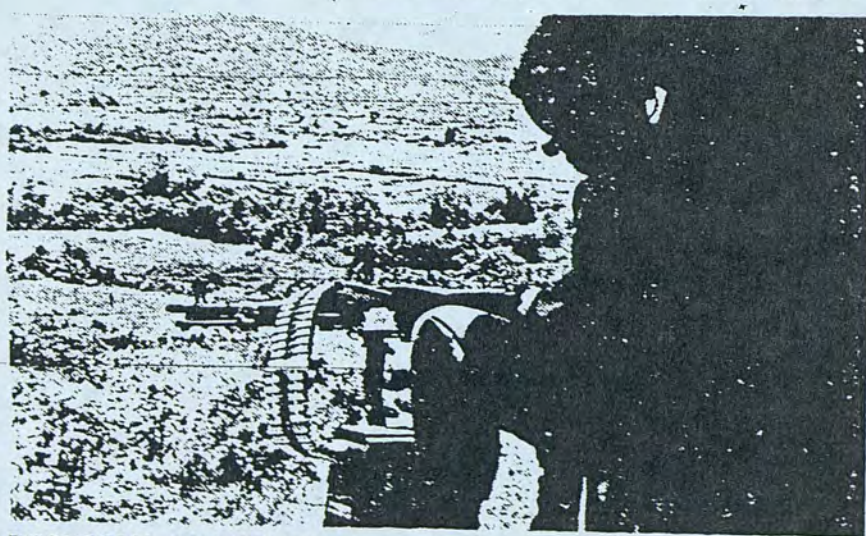


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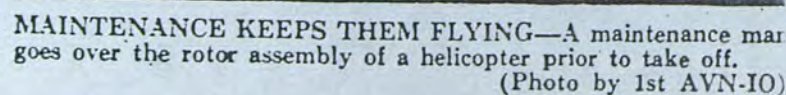
RESUPPLY PROTECTION—A door-gunner keeps an eye out for Charlie during a resupply mission. (Photo by USARV-IO)



MAINTENANCE KEEPS THEM FLYING—A maintenance man goes over the rotor assembly of a helicopter prior to take off. (Photo by 1st AVN-10)

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Infantry Brigade
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1st Aviation

TAN SON NHUT, (1st AVN-IO)—The 1st Aviation Brigade, the only such unit in the history of the Army, celebrated its first birthday this week.

The brigade came in to existence to give better command, control, and staff planning for the expanding Army aviation role as the number of aviation companies in Vietnam grew from 13 to over 40. The brigade commands all non-divisional Army aviation units in Vietnam and its aircraft are in the skies 24 hours a day, providing troop transportation, fire support, surveillance, reconnaissance, and administrative and liaison support for ground forces.

The brigade, headquartered here, consists of two aviation groups and two separate aviation battalions.

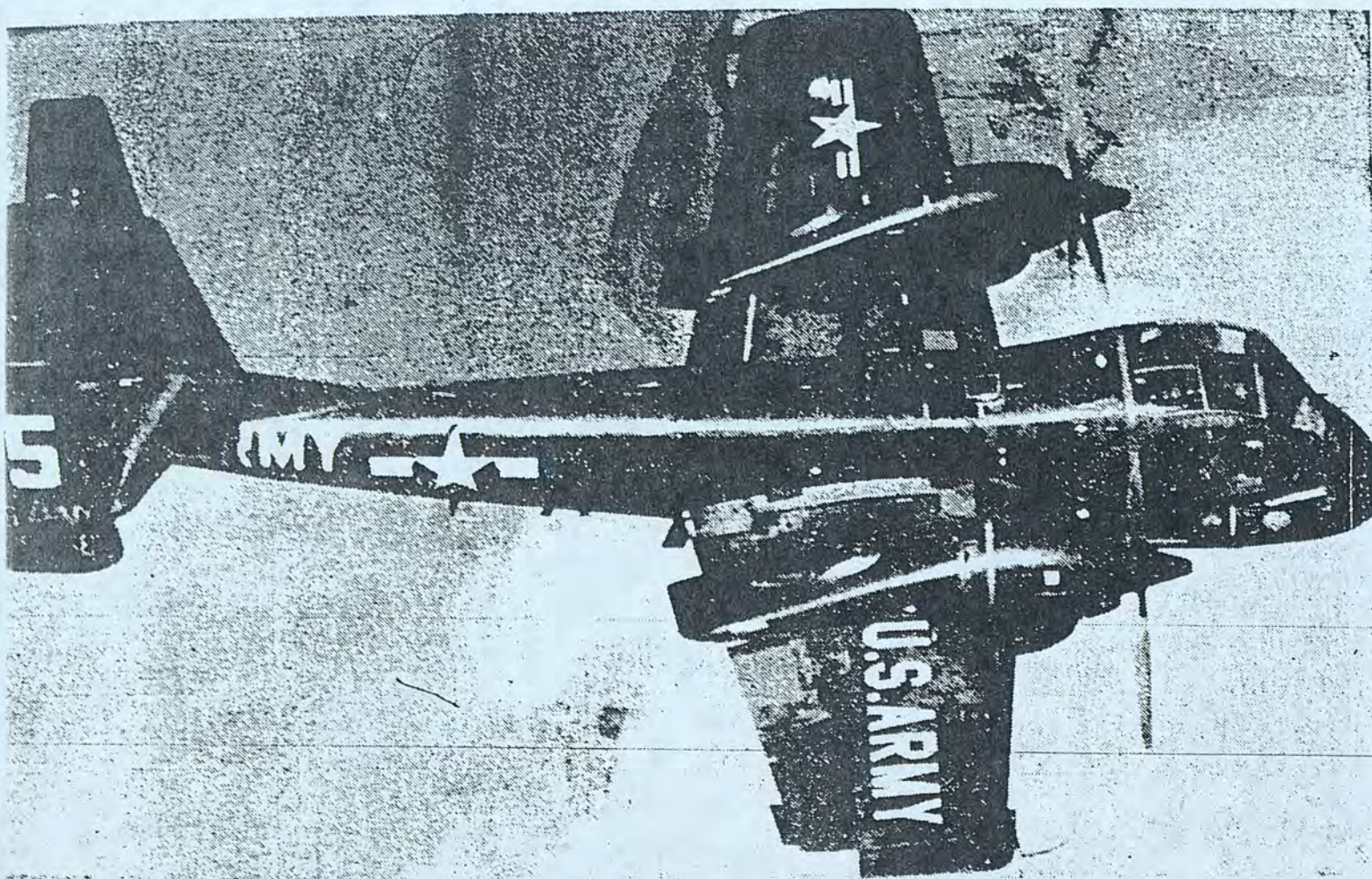
The 17th Aviation Group, based at Nha Trang, provides combat support for I Field Force Vietnam. The 12th Aviation Group, headquartered at Bien Hoa, provides support for II Field Force Vietnam.

