp4  
Morris



14th AVIATION BATTALION

05 MAY 66 - 26 FEB 68

THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF 12th AVIATION GROUP  
ARE PROUD AND PLEASED TO HAVE SERVED WITH YOU  
WE WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AND GOOD FORTUNE  
GAINST ON AND WELL DONE



Commanding Officer  
CPT William E. Adams



TOP L-R: Sp4 L. Salas, Sp5 W. Shi, Sp4 J. Moyers, Sp4 R. McKee  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 N. Mitchell, Sp4 M. Holloway

TOP L-R: Sp4 R. Riccardelli, PFC S. Galbearth, Sp5 J. Boyko, Sp5 L. Hunt  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 J. Womack, PFC W. Roskam, Sp4 J. West, Sp5 C. Pastrand



TOP L-R: SFC D. Holder, SFC C. Odom, CPT W. Adams, CW2 J. Clark, SSG R. Dobrowolski, SSG J. Coleman







TOP L-R: Sp4 R. Schaefer, PFC M. White, Sp5 D. Hanson, Sp5 W. Packer  
 BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 F. Wesley, PFC R. Woodfin, PFC E. Carrillo, PFC S. Schultz



L-R: Sp6 P. Cox, Sp6 R. Hall, Sp5 D. Martinez



Bottom Left M. M. Bargainnier

TOP L-R: Sp4 R. Hartman, PVT M. Horton, Sp4 D. Fox  
 BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 J. Hawley, PVT A. Palmer



TOP L-R: Sp4 J. Hazel, Sp5 T. Wahden, Sp5 W. Schaefer, Sp4 T. George, Sp4 G. Theisler, Sp5 J. Schrieder  
 BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 H. Gardner, Sp4 J. Reed, Sp5 R. Eckert, Sp4 S. McDaniel, Sp4 R. Berg

L-R: Sp5 G. Horne,  
Pfc R. Williams, Sp4 W.  
Marlins, Sp4 Siler



TOP L-R: Sp4 H. Welz-  
miller, Sp4 N. Rawlins,  
Sp4 G. Armstrong  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 E.  
Wheeler, Sp4 J. Williams

TOP L-R: Sp4 R. Rodri-  
guez, Sp5 G. Estabrook,  
Sp5 J. Sharp, Sp5 J.  
Waltman, Sp5 N. Osborn  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp5 R.  
Buttler, Sp4 J. Patterson,  
Pfc J. Morgan, Sp5 J.  
Wendorf





MINUTEMEN SHIPS STANDBY TO PICK UP TROOPS  
FOR THE 198TH INFANTRY BRIGADE ON A COMBAT ASSAULT



# 178th AVIATION COMPANY

## "BOXCAR"



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE 176 AVIATION COMPANY

"Abiline", "Benver", and "Brimingham" are familiar names to the old "Boxcars" crews which arrived here with the unit in March 1966. "Lexington I", "Montgomery", "Toledo", "Attleboro", "Cedar Falls", and "Junction City I & II" to name a few, have been etched in the minds of these who are about to rotate home. The story that follows is dedicated to members of this unit past, present, and yet to serve. The following pages will highlight the 178th Assault Support Helicopter Company's contribution to the free world effort in aviation.

From April 1966 until April 1967 the "Boxcars" then stationed at Phu Loi, Vietnam supported virtually all units in the III Corps area. In recognition of the demonstrated courage and the dedication "to getting the job done", the 178th ASEC has been recommended for the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award.

A major contribution by this unit was the writing and publication of a training manual explaining the proper techniques in the use of the Chinook helicopter. This training manual is now in wide use throughout the RVN and has become the "Bible" for Chinook operations. A Unit Mobile Training Team conducted liaison visits to all supported units to instruct those personnel concerned with CH-47 helicopter operations. As a result of this intensive training program, the tons per flying hour rose from 3.6 in April 1966 to 5.1 by March 1967.

Civic Actions have played an important part in the activities of the 178th ASHC. Members of the unit devoted themselves to the Civic Action Program by caring for members of the Refugee Center at Vinh Son, RVN, which was a unit-sponsored project. The company obtained 250 tons of cement and building material to construct homes, wells, and showers. A full time dispensary was also opened. Members of the unit generously donated \$180.00 for a Christmas Party for the children of Vinh Son. Santa Claus, descending from the sky in a CH-47 "Boxcar", delivered the gifts to the children.

On 21 April 1967 the 178th ASHC was redeployed 350 miles North, to Chu Lai, RVN. Its new mission was to support the newly formed Task Force Oregon now known as the Americal (23rd Infantry) Division. A great degree of skill was required by the "Boxcars" to safely and expeditiously accomplish their mission. From the coastal plains surrounding the Chu Lai area to the high mountainous regions to the West, the units' capability was put to a real test.

Becoming operational the day after its

arrival at Chu Lai the 178th ASHC jumped immediately into operations "Malheur I", "Malheur II", "Hood River", and "Benton". Recently the 178th ASHC has seen action in operations "Raid", "Cook", "Wheeler", and "Wallowa". During these operations, it was the good fortune of the 178th ASHC to support excellent units. Among them were the 101st Airborne Brigade, the 3rd

Brigade 4th Infantry Division, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, and most recently the 198th Light Infantry Brigade.

