

UNIT History

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The 93rd Transportation Company, (Light Helicopter) with a full complement of CH-21C Helicopters along with attached units (80th Trans Det (CHFM) and 134th Medical Det) are to prepare to depart CONUS.

QUONSET POINT, RI 15 December 1961

With all cargo and personnel aboard, the USNS Carr, departed for unknown port. The destination not revealed the soldiers and pilots wondered and speculated where they were destined. The first spectacular sunrise morning as they headed East was full of jovial speculation. Several days later, when they passed Gibraltar, they gave up hope for Italy. They sailed on. In a few days they were going through the Suez Canal, and a new reality emerged. When they arrived at Subic Bay, PI they were finally advised they were headed to Vietnam. They transferred men, aircraft, and equipment to USN Princeton, and proceeded on.

10 MILES OFF SHORE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM 25 January 1962

The monsoon weather made a less than ideal day to off load, but with Maj. James E. Gray, Commanding Officer 93rd Trans. Company and CWO John Cooney piloting the first aircraft, the 93rd took off from the Princeton, and landed at Da Nang. Although Army H-21 Companies had practiced this maneuver in stateside training, this was probably the first Army helicopter unit to deploy from a carrier to a combat zone.

DA NANG, VIETNAM 1 February 1962

The unit is now operational. The mission will be to provide support for two divisions of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) in I Corps; additional support for numerous US Special Forces camps in the area; and any other needed support as required.

27 June 62

Gen Hightower names 93rd best unit in Vietnam.

2 Aug 62

Do Xa Area

30 Aug 62

Quang Ngai Province "Lam Son II" in Quang Ngai Province Of twelve helicopters, nine were hit, two shot down. Six persons killed and five wounded in Helicopters.

12 Sep 62

Advance party to relocate.

19 Sep 62

Move to Soc Trang

23 Sep 62

First Soc Trang mission flown.

17 Dec 62

18th Aviation Operating Detachment for air traffic control. Arrives from Okinawa

2 Jan 63

AP BAC

~~10~~ Jan 63

~~11~~ Crash

~~25~~ X Jan 63

Tuffy arrives

4 MAR 63

Maj Ewing reassigned and Maj Seymour arrives

27 Mar 63 Machine gun platoon arrive from Hawaii

25 Jun 63 redesignated 121st

X Jun 63 Tuffy to Toledo Zoo

23 Aug 63 Awards for unit