SECTION VII - The Helicopter History of III Corps with special emphasis on unit locations

In keeping with the traditions set by the last few Directories, the Directory Committee presents a few pages of history material to support the theme of this edition. This year's theme is the history of helicopter units that were based in III Corps, with special emphasis on those that lived and worked north and west of Saigon. By mid-October, on the VHPA's website www whpa org, the Historical Committee, chaired by Mike Sloniker, and the Database/Records Committee, chaired by Gary Roush, will provide expanded coverage of the history of these units with photographs, narratives, website links, etc.

The fact that III Corps had the highest concentration of the helicopter assets in all of Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Era is well know. The next few pages attempt to outline III Corps helicopter unit locations in a year by year roster. Naturally, the roster is published with the hope that readers will make comments as well as provide updates and corrections. Unit historical narratives, copies of orders, award citations, interesting stories, photographs, etc. should be sent to the VHPA HQ, ATTN: Historical Committee or via email to sloniker@vhpa.org. Updates or corrections for this roster should be sent to Mike Law, 6969 W. Yale, Unit 72, Denver, CO 80227, 303-988-7797, or law@vhpa.org.

The task of learning unit locations is made even more difficult when we recall that most units had an official basecamp, usually at one of the large military bases such as Long Binh or Bien Hoa, but lived and worked out of another base much nearer their Area of Operation (AO). The 195th AHC is a good example of this. Their official basecamp was at the Plantation, near Bien Hoa but any of the line pilots will tell you that during their entire tour of duty they only stayed at their basecamp for a few days - most of the time they were at exciting places like Song Be and Quan Loi. In fact if you ask one, "Where were you based?" He answers Song Be in late 67 or Quan Loi in early 68. Then, just maybe, he'll mention that their official basecamp was at the Plantation.

Basically, the VHPA wants to know WHERE WERE YOU and WHEN!! Updates or corrections for this roster should be sent to Mike Law, 6969 W. Yale, Unit 72, Denver, CO 80227, 303-988-7797, or law@vhpa.org.

The following abbreviations are used in this roster:
AR = Arrival Date
DP = Departure Date
RE = Date assets were reorganized
RL = Date unit relocated within III Corps

		1961	
8th TC Co	11 Dec AR	Tan Son Nhut	
8th TC Co	Dec DP	Tan Son Nhut	To Qui Nhon
57th TC Co	11 Dec AR	Tan Son Nhut	
		1962	
33rd TC Co	17 Sep AR	Bien Hoa	
45th TC Bn	1 Jul AR	Tan Son Nhut	
57th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
UTT Avn	16 Oct AR	Tan Son Nhut	
		1963	
33rd TC Co	25 Jun RE	Bien Hoa	To 118th Avn Co
45th TC Bn	23 Sep RE	Tan Son Nhut	To 145th Avn Bn
57th Med Det	16 JAN AR	Tan Son Nhut	From Nha Trang
57th TC Co	25 Jun RE	Tan Son Nhut	To 120th Avn Co
117th Avn Co	25 Jun AR	Bien Hoa	From II Corps
118th Avn Co	26 Jun AR	Bien Hoa	From 33rd TC Co
120th Avn Co	26 Jun AR	Tan Son Nhut	From 57th TC Co
145th Avn Bn	24 Sep AR	Tan Son Nhut	From 45th TC Bn
145th Airlift Plt	23 Sep AR	Tan Son Nhut	From 45th TC Bn
330th TC Co	Apr AR	Vung Tau	
A/19th TC Co	Jun AR	Vung Tau	
UTT Avn	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
		1964	
3rd Avn Co	2 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
3rd Avn Co	14 Dec RE	Bien Hoa	To A/501st Avn Bn
56th TC Co	16 Oct AR	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
68th Avn Co	15 Aug AR	Tan Son Nhut	From UTT
117th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Tan son Nhut	
145th Airlift Plt	unknown	Tan Son Nhut	To Phan Thiet
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
765th TC Bn	12 Oct AR	Vung Tau	From Avn Spt Bn
A/501st Avn	14 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	From 3rd Avn Co
Air America	unknown	Tan Son Nhut	Helicopter opns
Avn Spt Bn	Apr AR	Vung Tau	
Avn Spt Bn	12 Oct DP	Vung Tau	To 765th TC Bn
UTT Avn	15 Aug DP	Tan Son Nhut	To 68th Avn Co
		1965	
1st Inf Div	Oct AR	Bien Hoa	
1st Inf 1st Avn	16 Oct AR	Phu Loi	Includes B/1st Avn
A/1st Avn	25 Nov AR	Phu Loi	From 155th Avn Co
1st Inf 1st Bde	6 Oct AR	Phuoc Vinh	
1st Inf 2nd Bde	11 Jul AR	Bien Hoa	
1st Inf 3rd Bde	2 Oct AR	Lai Khe	
1st Inf DivArty	17 Oct AR	Phu Loi	
D/1/4th Cav	Oct AR	Phu Loi	
E/701 Mnt	Oct AR	Phu Loi	
2nd Sig Grp	3 Jun AR	Tan Son Nhut	
11th CAB	3 Nov AR	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	28 Aug AR	Tan Son Nhut	From Prov Avn Grp
18th Eng Bde	20 Sep AR	Tan Son Nhut	
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
68th Avn Co	1 Mar RE	Tan Son Nhut	To 197th Avn Co
68th Avn Co	28 Nov AR	Bien Hoa	Second tour
101st Abn 1st Bde	Jul AR	Bien Hoa & Vung Tau	
101st Abn 1st Bde	Sep DL	Bien Hoa	To Cam Ranh Bay
116th Avn Co	20 Oct AR	Cu Chu	
117th Avn Co	Aug DP	Bien Hoa	From Pleiku
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
125th ATC Co	5 Nov AR	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	20 Oct AR	Phu Loi	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Tan son Nhut	
147th ASHC	28 Nov AR	Vung Tau	
155th Avn Co	8 Oct AR	Phu Loi	
155th Avn Co	26 Nov DP	Phu Loi	To A/1st Avn Bn
159th Eng Grp	30 Oct AR	Bien Hoa	
161st Flt	1 Sep AR	Bien Hoa	Australian Army
173rd Abn Bde	7 May AR	Bien Hoa	