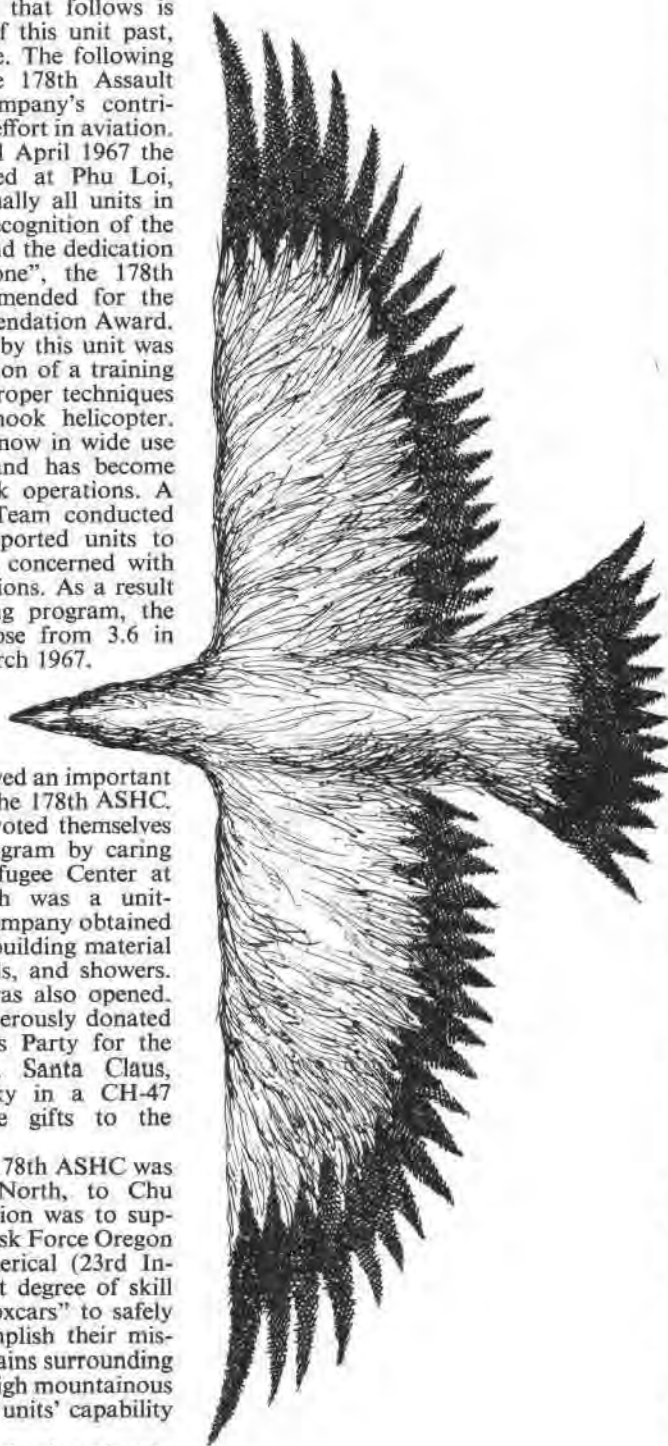
The Chu Lai, Duc Pho and Tam Ky areas proved to be the most hostile yet encountered. For the first 3 months this unit received more aircraft hits than during the previous 12 months in country. During the month of June, this unit received 88% of all reported Chinook hits in the RVN.

Once again pacification played an important part in this units' functions. In a two week period during June 1967, the Boxcars evacuated over 10,000 refugees from Viet Cong infested areas to new home-sites located near Duc Pho. There was standing room only on the giant CH-47 as the refugees loaded on all their worldly possessions. The normal load consisted of 125 to 150 men, women and children. On one occasion, 164 refugees were air lifted by a single "Boxcar". The people, while afraid of these "giants from the sky", willingly climbed aboard the "Boxcars" for a chance at food, shelter, security, and perhaps most of all freedom from Viet Cong terrorism that marked their lives for a generation. The members of the 178th ASHC are now sharing in the financial support of the Protestant-Evangelical Church Orphanage, located in An-Tan RVN. This orphanage will house, feed, and clothe up to 60 orphaned Vietnamese.

As the operational area for Task Force Oregon grew, so did Task Force Oregon and the demands put upon the 178th ASHC. Without the experienced and professional personnel of the 400th Transportation Detachment, this units flying days would have come to an abrupt end. Although no big hangars or concrete ramps existed and all maintenance had to be performed in the open, the 400th Trans Det has constantly maintained high availability of an exceedingly complex machine. The crews of the 400th Trans Det and maintenance personnel of the 178th ASHC consider a 12 to 18 hour day normal. During the month of November 1967, this unit recorded an all time high in aircraft availability of 82.5%.

Again, the 178th ASHC initiated a unit training program for supported units. Its effect can once again be seen by the increased tons per flying hour. The tons per flying hour ratio rose from 4.7 in April 67 to record high of 6.2 in Oct 1967. To date the 178th ASHC has transported over 159,481 passengers and flown over 17,711 hours in country. Since arriving in-country, the 178th ASEC has recovered 357 downed aircraft at a tremendous dollar savings to the government.

