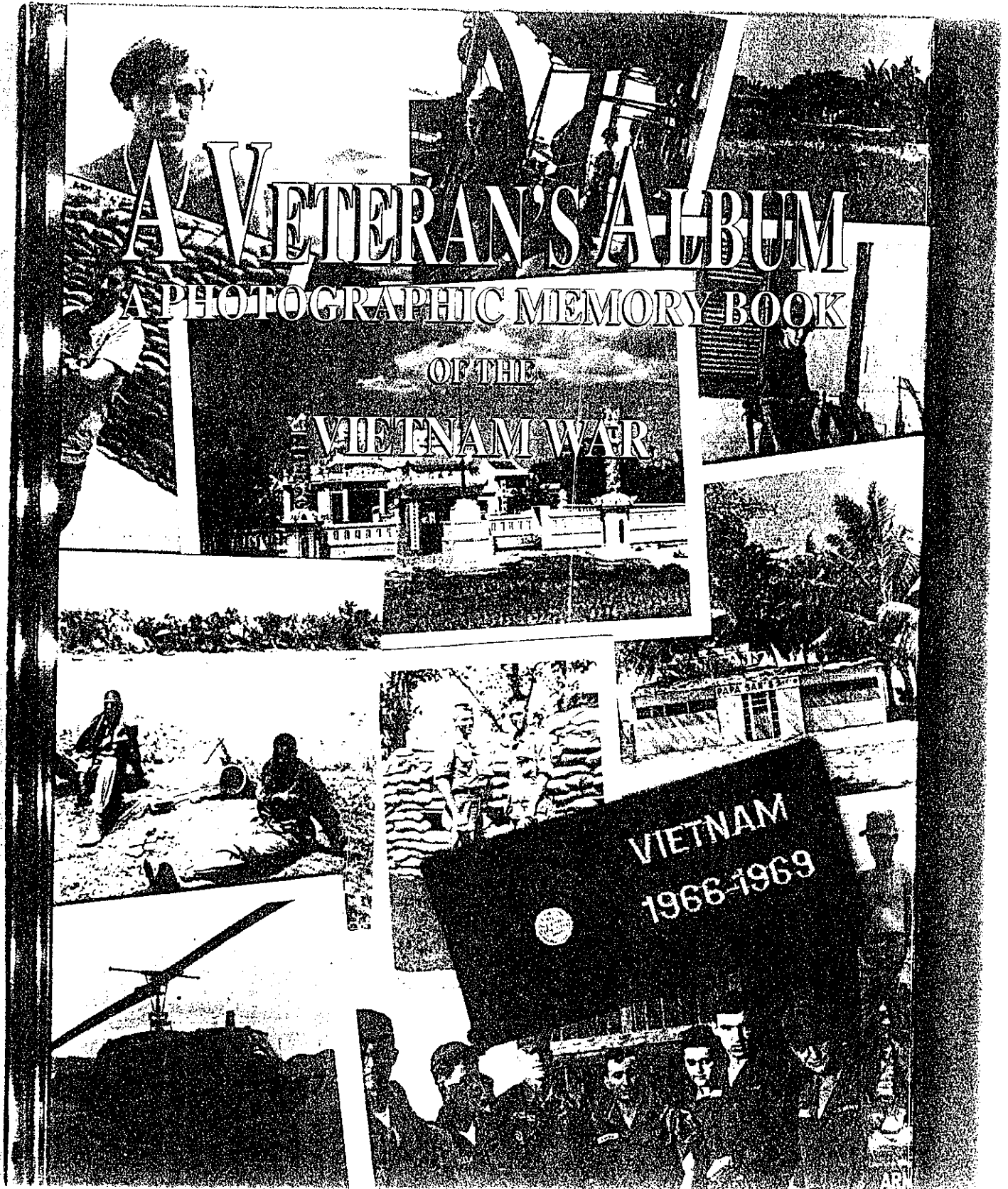


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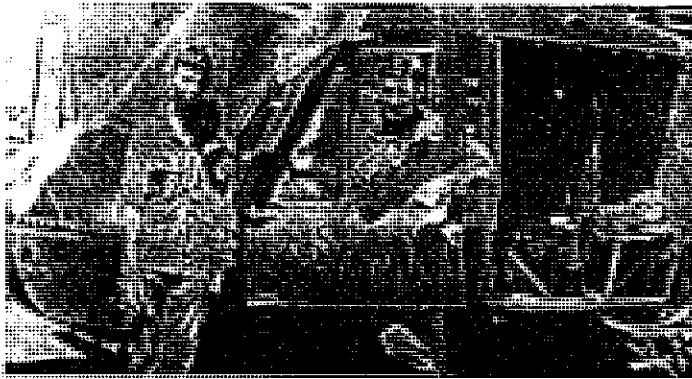




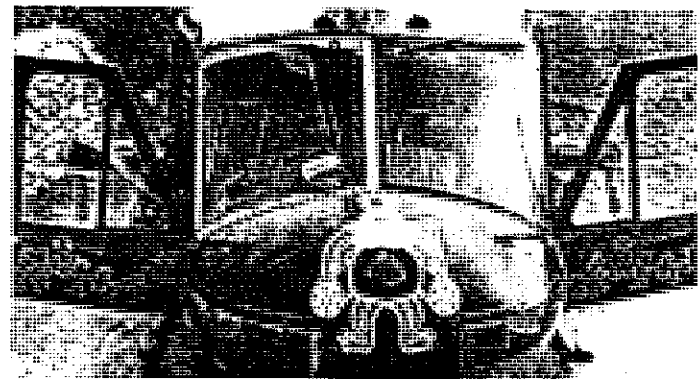
(Dau Tieng) 188th Assault Helicopter Company, "Black Widows," December 1967. This photo was taken in flight during operation "Yellowstone" along the Cambodian border. It was the biggest operation of it's kind up to that date. The photo shows a formation of "Black Widows" with Nhu Ba Den (The Black Virgin Mountain) in the background. On Memorial Day 1992 I left a framed duplicate of this at the VVM in honor of the men in our unit who never returned home...God bless them. (contributed by D. Detra)



Insignia of the 188th "Black Widows" (contributed by D. Detra)



(Dau Tieng) 188th Assault Helicopter Company, "Black Widows," 1967-68. The #179, "SATISFACTION" with L-R: Sp/5 Greg Allen and Sp/4 Dick Detra. XN-21 Mini Gun system with 14-2.75 & 3.5 rockets...Awesome stuff! (contributed by D. Detra)



(Dau Tieng) 188th Assault Helicopter Company, "Black Widows," This is a photo of my gun ship, #179 the SATISFACTION, 3rd flight platoon at LZ Sally. We flew direct combat support for the 25th Inf. Div. Ship #179 was shot down twice while in-country...something I'll never forget. (contributed by D. Detra)



(Dau Tieng) 188th Assault Helicopter Company, "Black Widows," Sept. 1967. Standing in front of the 2nd flight platoons Hootch. Gunners & Crew Chiefs. Front row kneeling: Ron Merlock, 1st row standing L-R: Ed Pettinato, Alan Gaston, Unknown, Unknown, 2nd row L-R: Ron Carpenter, Dick Detra and in the background is Crew Chief Jim Trueblood...morale was very high at that time. (contributed by D. Detra)



(Dau Tieng) 188th Assault Helicopter Company, "Black Widows," 1967-68. This is a photo of myself, Dick Detra, on my slick while stationed at Dau Tieng as a door gunner with 188th, 2nd flight platoon. We were one of the first company's in Vietnam to receive the new VH-1H Hueys. We were the only company size units to operate in I, II, III & IV Corps. Our missions took place during a time of Search & Destroy. (contributed by D. Detra)