197th Avn Co	1 Mar AR	Tan Son Nhut	From 68th Avn Co
197th Avn Co	unknown RL	Tan Son Nhut	To Bien Hoa
283rd Med Det	15 Sep AR	Tan Son Nhut	
254th Med Det	1 Nov AR	Long Binh	
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
A/82nd Avn	1 May AR	Vung Tau	
A/501st Avn	all year	Bien Hoa	
A GS Grp	18 Dec AR	Saigon	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	

1966

1st Inf Div			
1st Inf 1st Avn	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Inf 1st Bde	all year	Phuoc Vinh	
1st Inf 2nd Bde	Mar RL	Bear Cat	From Bien Hoa
1st Inf 2nd Bde	Sep RL	Di An	From Bear Cat
1st Inf 3rd Bde		Lai Khe	
1st Inf DivArty			
D/1/4th Cav	all year	Phu Loi	
E/701st Mnt	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Sig Bde	1 Apr AR	Saigon	
1st TC Bn	1 Apr AR	Vung Tau	USNS CC Bay
2nd Sig Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
9 Sqdn	3 May AR	Vung Tau	Australian AF
11th ACR	6 Sep AR	Bien Hoa & Long Binh	
ACT/11th ACR	6 Sep AR	Bien Hoa & Long Binh	
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	29 Jun DP	Long Binh	From Tan SonNhut
18th Eng Bde	1 Dec DP	Tan Son Nhut	To Dong Ba Thin
25th Inf Div			
25th Avn Bn	Mar AR	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 1st Bde	29 Apr AR	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 2nd Bde	20 Jan AR	Cu Chi	
4th Inf 3rd Bde	9 Oct AR	Cu Chi	
25th Inf DivArty	4 Apr AR	Cu Chi	
D/3/4th Cav	24 Mar AR	Cu Chi	
E/725th Mnt	1 Apr AR	Cu Chi	
34th GS Grp	24 Jan AR	Tan Son Nhut	From A GS Grp
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
58th TC Bn	7 Aug AR	Saigon	AMMC
68th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
68th Med Grp	7 Feb AR	Long Binh	
71st AHC	1 Sep AR	Bien Hoa	From A/501st Avn
79th Eng Grp	Oct AR	Long Binh	From Phan Rang
116th Avn Co	all year	Cu Chu	
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
125th ATC Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
145th Avn Bn	Jun DP	Long Binh	From Tan SonNhut
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	Jul DP	Long Binh	From Bien Hoa
161st Flt	all year	Bien Hoa	
173rd Abn Bde	all year	Bien Hoa	
173rd Avn Co	10 Mar AR	Lai Khe	
197th Avn Co	1 Sep DP	Bien Hoa	To 334th Avn Co
199th LIB	10 Dec AR	Song Be	
222nd Avn Bn	25 May AR	Vung Tau	From FW Avn
283rd Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
254th Med Det	all year	Long Binh	
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	1 Sep AR	Bien Hoa	From 197th Avn Co
605th TC Co	8 Mar	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
A/82nd Avn	1 Sep DP	Vung Tau	To 335th Avn Co
A/501st Avn	1 Sep RE	Bien Hoa	To 71st AHC
A GS Grp	24 Jan DP	Saigon	To 34th GS Grp
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
Capital Avn Bn	1 Jul AR	Saigon	
HC-1 Det 29	29 Jun AR	Vung Tau	
PHILCAG	14 Sep AR	Tay Ninh	
USARV R/W Flt	unknown	Tan Son Nhut	Into 120th Avn Co