The outstanding records of achievement in the counter-insurgency and pacification programs in Viet Nam, reflect highly upon the quality, integrity, courage, and "can do" spirit of the officers and men of the 178th ASHC and 400th Transportation Detachment Det.





CO, Major John M. Kalina



First Sargent, Clyde H. Johnson



XO, Major Ernest M. Wood, Jr.





Second Platoon Leader, Major James P. McCormick



Assistant Operations Officer, Major Benny L. Himes



Operations Officer, Major Willard D. Dillonaire



CW-4 C. Steffani



400th Detachment First Sargent, H. Seribner



400th Detachment Commander, Major G. Webster



Maintenance Office, Major O. Hite



TOP ROW L-R: Sp6 J. Storey, Sp5 P. Langway, Sp5 N. Weavel  
 BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp4 L. Melius, Sp4 S. Ramsey, Sp4 M. Held



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 R. Marsella, Sp6 J. Waddel, Sp4 G. Williams  
 BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp4 J. Young, Sp5 R. Nelson, PFC R. Nance



L-R: Sp5 L. Thoms, Sp4 H. Sanmons, Sp5 N. Cotter, Sp4 I. Mezinis



TOP ROW L-R: Sp5 W. Newman, Sp5 P. Farrelly, Sp5 D. Hoffman, PFC F. Berk  
 BOTTOM ROW: Sp5 D. Bertelsen, Sp4 S. Robinson





TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 A. Dypree, Sp4 M. Floyd, Sp6 J. Kellen,  
Sp5 P. Bebernard  
BOTTOM ROW: Sp4 A. Rodriguez



L-R: Sp4 E. Spencer, Sp4 W. Skidmore, Sp4 C. Looney



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 Smith, Sp4 I. Reznicoff, Sp4 J. Henderson, PFC  
W. Cepene  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp5 V. Meyers, Sp4 B. Gardenr, Sp4 S. Smith,  
PFC S. Chesner



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 R. Van Dyk, Sp5 R. Strickland,  
PFC A. Roland  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 D. Tillett, Sp5 L. Montoya, Sp4  
R. Schrengost



L-R: Sp4 A. Killian, Sp4 G. Allison, PFC J. Kirigpatrick, Sp4 S. Friedman, SSG J. Jacobs



L-R: Sp6 L. Gardner, Sp5 F. Caurch, Vertol Reu. Westly, Sp4 W. Eil



TOP ROW L-R: PFC G. Malson, Sp4 C. Tietsort, PFC R. Harty, Sp4 T. Stone  
BOTTOM ROW: PFC B. Becdin



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 D. Gooden, Sp4 F. Werdli, Sp4 W. Sly, Sgt G. Hillford  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp5 J. Moseley, Sp4 P. Krekeler





L-R: SSG L. Pressley, SSG A. Camerson, SFC M. Webb



Sp5 R. Lewis



L-R: SSG R. Sadauskas, SFC C. Pritchard, 1st SGT H. Seribner, SFC R. Austin, SSG E. Alford





L-R: Sp4 R. Johonson Sp5 J. Baker



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 D. Rube, Sp4 R. Janosek, Sp5 C. Amos, SGT D. Willis  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp4 W. Rickard, Sp4 A. Stowe, Sp4 W. Baker, Sp4 A. Gooding



L-R: Sp4 C. Valentine, SSG M. Phillips, SGT B. Kimball, Sp5 A. Glenn



TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 W. Nebane, Sp5 Kilewis  
BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 M. Leigh, PFC V. Gutt



TOP ROW L-R: WO J. Haig, CW-2 T. Payne, CW-3 R. Biggs CW-3 G. Thurmond, Major E. Wood, CW-2 R. Wilkerson  
 BOTTOM ROW L-R: WO L. Murray, Verton Tech. Rep MR. J. Mollingo, CW-2 B. Smith, CPT C. Davis, CPT R. Black



TOP: CPT D Lloyd  
 BOTTOM L-R: WO G. Schultz, WO J. Busbee, CW-2 R. Wilkerson, WO F. Littlefield



FIRST FLIGHT PLATOON  
 TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 D. Rube, Sp4 Kenyon, Sp4 Alward, Sp5 J. Figueroa, Sp4 F. Gelmi, Sp4 W. Cook  
 BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp4 B. Means, Sp5 D. Bryan, Sp 6 M. Mares, Sp5 J. Cutriont, Sp4 W. Killingsworth



L-R: Sp5 Nicholas P. Long, SSG Charles W. Miller Jr.



L-R: Sp5 Kevin C. Crooks, Sp5 Wayne J. Osiecki, Sp5 Shelby O. Riley Jr.



TOP L-R: Sp4 Tom R. Graham, Sp4 Reginald L. Soares, PFC Richard S. Brack, SSG Jack Miles  
 BOTTOM L-R: Sp4 Larry R. Moore, PFC Richard Wright, Sp5 William C. Flowers



# **"C" TROOP, 7th SQUADRON**



## **17th AIR CAVALRY**

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF C TROOP, 7th SQUADRON, 17TH AIR CAVALRY.

