

B CO - 123rd AVN. BN.(COMBAT)

UNIT HISTORY

B Company, 123d Aviation Battalion was formed on 14 January 1968. The nucleus of the company came from the Armed Helicopter Platoon of the 161st Aviation Company which was de-activated. Initially the unit had 6 UH-1B gunships and 2 UH-1D lift ships.

Due to the extremely large area of operation of the Americal Division, the Commanding General, Americal Division, decided to expand the unit to form it into an additional Air Cavalry type unit. The unit was given the following missions: to extend by aerial means, the reconnaissance and security capability of the Americal Division; to engage in offensive, defensive or displaying actions within its capabilities; to seize and dominate lightly defended terrain.

During the months that followed, the units' fleet of aircraft was changed over to AH-1G gunships, UH-1H lift ships and OH-6A scout aircraft. In addition, two additional AH-1G, two UH-1H and two OH-6A aircraft were given to the unit.

On 17 January 1969, Headquarters United States Army Pacific, General Order 43, reorganized Company B. The actual organization and designation of the unit did not change. Today the unit operates under the authorized strength of 19 officers, 17 warrant officers and 121 enlisted men. During the period that Aero Scout Company has operated in the Americal Division, the "Warlords" have been credited with 1141 enemy KIA, 65 WIA, 84 enemy captured and 105 weapons captured.



MAJ LONG - Commanding Officer

B" Co.