1967

1st Inf Div			
1st Inf 1st Avn	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Inf 1st Bde	7 Mar RL	Quan Loi	From Phuoc Vinh
1st Inf 2nd Bde	all year	Di An	
1st Inf 3rd Bde			
1st Inf DivArty			
D/1/4th Cav	all year	Phu Loi	
E/701 Mnt	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Sig Bde	16 Oct	Long Binh	From Saigon
1st TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	USNS CC Bay
2nd Sig Grp	25 Jan DP	Tan Son Nhut	To Long Binh
3/17th Cav	Oct AR	Di An	
3/17th Cav ATr	Oct AR	Di An	
3/17th Cav BTr	Oct AR	Di An	
3/17th Cav CTr	Oct AR	Di An	
9 Sqdn	all year	Vung Tau	
11th ACR	Mar RL	Xuan Loc	From Long Binh
ACT/11th ACR	Mar RL	Xuan Loc	From Long Binh
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
17th Avn Co	25 Sep AR	Long Binh	Bear Cat?
20th Eng Bde	3 Aug AR	Bien Hoa	
20th TC Co	3 May AR	Cu Chi	
25th Inf Div			
25th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 1st Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 2nd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
4th Inf 3rd Bde	Aug RL	Cu Chi	Name changed
25th Inf 3rd Bde	Aug AR	Cu Chi	Units in III Corps
25th Inf DivArty	all year	Cu Chi	
D/3/4th Cav	all year	Cu Chi	
E/725th Mnt	all year	Cu Chi	
25th CAC	25 Oct AR	Long Binh	
34th Eng Grp	21 Mar AR	Vung Tau	
34th GS Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
45th Med Co	19 Jun AR	Long Binh	
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
58th TC Bn	all year	Saigon	AMMC
68th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	