From the first day that Troop C became fully operational the troop has been doing an outstanding job in support of the 196th Brigade. While supporting the various units of the Brigade, Troop C has conducted reconnaissance missions, screening missions, provided cover for the ground troops, (Snatch missions, Combat Assaults) etc. Up until 14 December 1967, the troop had only made small contacts with the VC and NVA spotting them here and there throughout their area of operation, therefore, the number of kills and captured were small each day. On 14 December 1967, while operating in the western valley West of Tam Ky and northeast of Tam Ky along the coast, Troop C recorded 12 confirmed KIA and several possibles. The Infantry was put on the ground three different times to search possible VC villages.

Directly North of Tam Ky on the western shore of the inland waterway WO Harold Nicely (Rhodell, W. Virginia) in his OH-6A spotted six VC with weapons. A squad of infantry was landed and immediately received sniper and automatic weapons fire. WO Nicely received one round through the bottom of his OH-6A and was slightly wounded. He did manage to shoot the man who shot him before he left the scene. A member of the infantry squad, SP4 Richard Dubois (Atlanta, Georgia) was hit in the face with a grenade thrown by a VC. Before it had time to explode he saved his platoon sergeants life by pushing him down behind a hedgerow. 1LT George Briggs (Freeport, Maine) in his OH-6A relieved WO Nicely on station and killed three VC evading and firing on the infantry squad on the ground. Shortly before noon the squad was extracted.

On the 15th of December 1967, CPT Billy J. McKenzie (Attalla, Ala.) working in a mixed team with MAJ John R Burden (Wapakonetta, Ohio) spotted 28 VC sampans on the inland waterway and sank all 28 with rockets and miniguns.

On 16 December 1967, while working with the 1/1 Cav a mixed team of 1LT George Handley (Ogdensburg, New York) and WO Thomas Percy (Norfolk, Virginia) received sniper fire from VC

while working the flat land northeast of Tam Ky. WO Percy's OH-6A was hit and his crew chief/door gunner PFC James Goodman (Silver Springs, Maryland) was wounded. He continued to fire at the source of fire until the ship was forced to land. The 1/1 Cav immediately set up a perimeter around the downed aircraft until more support from Troop C could arrive. An estimated 20 VC KIA were reported in the area and 15 structures were destroyed.

Again on the 17th of December 1967, Troop C known as the "Blue Ghosts" showed its superiority. CPT McKenzie in his OH-6A spotted numerous VC hiding in camouflaged sampans approximately 4000 meters north of Tam Ky. All had weapons and packs. CPT McKenzie alone killed three with his mini-gun. When his ship ran out of ammo, the crew chief/door gunner SP5 Joseph Johnson (Elba, Alabama) killed one with his M-60. When he ran out of ammo SP5 Johnson killed one with his .45 caliber pistol and WO Robert Smith (Fort Worth, Texas) a lift pilot serving as observer killed one with his .38 caliber pistol. CPT McKenzie also destroyed 8 sampans after which he hovered over them in his OH-6A while SP5 Johnson hung on the skid recovering small arms, ammo, packs and web gear.

MAJ James D Marett, the Troop Commander, (Tamassee, South Carolina) while flying over a ville just north of Lake Song Dam had an estimated 150 lb bomb detonated under his UH-1C. He also received small arms and automatic weapons fire. SP5 Frederick Hersom (Bath, Maine) his crew chief/door gunner killed one VC shooting at the aircraft. A team of 1LT Michael Chambers (Hoistington, Kansas) and WO Phillip Monte (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) also on station killed four VC evading into a bunker. All were armed.

An airstrike was called in on the ville and damage assessment was gotten by the ground unit. CPT McKenzie later returned to the sunken sampans and saw 3 VC trying to recover equipment and confirmed 3 KIA. He then retrieved more weapons, web gear, ammo, C-4 bags and packs. CPT Billy F Hatch (Little Rock, Arkansas) then came on the scene and sank 25 more sampans which were camouflaged.

On the 21st of December Troop C still remained in direct support of the 196th Brigade. The big action of the day came while in support of F Troop, 17th Cav, and A Troop 1/1 Cav. In the morning about four clicks northeast of Tam Ky

F Troop made contact with the VC. Troop C's infantry was committed and two likely suspects were captured. MAJ Marett found one suspect hiding in the water breathing through a reed. He hovered over him until F Troop could capture him. He turned out to be a VC squad leader. The infantry later captured two more VC and turned them over to Troop F.

