

F TROOP - 8th CAV. - 123^d

UNIT HISTORY

F Troop 8th Cavalry, Blue Ghost, was originally activated at Fort Knox, Kentucky in February 1967 and was designated C Troop 17th Air Cavalry. The unit arrived in the Republic of Vietnam in October 1967 at Qui Nhon and from there went to Pleiku. After being at Pleiku for two months, C Troop was relocated to Chu Lai and later designated F Troop 8th Cavalry.

F Troop is organized and equipped to operate normally in teams composed of aero-scout (LOH's), aero-weapons (Cobra's), and aero-rigle (Huey's) helicopters. The primary mission of the Huey's is transporting infantry that is organic to the unit. The capabilities and characteristics of all these elements are designed to complement each other. The flexibility in the organization of the Troop permits rapid organization and deployment of teams specifically tailored to complete the mission.

The primary mission of Blue Ghost is to extend the reconnaissance and security capabilities of the ground unit supported. The Troop is employed in close conjunction with the ground units so that the capabilities of ground and air elements will complement each other.

General Creighton Abrams awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the Blue Ghost on 9 March. The citation was given for their participation in actions in conjunction with the 1st Sp., 1st Armored Cav. against the enemy around Hoi An and Tam Ky during the period January 1 to March 31, 1968. During that time, the two units killed 1,046 North Vietnamese Army and Viet-Cong soldiers while suffering only 11 Americans killed.



Major GEORGE W. SIBERT - Commanding Officer

F - TROOP



CPT GREGORY A. THILL - Executive Off.



First Sergeant JOE C. HAMILL



SP5 JOHN L. BOYER - Troop Clerk



SSG ROBERT MCGUAY - Generator Shop



SP4 RICHARD F. ABERNATHY
Awards and Decorations Clerk



SGT MICHAEL ODOM - Supply



SGT FRANK RAGLAND - Motor Sgt.