71st AHC	all year	Bien Hoa	
79th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
101st Abn Div			
101st Avn Bn	10 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
101stAbn 2 Bde	10 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
101stAbn 3 Bde	10 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
101st Abn Div Arty	10 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
101st Abn 5 TC Bn	10 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
116th Avn Co	all year	Cu Chu	
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
125th ATC Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
135th Avn Co	3 Oct AR	Vung Tau	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Long Binh	
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
159th Med Det	Oct AR	Cu Chi	
161st Flt	all year	Bien Hoa	
173rd Abn Bde	Nov DP	Bien Hoa	To An Khe
173rd Avn Co	all year	Lai Khe	
187th Avn Co	15 Mar AR	Tay Ninh	
188th Avn Co	4 May AR	Bien Hoa	
190th Avn Co	12 Aug AR	Bien Hoa	TDY to I Corps
195th AHC	2 Nov AR	Plantation	
199th LIB	Mar RL	Long Binh	From Song Be
199th LIB	Apr RL	Bien Hoa	From Long Binh
199th LIB	Jul RL	Long Binh	From Bien Hoa
200th ASHC	15 Mar AR	Bear Cat	
205th ASHC	30 May AR	Phu Loi	
210th Avn Bn	2 Apr AR	Tan Son Nhut	From Capital Avn
213th ASHC	13 Jan AR	Phu Loi	
214th Avn Bn	19 Apr AR	Bear Cat	From Buffalo Avn
222nd Avn Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
240th Avn Co	25 May AR	Bear Cat	
242nd ASHC	12 Aug AR	Cu Chi	
269th Avn Bn	28 Jan AR	Cu Chi	
283rd Med Det	Jul DP	Tan Son Nhut	To Pleiku
254th Med Det	Jul DP	Long Binh	To Nha Trang
273rd HHC	22 Dec AR	Long Binh	
308th Avn Bn	20 Dec AR	Bien Hoa	
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
388th TC Co	9 Mar AR	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	24 Mar AR	Phu Loi	
539th TC Co	3 May AR	Phu Loi	
605th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
Capital Avn Bn	2 Apr DP	Saigon	To 210th Avn Bn
HC-1 Det 29	1 May DP	Vung Tau	To HA(L)-3
HA(L)-3	1 May AR	Vung Tau	
PHILCAG	all year	Tay Ninh	

1968

1st Inf Div			
1st Inf 1st Avn	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Inf 1st Bde	12 Nov RL	Lai Khe	From Quan Loi
1st Inf 2nd Bde			
1st Inf 3rd Bde			
1st Inf DivArty			
D/1/4th Cav	all year	Phu Loi	
E/701 Mnt	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Sig Bde	all year	Long Binh	
1st TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	USNS CC Bay
2nd Sig Grp	all year	Long Binh	
3/17th Cav	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav ATr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav BTr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav CTr	all year	Di An	
9 Sqdn	all year	Vung Tau	
11th ACR	all year	Xuan Loc	
ACT/11th ACR	all year	Xuan Loc	
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
17th Avn Co	16 Mar DP	Bear Cat	To Phu Bai
20th Eng Bde	all year	Bien Hoa	
20th TC Co	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf Div			
25th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 1st Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 2nd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 3rd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf DivArty	all year	Cu Chi	
D/3/4th Cav	all year	Cu Chi	
E/725th Mnt	all year	Cu Chi	
25th CAC	all year	Long Binh	
34th GS Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
58th Avn Bn	1 Mar AR	Long Binh	
58th TC Bn	Fed DP	Saigon	To Da Nang
68th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
79th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
101st Abn Div			
101st Avn Bn	Mar DP	Bien Hoa	For I Corps
101stAbn 2 Bde	Mar DP	Bien Hoa	For I Corps
101stAbn 3 Bde	Mar DP	Bien Hoa	For I Corps
101st Abn Div Arty	Mar DP	Bien Hoa	For I Corps
101st Abn 5 TC Bn	Mar DP	Bien Hoa	For I Corps
116th Avn Co	all year	Cu Chu	
117th Avn Co	Jan AR	Long Binh	From Pleiku
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
125th ATC Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
135th Avn Co	all year	Vung Tau	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Long Binh	
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
161st Flt	all year	Bien Hoa	
173rd Avn Co	all year	Lai Khe	
187th Avn Co	all year	Tay Ninh	
188th Avn Co	1 Jul DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
190th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	

195th AHC	all year	Plantation	
199th LIB	Mar RL	Gao Ho Nai	From Long Binh
199th LIB	Jun RL	Long Binh	From Gao Ho Nai
200th ASHC	1 Jul DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
205th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	Geronimos
210th Avn Bn	15 Jan DP	Long Thanh	From TanSonNhut
213th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	Black Cats
214th Avn Bn	15 Nov DP	Bear Cat	To Dong Tam
222nd Avn Bn	Dec DP	Bear Cat	From Vung Tau
240th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
242nd ASHC	all year	Cu Chi	
269th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
273rd HHC	all year	Long Binh	
303rd TC Co	23 Sep AR	Long Thanh	
308th Avn Bn	16 Mar DP	Bien Hoa	To Phu Bai
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
357th TC Co	15 Oct AR	Bien Hoa	
388th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	all year	Phu Loi	
539th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
605th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
HA(L)-3	all year	Vung Tau	
PHILCAG	all year	Tay Ninh	

Starting in October 1968 and continuing for several weeks, the 1st Air Cavalry Division relocated from I Corps to III Corps. The 1st Cav had so many helicopter units and there were so many other unit relocations that the Directory Editor decided to allocate an entire section to just the 1st Cav Division. Indeed the relocations of other units and dispersion of the 1st Cav's helicopter unit to so many III Corps locations is one of the motivations for preparing these rosters.