CPT RONAL COX - Executive Officer





SGT Oettinger



SP4 Bennie Bloodworth - Co. Clerk



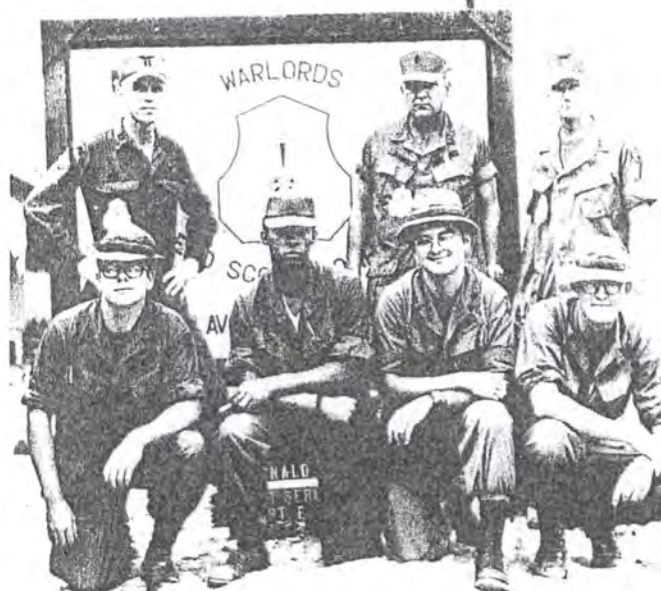
PFC John "Flash" Gordon
A & D Clerk



SP4 Hal Swiss - Opns Clerk



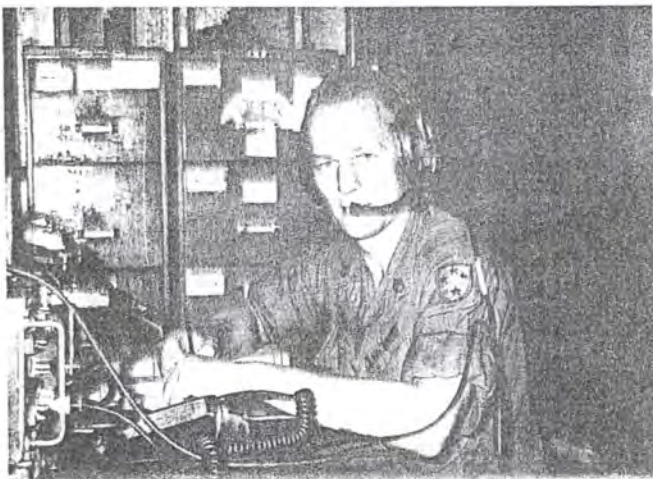
SP4 Richard Allen
Armorer





CPT JAMES V. KAYE - Flight Platoon Commander

OPERATION



SSG ANDREJS BEDELIS - Opns NCO



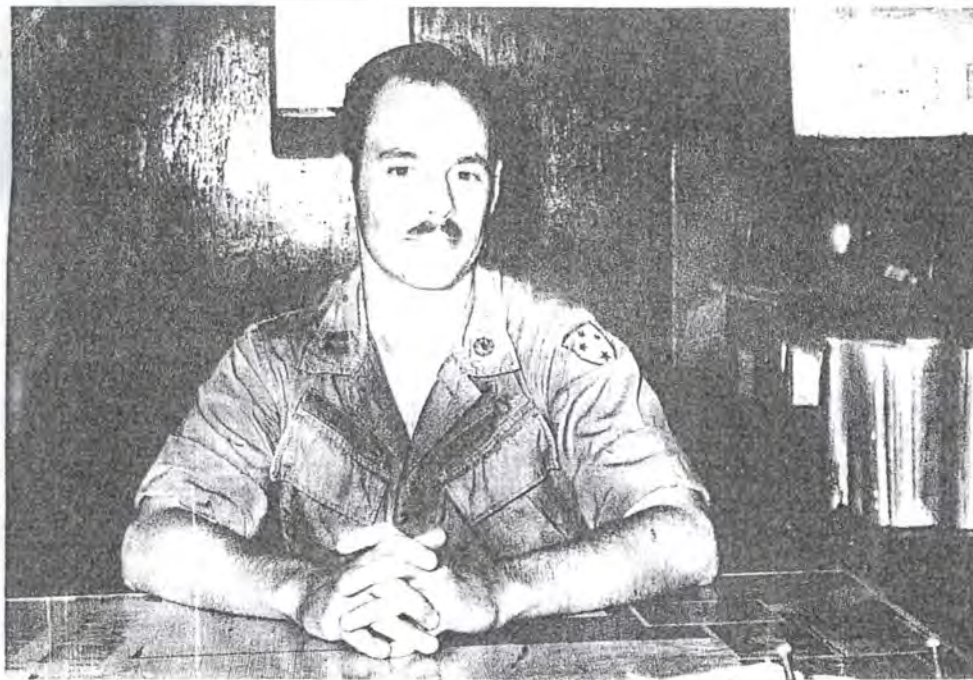
WO1 James Blackwell
Ass't Opns Officer



PFC Louie Deherrera - Opns Clerk



You're not smiling, Swissier!"



CPT Frederick Shea - Maintenance Officer

MAINTENANCE



SFC Lee Swartz - Maintenance Platoon



SP6 Jack Mow - Technical Inspector



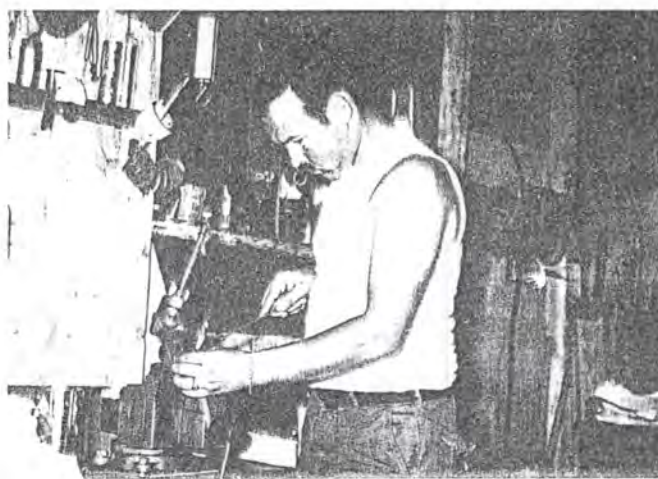
SP5 Roland Mayhair - Maintenance Clerk



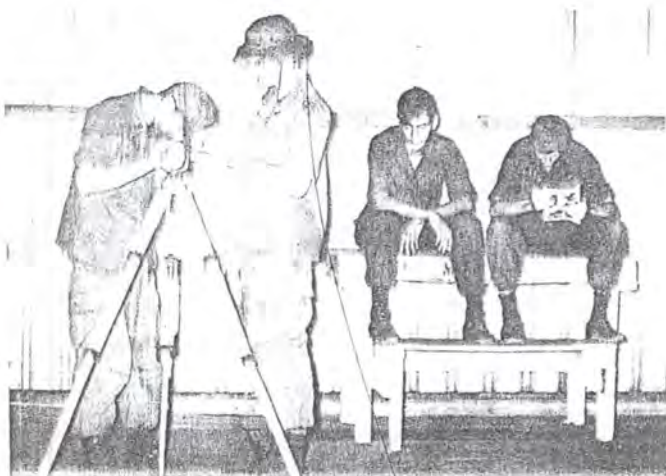
Caught in the act.



