

E-CO - 723rd MAINT. BN.

UNIT HISTORY

Company E was organized on 15 February 1969, from the 406th TC Detachment, at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. At this time E Company was put under the control of the 16th Aviation Group (Combat).

Company E is direct support maintenance unit with the mission of supplying direct support and back-up maintenance for A Company, B Company and Delta Troop 1/1 Cavalry of the 123d Aviation Battalion.

Company E is capable of providing 10,000 man hours per month for direct support maintenance on the 123d Aviation Battalion's organic aircraft. The company also pulls many on site repairs on both downed ships and at the units own maintenance areas.

In carrying out its assigned mission, the company supports more than 100 Helicopters. Usually this is broken down into 25 LOH's; 25 AG-1G Cobras; and 50 UH-1 Hueys. To do this, the unit is broken down into six sections: The Headquarters section, consists of the C.O., 1st SGT, and all administration. The Production Control section which consists of one officer and three enlisted men, who control all maintenance operations in the unit. The Quality Control section which maintains close observation of all work accomplished and ensures safe and proper work techniques. Most of the Actual "wrench bending" is done by the maintenance platoon, which is further broken down into a LOH team, a UH-1 team and a Cobra team. These teams tear down and make repairs on these types of aircraft. For specific jobs the work is sent to the allied shops platoon. In this platoon, there are many small technical shops. Some of these are sheet metal, prop & rotor, engineer, electrical, and avionics. Each shop handles the problems which deal directly with the appropriate shop. The last section in the company is "Tech Supply". This group of men handle nearly 2,000 separate repair parts for the battalion. They handle and fill as many as 500 requests for parts a week.