1st Cavalry Division in III Corps

1st Bde	Oct AR	Tay Ninh
2nd Bde	Oct AR	Quan Loi
3rd Bde	Oct AR	Quan Loi
1/9th Cav HHT		
1/9th Cav A Trp		Tay Ninh
1/9th Cav B Trp		Tay Ninh
1/9th Cav C Trp		Dau Tieng
2/20th ARA HHB		
2/20th ARA A Bty		Tay Ninh
2/20th ARA B Bty		
2/20th ARA C Bty		Dau Tieng
11th Group	Oct AR	Phuoc Vinh
11th GS Avn Co	Oct AR	Phuoc Vinh
15th Med Bn		
15th TC Bn		
15th TC A Co		Phu Loi
15th TC B Co		Cu Chi
15th TC C Co		
227th AHB	Oct AR	
227th AHB A Co		
227th AHB B Co		
227th AHB C Co		
227th AHB D Co		
228th ASHB		
228th ASHB A Co		
228th ASHB B Co		
228th ASHB C Co		
229th AHB		
229th AHB A Co		Tay Ninh
229th AHB B Co		Tay Ninh
229th AHB C Co		Dau Tieng
229th AHB D Co		Dau Tieng
E/82nd Arty		

Roster of helicopter units in III Corps (Continues)

1969

1st Inf Div			
1st Inf 1st Avn	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Inf 1st Bde	12 Mar RL	Quan Loi	From Lai Khe
1st Inf 1st Bde	18 Jun RL	Dau Tieng	From Quan Loi
1st Inf 2nd Bde		Di An	
1st Inf 3rd Bde		Lai Khe	
1st Inf DivArty			
D/1/4th Cav	all year	Phu Loi	
E/701 Mnt	all year	Phu Loi	
1st Sig Bde	all year	Long Binh	
1st TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	USNS CC Bay
2nd Sig Grp	all year	Long Binh	
3/17th Cav	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav ATr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav BTr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav CTr	all year	Di An	
9 Sqdn	all year	Vung Tau	
11th ACR	Feb RL	Lai Khe Long Giao	From Xuan Loc
ACT/11th ACR	Feb RL	Lai Khe Long Biao	From Xuan Loc
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
20th Eng Bde	all year	Bien Hoa	
20th TC Co	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf Div			
25th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 1st Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 2nd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 3rd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf DivArty	all year	Cu Chi	
D/3/4th Cav	all year	Cu Chi	
E/725th Mnt	all year	Cu Chi	
25th CAC	all year	Long Binh	
34th Eng Grp	Feb DP	Vung Tau	To Bin Thuy
34th GS Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
58th Avn Bn	17 Feb DP	Long Binh	To 165th CAG
68th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
79th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
116th Avn Co	all year	Cu Chu	
117th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	

125th ATC Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
135th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Long Binh	
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
161st Flt	all year	Bien Hoa	
165th TC Co	25 Sep	Phu Loi	
165th CAG	17 Feb AR	Long Binh	
173rd Avn Co	all year	Lai Khe	
187th Avn Co	all year	Tay Ninh	
190th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
195th AHC	all year	Plantation	
199th LIB	all year	Long Binh	
205th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	
210th Avn Bn	all year	Long Thanh	
213th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	
222nd Avn Bn	all year	Bear Cat	
240th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
242nd ASHC	all year	Cu Chi	
269th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
273rd HHC	all year	Long Binh	
303rd TC Co	all year	Long Thanh	
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
357th TC Co	29 Sep DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
388th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	all year	Phu Loi	
539th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
605th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
HA(L)-3	all year	Vung Tau	
PHILCAG	13 Dec DP	Tay Ninh	Departed RVN
Thai Avn Co	25 Feb AR	Bear Cat	