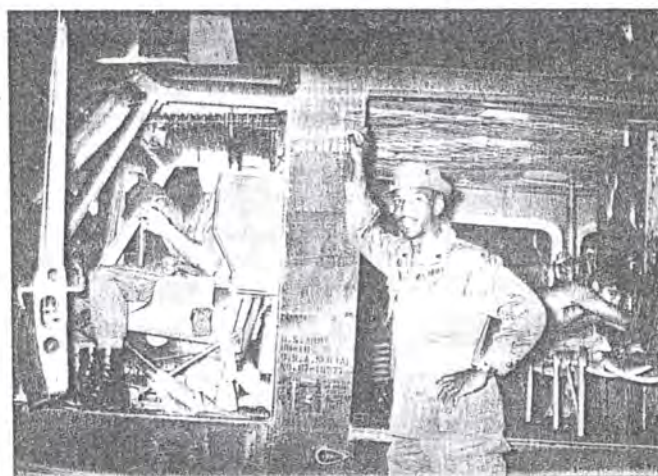
My Zenbhidism book fell down there.



PFC Elliott



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SP5 Broussard & SP5 Hampton



"Call the TV repairman
Yearty"



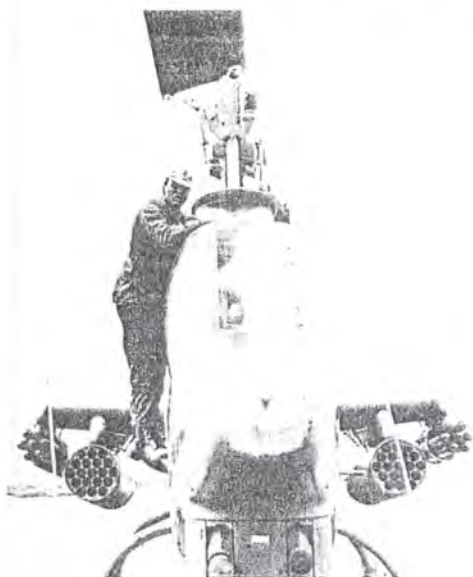
The Maintenance Platoon "Mod Squad"



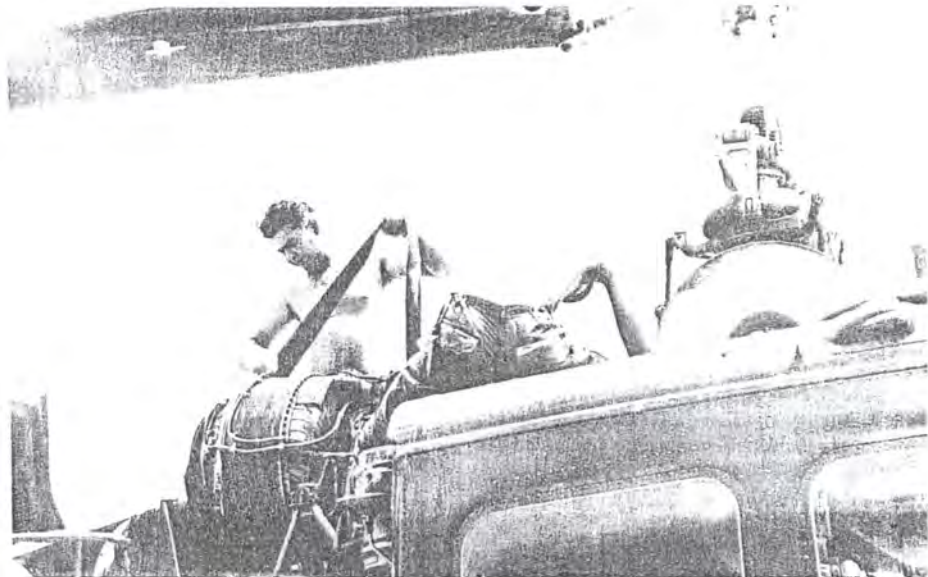
I think we should have turned left at the fork in the road, Mr. Buck!