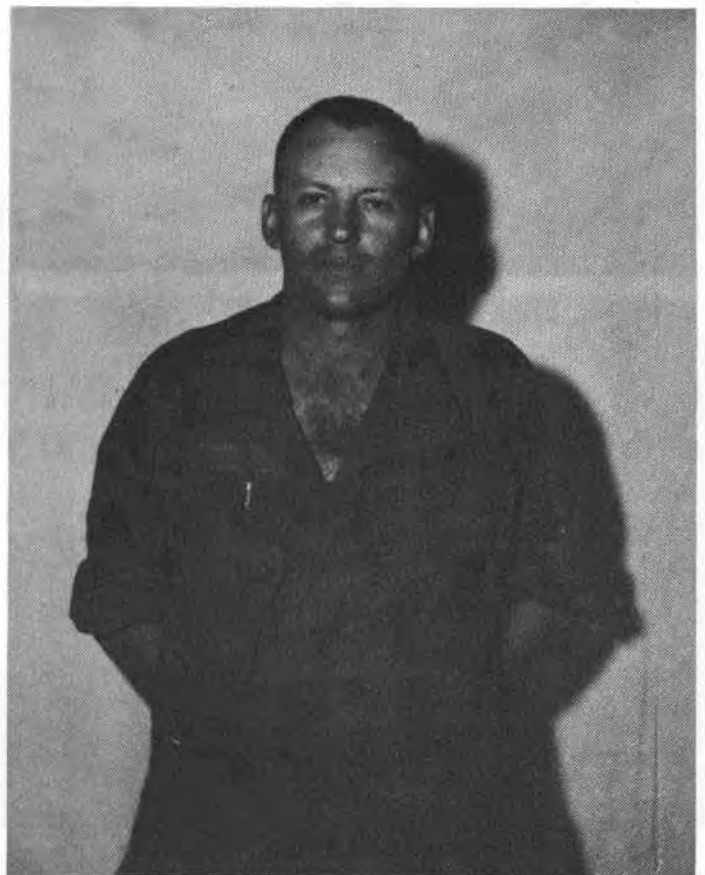
Later in the day the mixed team of MAJ Burden and WO Nicely were sent to screen for A Troop 1/1. While screening they spotted 10 NVA, at the same time A Troop was crossing the waterway and one APC sank. WO Nicely in his OH-6A hovered over the APC and lowered his crew chief/door gunner PFC Edward Ventura (Chandler, Arizona) into the water. He hung on the skid and saved 3 of the APC's crew. He then jumped into the water and attempted to save the remaining two. All of this was done with the threat of 10 NVA with weapons 300 meters away.

Shortly afterwards two APC's from A Troop 1/1 ran into an estimated NVA company just east of the sunken APC. A mixed team of 1LT George Briggs in his OH-6A and 1LT Michael Chambers in his UH-1C gunship who were screening for them marked their position and put rockets into the enemy position until more Troop C gunships could arrive on the scene. After the other gunships arrived 1LT Briggs heard another APC, located midway in the waterway, that had lost its steering and was taking water. He evacuated three men in his OH-6A while receiving fire from ashore and all of their weapons. The APC with the reduced load was then able to make it to shore. Once on the opposite shore he took the men, weapons, and ammo back across to the APC. At the same time WO Nicely who was now screening killed one NVA with an AK-47 sneaking up on the APC's. He also directed gunships on target while receiving automatic weapons fire. 1LT Chambers had one confirmed KIA, MAJ Marett had 2 KIA confirmed, 18 structures were destroyed and 2 sampans sunk. Estimated 20 KIA. An airstrike was called in on the position shortly after dark and Troop C pulled its elements out.

This actually has been the real significant action that Troop C has had in the short time they have been at Chu Lai. It is a fact that the short time Troop C has been operational in this area they have had more kills than any other unit in the 196th Brigade.



MAJ Williams (XO)



1st SGT Higginbotham (1SG)



MAJ Marett (CO)



SFC William N. Taylor





L-R: Sp4 Edward L. Mason, PFC Thomas E. Stillwell, Sp4 Donald E. Babcock



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT AND ONE IN THE REAR PFC Enos Mark S. Sp4 Regenos Terry L. Sp4 Derr Robert J. Sp6 Locke Wilford L. RA11418617, Sp4 Marlery Richard REAR Sp4 Brakley Willie



L-R: Sp4 Thomas H. Dombecki, Sp4 Ronald R. Bradley, Sp4 Wayne A. Rosner, PFC Otis Seenson Jr., SSG Bob Ash



CPT Richard N. Peterson, Maintenance



L-R: Sp5 Wilson Carney, SGT Albert Chandler, SGT Willi Brandl, Sp4 George Bull



TOP L-R: Sp4 William Benedict, SGT Kenneth Pack, Sp4 James Cray, Sp4 Stanley Schipreth, Sp4 Gary Richardson  
BOTTOM L-R: PSG Alfonzo Stephens, SGT Earl Rumans, SGT George Vereen, SGT Ernest Carrillo



TOP L-R: SGT Edward Johnson, Sp4 Garland aynard, SGT Bobbie McDowell, Sp4 Clayton Thomas  
BOTTOM L-R: SGT Michael Fitzsimmons, Sp4 Norman Deskins, Sp4 Frank Woods



TOP L-R: WO1 Phillip Monte, Sp5 Ronald Oglesby, 1LT Donald Williamson, PSG Winston DeLoach, WO1 Thomas Percy, 1LT George Briggs, Sp5 Joseph Johnson  
BOTTOM L-R: CPT Billy McKenzie, SSG Robert Derbv, Sp5 Robyn Davis, Sp4 Harold Yeager, Sp4 Edward Gay, Sp5 John Noyes



TOP ROW L-R: CPT Hatch, WO1 Napier, WO1 Smith, 1LT Buckley  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: WO1 Redel, WO1 Glaze, WO1 Morris