SP4 Martin Jacobsen - Supply



SP4 Richard Stockdale - Motor Pool



PFC Allen Hathaway - Supply



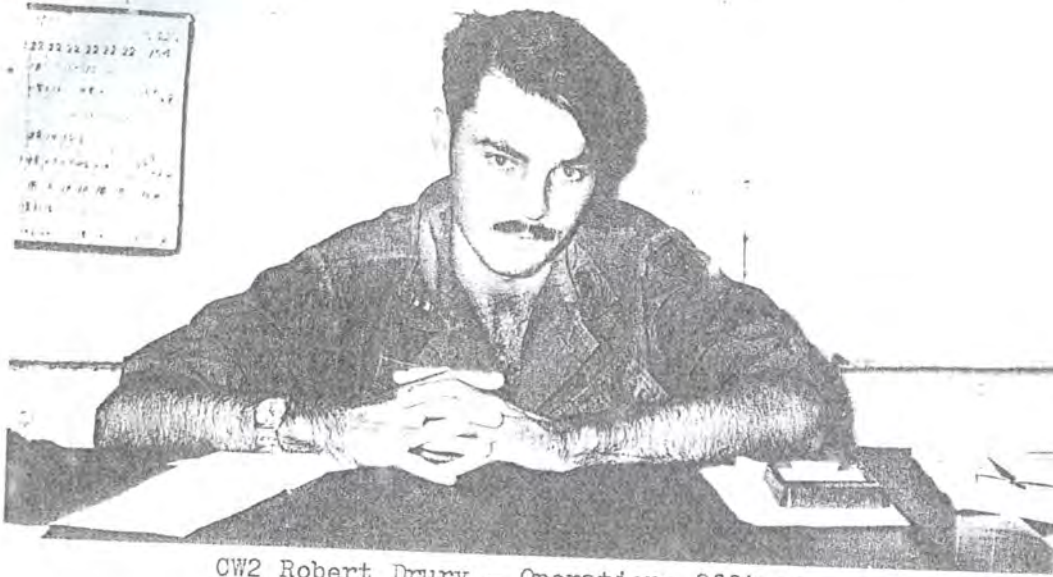
SP4 Keigher and SP4 Cooper - Arms Room



Supply Personnel



SP5 Michael J. Companik - P11 Clerk



CW2 Robert Drury - Operations Officer



SGT Kenneth Vance - Night RTO



SFC Denver Oliver - Operations NCO



SP4 Milton Cockrell - Opns. Specialist



SP4 Charles Gilder - Commo Section



Blue Ghost Operations



Lift Platoon



Scout Platoon



Weapons Platoon



Weapons Platoon



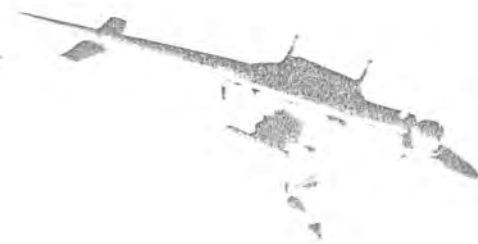
Weapons Platoon



Night Hawk Platoon



Weapons Platoon



IPR is fun! - CPT Tim Sleeth



Night Hawk



Scouts



Scout Platoon



Scouts



Weapons Platoon

Weapons Platoon



Weapons Platoon



Scouts



Lift Platoon



Scouts

BLUE GHOST BLUES



Blue Mike and Blue



Part of Second Squad



Squad Leaders

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Part of Second Squad



Squad Leaders



Third Squad



First Squad



The Blue Ghost Blues

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Part of Second Squad



Squad Leaders



1LT Jimmy Reagan - Maintenance Officer



SFC Randell Morris - Maintenance Supervisor



SP5 Robert Nield - Tech Inspector



SP4 Arthur Vanclief - Maint. Clerk



Maintenance Supervisors



Blue Ghost Maintenance



Maintenance Personnel



Blueghost Cobra



Blueghost Loh



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Turbine Engine Repair



The Brains behind Tech Supply



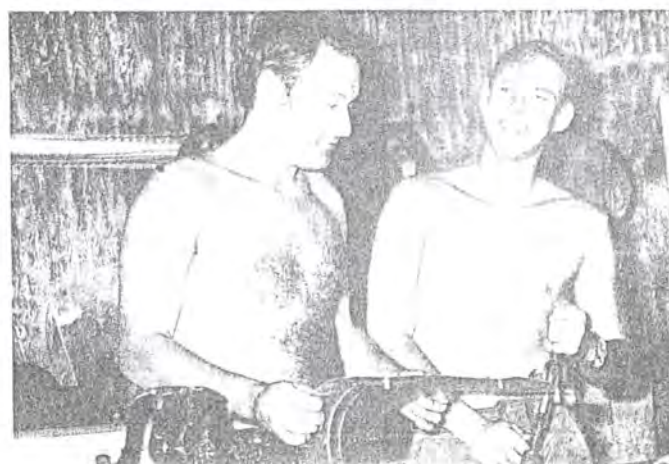
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Engine Shop Personnel



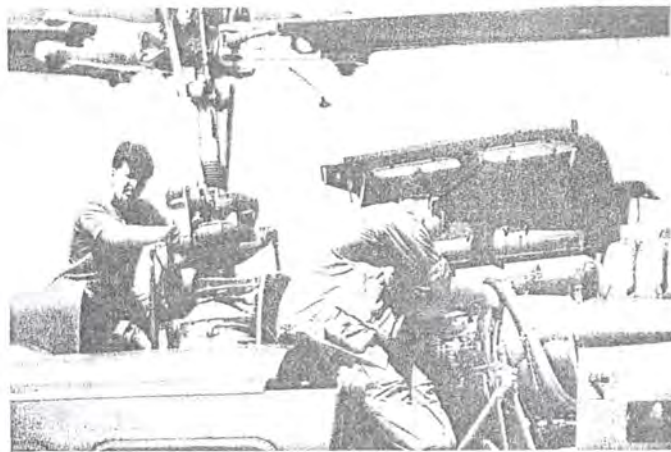
Maintenance Personnel



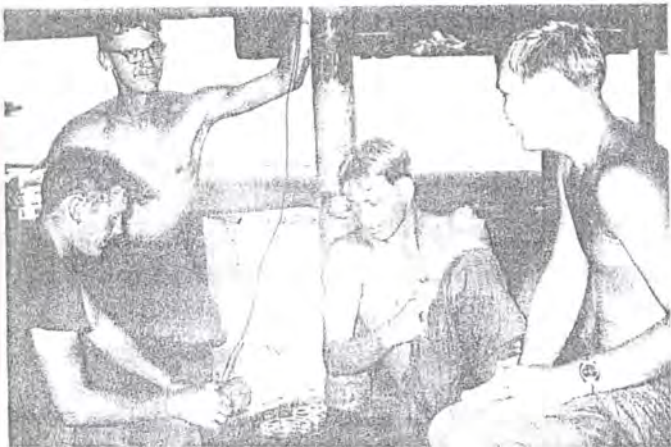
Sheet Metal Shop



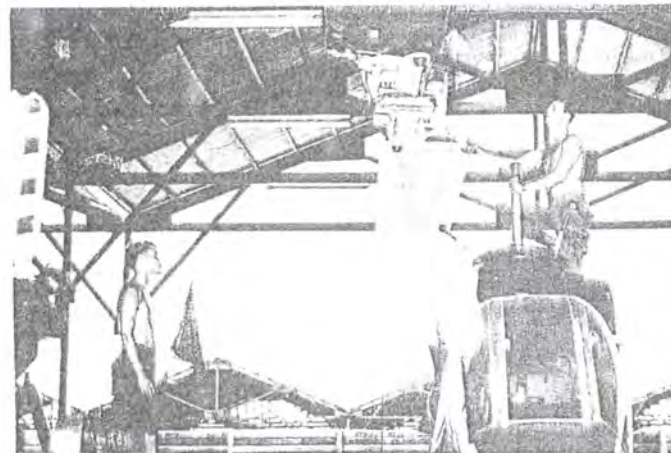
SP4 Robert Stallworth - Avionics



Maintenance Crew at work.