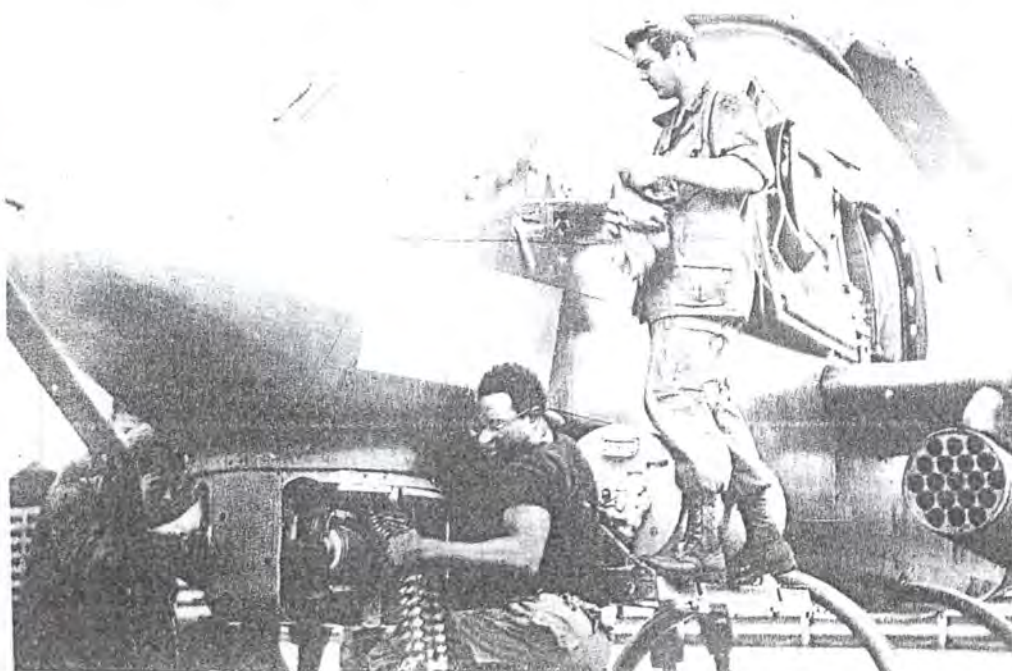
SP4 Wade & SP4 Chavez



That's right, my Pet Cobra



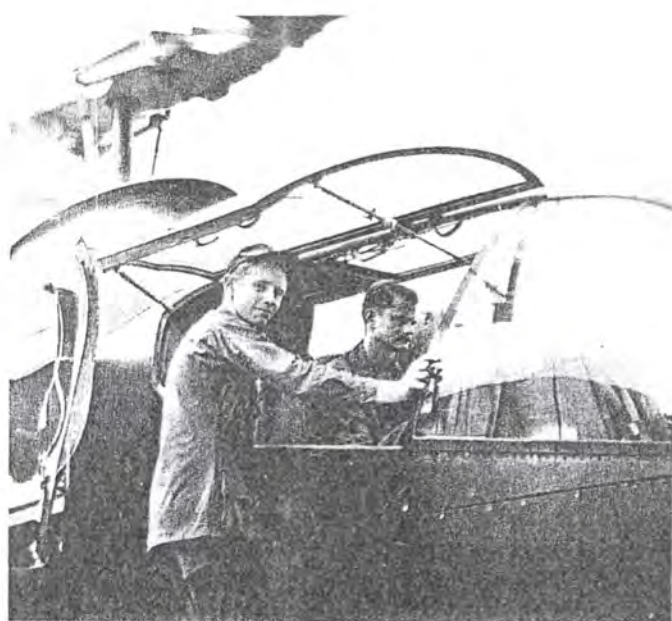
The rubber band broke



This is the last time I get a job in a gas station.



SP5 Hampton & SP4 Delgado



Taught him everything he knows.



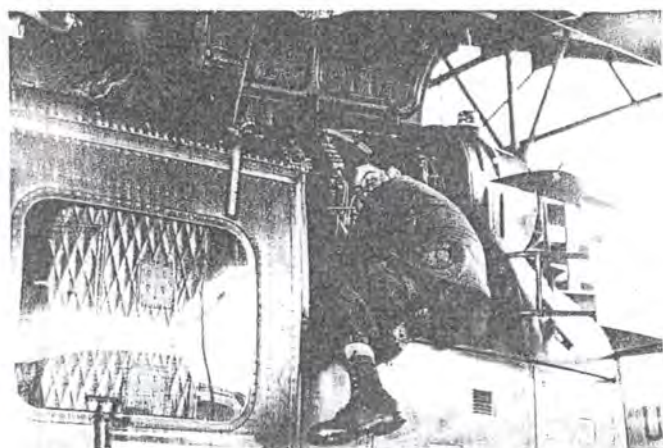
You crossed the distributor wires?



Crew Chief?



Fly the friendly skies.



SP5 Ken Rieck



Get to work, Rhoden, here comes CPT Shea!