TOP ROW L-R: WO1 Tynan, Sp4 McCabe, SGT Harkey, 1LT Jones  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: Sp5 Cook, Sp5 Donnell, Sp4 Beauford,



TOP ROW L-R: WO1 Sabaka, WO1 Rauber, WO1 Phipps, 1LT Handley  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: WO1 Ross, CPT Grooms, WO1 Opheim, WO1 Sprinkle



TOP ROW L-R: WO1 Puescel, WO1 Rock, 1LT Chambers, MAJ Burden  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: WO1 Shanahan, WO1 Reif, 1LT Reed, WO1 Pewitt





TOP ROW L-R: Sp4 Norman, Sp5 Troyer Sp4 Albright  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: PFC Pace, Sp4 Pickelsimer, SGT Ramsthaller



SFC Fielder, SSG Tomlinson, Sp4 Peeler, Sp4 Comer.



TOP ROW L-R: MAJ Wililams, 1LT Asay, CPT Holcomb, 1LT Cretella  
BOTTOM ROW L-R: MAJ Marett, WO1 Shepardson, 1SG Higginbotham



KNEELING L-R: Sp5 James M. Troyer, Sp5 Dennis R. Dyer, Sp4 Rockey J. Pace  
STANDING L-R: Sp4 Robert M. Fontes, Sp4 Ronald E. Pickelsimer, Sp5 Moses Wynn

# 14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION

## OPERATIONS

SINCE MAY, 1967

WHEN	WHO	WHERE
11 May 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	DUC PHO
3 Jun 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	DUC PHO
6 Jun 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	DUC PHO
22 Jun 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	DONG VINH
22 Jun 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	GO NUON
6 Jul 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	DUC PHO
10 Jul 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	DUC PHO
14 Jul 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NUI DA TUONG
17 Jul 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NUI COI
2 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	DON PHU
2 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	LANG BOA
13 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NUI DAT DO
13 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	TIEN PHUOC
15 Aug 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	TIEN PHUOC
19 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	CHU LAI
28 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	CHU LAI
29 Aug 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	CHU LAI
29 Aug 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	HA THANH
1 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	NUI DAU TUONG
2 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	QUAN SON
4 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	QUAN SON
5 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	HOAI AN
6 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 35th Infantry	QUANG NGAI
9 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	QUANG NGAI
9 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 427th Airborne Infantry	TAM KY
11 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NGOC R MOI
12 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	TIEN PHUOC
12 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	TIEN PHUOC
14 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 14th Infantry	TAM KY
24 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 14th Infantry	PHU TOAN
27 Sep 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	PHU TOAN
27 Sep 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NUI DA DEN
16 Oct 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	PHAI BAC
20 Oct 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	NUI DAY THEM
27 Oct 67	1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry	BINH YEN
6 Nov 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	NUI LIET KIEM
6 Nov 67	5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry	HONG TAO
6 Nov 67	1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry	QUE SON
18 Nov 67	4th Infantry Regiment, 6th ARVN Division	NUI DA DEN
20 Nov 67	3d Battalion, 21st Infantry	PHU LAM
23 Nov 67	2d Battalion, 502d Airborne Infantry	TAM KY
24 Nov 67	2d Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	TAM KY
25 Nov 67	1st Battalion, 327th Airborne Infantry	TAM KY
27 Nov 67	3d Infantry Regiment, 4th ARVN Division	QUANG NGAI












Battalion Size Combat Assault	34
Battalion Size Extraction	11
Battalion Size Repositioning	14
Company Size Combat Assault	591
Company Size Extraction	384
Company Size Repositioning	21
Hours Flown	85,394
Sorties Flown	300,190
Passengers Transported	504,889
Tons of Cargo Lifted	67,822
Aircraft Hit	319
Wounded in Action	90
Killed in Action	16
VC Killed Body Count	918
VC Structures Destroyed	3,084
VC Sampans Destroyed	655
Aircraft Lost	21

Malheur I	TFO/Americal Div	11 May—8 Jun
Malheur II	TFO/Americal Div	8 Jun—31 Jul
Prairie Fire	TFO/Americal Div	1 Aug—Present
Hood River	TFO/Americal Div	2 Aug—13 Aug
Benton	TFO/Americal Div	13 Aug—29 Aug
Raid	TFO/Americal Div	1 Sep 67
Cook	TFO/Americal Div	4 Sep—9 Sep
Wheeler	TFO/Americal Div	11 Sep—Present
Wallowa	TFO/Americal Div	4 Oct—Present



# Awards Received by Members of Battalion From 1 Jan 67

<b>Distinguished Service Cross      1</b> 	<b>Silver Star      6</b> 	<b>Legion of Merit      3</b> 
<b>Distinguished Flying Cross      10</b> 	<b>Soldier's Medal      4</b> 	<b>Bronze Star      123</b> <b>Bronze Star V      18</b> 
<b>Air Medal V      132</b> <b>Air Medal      5125</b> 	<b>Army Commendation Medal 135</b> <b>With V Device      30</b> 	<b>Purple Heart      52</b> 

## MED CAP

### ACTIVITIES OF 14th CAB.

The 756th Medical Detachment, O.A., attached to the 174th Assault Helicopter company of the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion operates a medical civic action program at the Duc Pho orphanage. Here the flight surgeon, Dr. Byron Schoolfield of Preston, Indiana and his medics on daily visits have been checking new arrivals and providing care for the children. Routine illnesses of children, common throughout the world are treated as well as problems common to Southeast Asian children. Vitamins, clothing, food, and medical supplies are provided.