The 13th Combat Aviation Battalion (Delta) works in the IV Corps area in support of Vietnamese troops and the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta. The 210th Combat Aviation Battalion (Capital) supports the Military Assistance Command Vietnam and the area around Saigon.

Among the units more than 1100 aircraft are UH-1 Hueys, CH-47 Chinooks, OV-1 Mohawks, O-1 Bird Dogs, U-1 Otters, U-6 Beavers, and U-8 Seminoles.

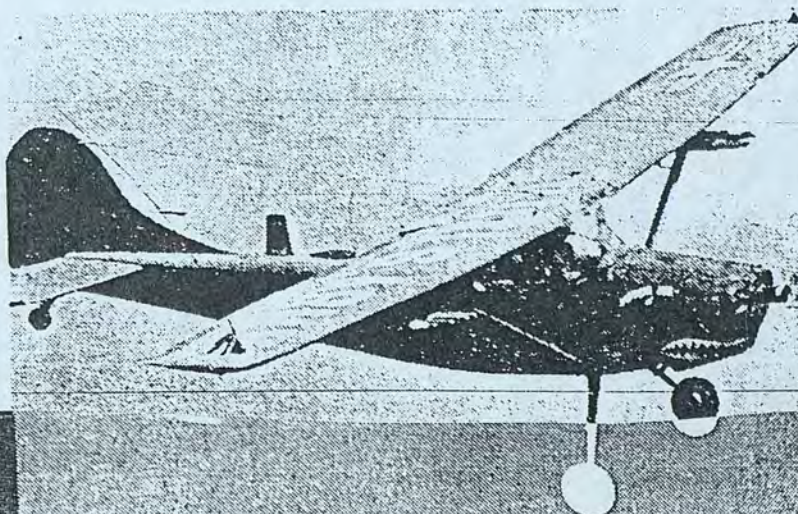
The 13th Cmbt. Avn. Bn. received the Valorous Unit Award for its role in supporting the Army of the Republic of Vietnam during a three-day battle in the vicinity of Vinh.

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YE ON VIETNAM—The OV-1 Mohawk, the Army's standard surveillance aircraft, flies over Vietnam's coastline. The craft flies missions day or night and is equipped with Side Looking Airborne Radar and infrared mapping equipment.

(Photo by USARV-IO)



LOOKING FOR CHARLIE—An O-1 Bird Dog airplane flies over the countryside on a visual reconnaissance mission.

(Photo by 1st AVN-IO)



GETTING READY—The crew of a giant CH-54 Flying Crane prepares to leave on another mission into hostile territory to recover a downed aircraft.

(Photo by USARV-IO)



ANOTHER MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—Men of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade rush into combat after disembarking from one of the brigade's troop carrying helicopters.

(Photo by 1st AVN-IO)

GOING UP—all directions a seven tons of c into battle.