Four votes for country music?



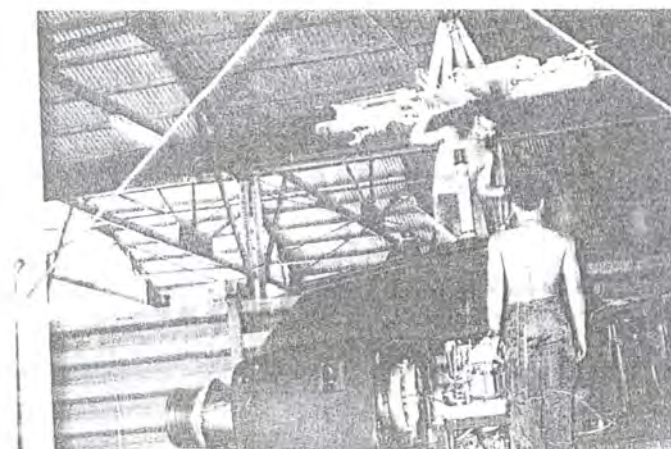
Bet you couldn't hold this in one hand!



Lively Ghostonics



Checking out a night hawk ship



Blueghost Maintenance



SP5 Marcus and SP5 McGillicuddy
Electrical Engineers



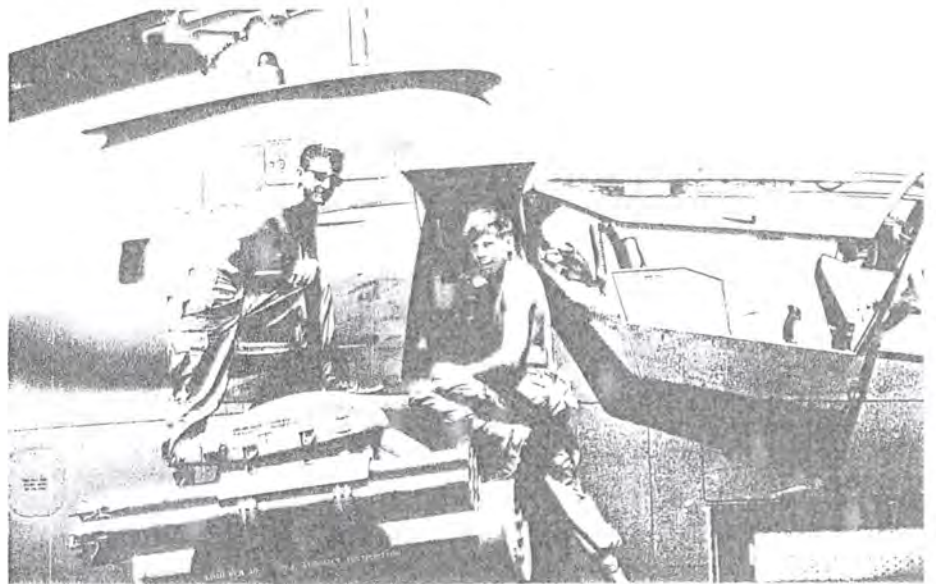
Three doctors with a sick patient



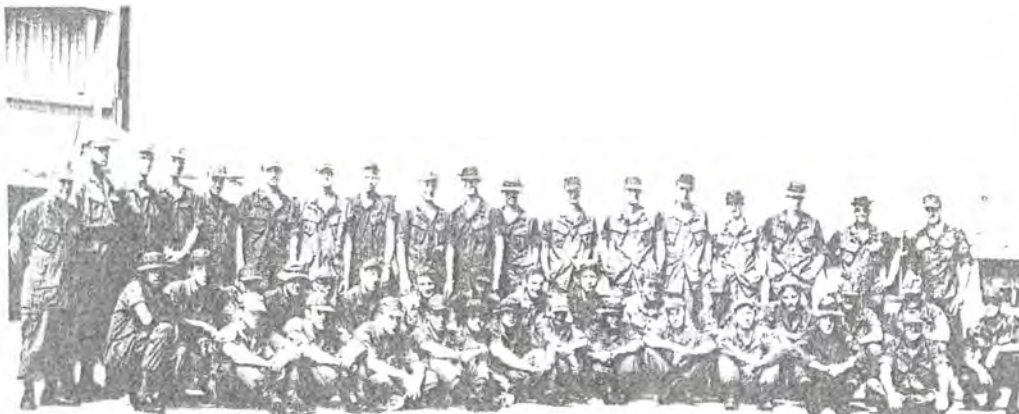
Tech Supply



SP4 William Barbee - Maint.



Open heart surgery on a cobra



Bluehoet Maintenance



PFC Johnny Lee
"Ready for a CA on a jeep"