The 14th Battalion Surgeon section and the 534th Medical Detachment, O.A., operate a "med cap" program to the north of Chu Lai. This includes a village, Xuang Trung, and two hamlets: An Tay (1), and An Tay (2).

This program was inherited from a U.S. Marine signal detachment, whose medical personnel had already begun a varied civic action program. One of their accomplishments was the provision of materials with which the villagers of Xuang Trung built an aide station. This is



Dr. John W. Barnard treating tropical ulcer.



1Lt. Michael B. J. Campbell treats sores on child

appropriately called the "House of Band-aids". Here the villagers are treated for their common ailments, are provided soap, medical supplies, sanitary instructions, and given items of clothing provided by interested groups and individuals in the CONUS.

The program is supervised by SP/5 William F. Word III of Long Beach, Calif. He is assisted by the medics and occasionally by other interested parties. Word and his men make two visits weekly to the outlying hamlets and here administer routine care and refer cases needing supervision of a medical officer to the

House of Band-aids at Xuang Trung. Here the Battalion Surgeons, Dr. John W. Barnard of Grundy, Virginia, and Dr. William B. Martin of Anderson, South Carolina, commander of the 534th Medical Detachment, treat the many and varied illnesses of the populace. These medics also make frequent visits to individual houses in the villages treating people too ill to come to the House of Band-aids.

The medical personnel of the 14th Battalion feel these activities are a definite contribution to the overall mission in Viet Nam.



Sp5 William F. Word and Sp4 Richard L. Bozzo examining child with tropical ulcer.



1LT M. Campbell gives "patient" some comforting advice during medcap.



Left to Right Sp4 Holmes, Earl M. 1LT Campbell,



DR (CPT) Barnard shows off two of his "Patients".  
DR. Barnard and members of his staff perform medcaps into nearby villages.

Papasan grits teeth as Sp5 Wililam F. Word Jr. gives him a shot.



# IN MEMORIAM

There are many unpleasant duties which a soldier must face. Perhaps the most unpleasant is to acknowledge the loss of a fellow soldier in combat. War takes on a personal nature when men we have known and have served with are killed in a land far from home. The honored dead of the 14th Combat Aviation Battalion served our nation well; And in paying the supreme price for

freedom, they gave everything our Republic could expect of them.

Our honored dead died as soldiers in the performance of their solemn duty. General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur on 12 May 1962 spoke of the sacrifice a soldier is often called upon to make. "In battle and in the face of danger and death, he discloses those Divine attributes which his Maker gave when he created man in his own image. No physical courage and no brute instinct can take the place of Divine help which

alone can sustain him. However horrible the incidents of war may be, the soldier who is called upon to give his life for his country, is the noblest development of mankind."

The words of General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur express the sentiment and feeling of the officers and men of this battalion.

Chaplain (CPT) Raymond J. Wade  
Battalion Chaplain

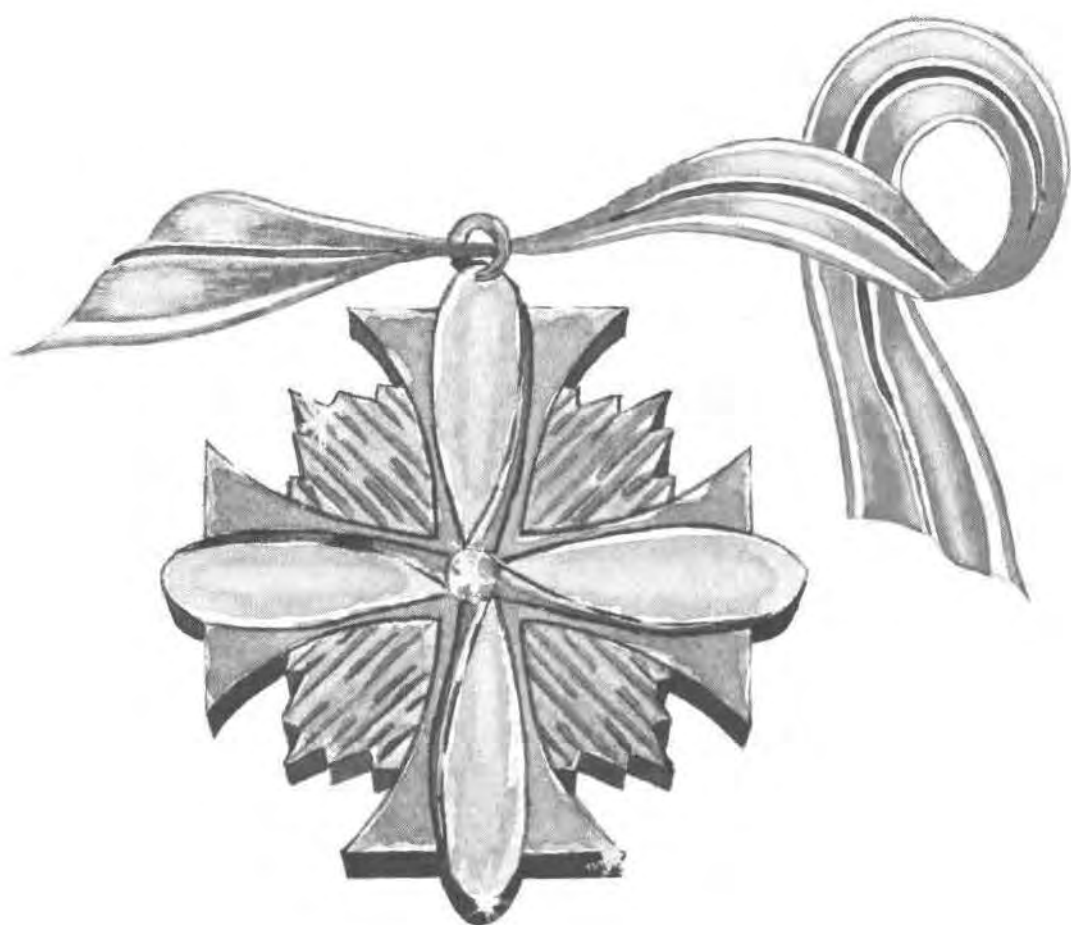
## DECEASED OF THE 14TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION

CW-2 Walter Morris  
SSG Maurice Descoteaux

WO Robert L. Scott  
SP4 James A. Morrison  
SP4 Efrain J. Robledo  
SP4 Robert Garcia  
SP4 Robert Anderson  
SP4 Michael A. Bird  
WO Dennis Blackmon  
WO Gerald Latini  
WO Daniel Steele  
PFC C. J. Tiffany  
WO William H. Borchart  
CW-2 Richard Jenks  
WO William H. Borchart  
SP4 James G. Whaley  
SP4 Robert D. Berta  
SSG Maurice Descoteaux

178th Aviation Company  
HHD, 14th Combat  
Aviation Battalion  
176th Aviation Company  
71st Aviation Company  
71st Aviation Company  
71st Aviation Company  
161st Aviation Company  
71st Aviation Company  
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COL GEORGE E. WEAR AND MAJ THOMAS W. WHEAT WATCH 'DOLPHINS' FLY BY LZ BRONCO.



A LETHAL 'SHARK' GUNSHIP OF THE 174TH AVIATION COMPANY.

## 174th Aviation Company's

# Choppers Perform Above And With Ivy's 'B'

Story and Photos By 3rd Brigade Information Office

DUC PHU—Celebrating a rare achievement among combat aviation units, that of having all 28 of its ships mission ready at one time, the 174th Aviation Company treated members of the 3rd Brigade to an air show.

Swooping over LZ Bronco, the brigade's tactical command post, with colored smoke pouring from the helicopters, the pilots of the 174th displayed the flying abilities that have given the "Bronco Brigade" such fine air support in five months of combat operations near Duc Pho.

Since the arrival of both units at LZ Bronco, in southern Quang Nam Province, the 174th has flown over 13,804 hours. More than 60,000 troops and over 5,000 tons of cargo have been rapidly and efficiently moved.

In addition to routine resupply missions, too, "Dolphin" attack and "Shark" gunships have taken part in 218 combat assaults, 180 feet extractions and have been credited with over 100 enemy killed in action.



A 'DOLPHIN' SLINGS A LOAD OF FUEL TO RESUPPLY TANKS WORKING WITH THE 3RD BRIGADE.



'BRONCO' BRIGADE IVNEN CHARGE FROM A 'DOLPHIN'.





THE 174TH AVIATION COMPANY BARES ITS TEETH ABOVE DUC PHO.

## 's 'Bronco' Brigade

Prior to teaming up with the 3rd Brigade, the 174th had already established an enviable record in support of Republic of Korea and Army of the Republic of Vietnam units, and the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade.

Formed at Ft. Benning, Ga., in late 1965, the 174th, now commanded by Major Thomas W. Whont (Scot., Ark.), arrived at Qui Nhon in April of the following year.

In June 1966 the unit platoon was granted permission to use the famous bared-teeth of General Claire Chennault's "Flying Tigers" on the front of its choppers. This was soon the much-feared "Shark" insignia.

Eight "Sharks" and 14 "Dolphins" presently make up the 174th Aviation company which, among its other major achievements, logged an amazing 6,310 hours between July 15 and Sept. 15 of this year.

"The continuous daily support provided the 'Bronco' Brigade by the 174th is unequalled in Vietnam," commented Colonel George E. Weaver, 3rd Brigade commander.



A "SHARK" GUNNER FIRES A BURST FROM HIS M-60 AT VC GUERRILLAS.



A "DOLPHIN" DURING A COMBAT ASSAULT.



HELICOPTERS OF THE 174TH AVIATION COMPANY FLY IN PRECISION ASSAULT FORMATION.

1967 14th CAB Name Corrections

Page 92, right center photo, bottom left is M.M. Bargannier, misidentified as  
Sp5 J. Hawley