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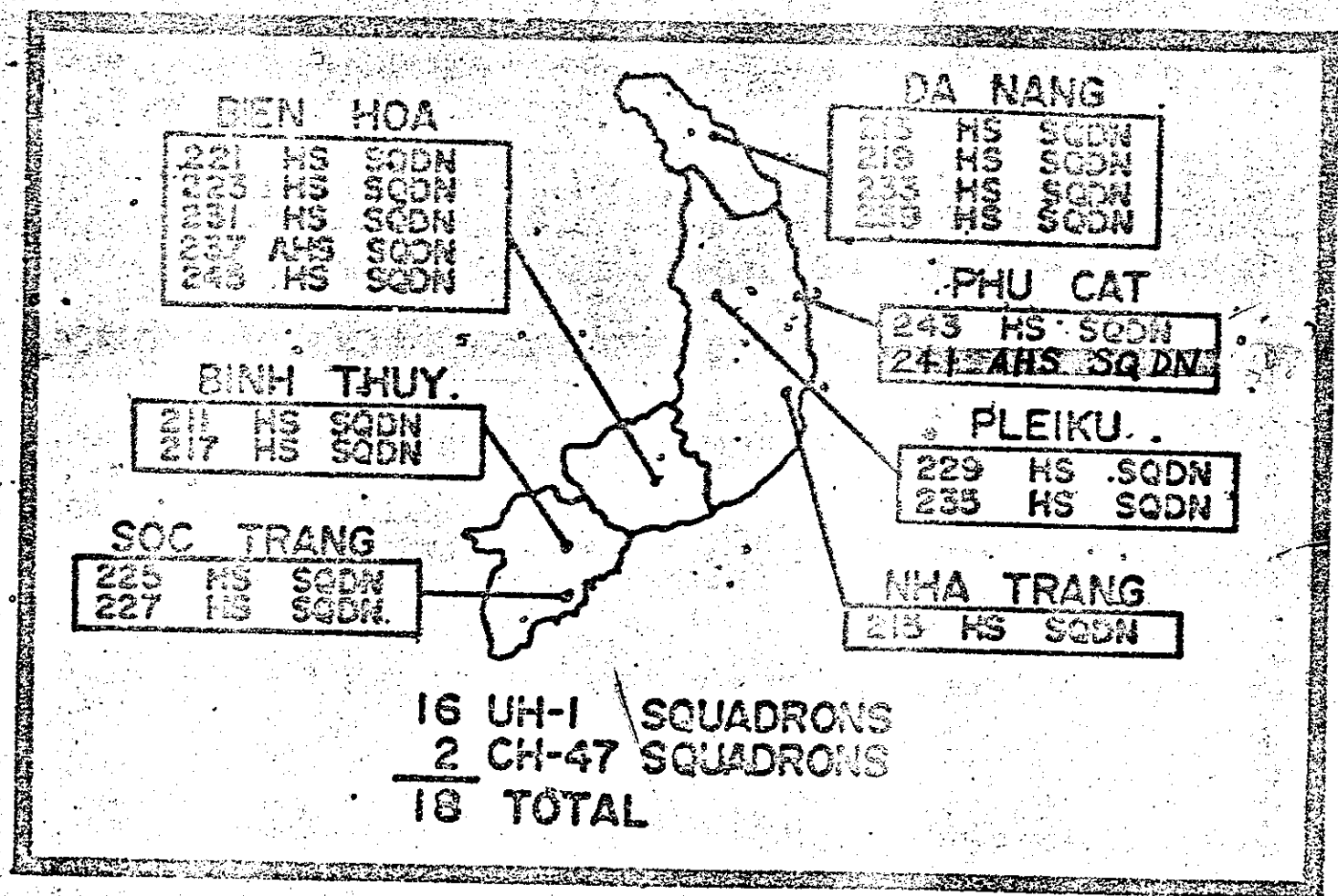
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VNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (I & M)

1. PHASE I - CONVERSION OF FOUR VNAF SQUADRONS FROM CH-34'S TO UH-1'S. THIS WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 1969.
2. PHASE II - ADDED EIGHT UH-1 SQUADRONS AND ONE CH-47 SQUADRON TO THE VNAF STRUCTURE. THIS WAS COMPLETED IN JULY 1971.
3. PHASE III - STARTED ON 1 NOVEMBER 1971 AND IS NOW COMPLETED. IT INVOLVED THE CONVERSION OF ONE CH-34 SQUADRON TO UH-1'S, THE ACTIVATION OF THREE UH-1 SQUADRONS AND ONE CH-47 SQUADRON.
4. USARV UPGRADED 600 VNAF PILOTS TO COMBAT PROFICIENCY BY GIVING UH-1H PILOTS 180 HOURS EACH AND CH-47 PILOTS 110 HOURS EACH OF OPERATIONAL FLYING WITH US UNITS.
5. CH-47 MAINTENANCE TRAINING WAS PROVIDED FOR 164 VNAF ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THIS INCLUDED TWO WEEKS OF FORMAL SCHOOLING AND FOUR WEEKS OF OJT WITH USARV UNITS.
6. FOLLOWING THE ACTIVATION OR CONVERSION OF EACH VNAF SQUADRON, A USARV AUGMENTATION TEAM WAS FURNISHED FOR A PERIOD OF NINETY DAYS. THE AUGMENTATION TEAMS CONSISTED OF INSTRUCTOR PILOTS, OPERATION ADVISORS AND MAINTENANCE ADVISORS, AND NUMBERED 26 PERSONNEL EACH.
7. THE LAST VNAF SQUADRON OF CH-47'S WAS ACTIVATED AT PHU CAT ON 1 MAY 1972. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EIGHT CH-47'S ALL PROGRAMMED AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO VNAF. THE AUGMENTATION TEAM WILL BE RELEASED ON OR ABOUT 15 SEPTEMBER 1972.

VNAF HELICOPTER ISM PROGRAM



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VNAF CONUS TRAINING

COMPLETED	IN TRAINING	TOTAL
1508	17	1525