1970

1st Inf Div	15 Apr DP	Di An	Departed RVN
1st Inf 1st Avn	15 Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
1st Inf 1st Bde	15 Apr DP		Departed RVN
1st Inf 2nd Bde	15 Apr DP		Departed RVN
1st Inf 3rd Bde	15 Apr DP		Departed RVN
1st Inf DivArty	15 Apr DP		Departed RVN
D/1/4th Cav	20 Mar DP	Phu Loi	To C/16th Cav
E/701 Mnt	6 Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
1st Sig Bde	all year	Long Binh	
1st TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	USNS CC Bay
3/17th Cav	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav ATr	4 Jan DP	Di An	To Soc Trang
3/17th Cav ATr	Unknown	Di An	From Soc Tang
3/17th Cav BTr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav CTr	Dec DP	Di An	To Vinh Long
2nd Sig Grp	all year	Long Binh	
9 Sqdn	all year	Vung Tau	
11th ACR	Jun RL	Di An	From Bien Hoa
ACT/11th ACR	Jun RL	Di An	From Bien Hoa
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
20th Eng Bde	all year	Bien Hoa	
20th TC Co	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf Div			
25th Avn Bn	7 Dec DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
25th Inf 1st Bde	8 Dec DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
25th Inf 2nd Bde	all year	Cu Chi	
25th Inf 3rd Bde	8 Dec DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
25th Inf DivArty	8 Dec DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
D/3/4th Cav	all year	Cu Chi	
E/725th Mnt	14 Oct DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
25th CAC	all year	Long Binh	
34th GS Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
68th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
79th Eng Grp	15 Dec DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
116th Avn Co	all year	Cu Chu	
117th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
118th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
125th ATC Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
135th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Long Binh	
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
159th Med Det	6 Nov AR	Long Binh	From Cu Chi
161st Flt	Unknown DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
165th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
165th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
173rd Avn Co	all year	Lai Khe	
187th Avn Co	all year	Tay Ninh	
190th Avn Co	10 Dec DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
195th AHC	14 Dec DP	Plantation	Departed RVN
199th LIB	11 Oct DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
205th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	
210th Avn Bn	all year	Long Thanh	
213th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	
222nd Avn Bn	all year	Bear Cat	
240th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
242nd ASHC	all year	Cu Chi	
269th Avn Bn	all year	Cu Chi	
273rd HHC	all year	Long Binh	
303rd TC Co	4 Feb DP	Long Thanh	Departed RVN
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
388th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	all year	Phu Loi	
539th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
605th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
HA(L)-3	all year	Vung Tau	
Thai Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	

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1st Sig Bde	all year	Long Binh	
1st TC Bn	unknown DP	Vung Tau	To Cam Ranh Bay

2nd Sig Grp	23 Oct DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
3rd Bde 1st Cav	30 Apr AR	Binh Hoa	Separate status
229th AHB			
229th AHB A Co			
229th AHB B Co			
229th AHB C Co			
229th AHB D Co			
362nd ASHC	30 Jun AR	Bien Hoa	From B/229th Avn
F/9th Cav	30 Apr AR		
F/77th AFA	30 Apr AR		
3/17th Cav	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav ATr	all year	Di An	
3/17th Cav BTr	all year	Di An	
9 Sqdn	5 Dec DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
11th ACR	Mar DP	Di An	Departed RVN
ACT/11th ACR	5 Dec DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
11th Avn Co	Mar DP	Di An	Departed RVN
11th CAB	all year	Phu Loi	
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
20th Eng Bde	20 Sep DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
20th TC Co	15 Mar DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
25th Inf 2nd Bde	30 Apr DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
25th CAC	all year	Long Binh	
34th GS Grp	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
45th Med Co	30 Apr DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
56th TC Co	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
68th Avn Co	1 Apr DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
116th Avn Co	Jan DP	Cu Chu	For I Corps
117th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
118th Avn Co	31 Aug DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
120th Avn Co	all year	Long Binh	
125th ATC Co	20 Sep DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
128th Avn Co	all year	Phu Loi	
135th Avn Co	all year	Bear Cat	
145th Avn Bn	all year	Long Binh	
147th ASHC	all year	Vung Tau	
159th Eng Grp	all year	Long Binh	
165th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
165th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
173rd Avn Co	all year	Lai Khe	
187th Avn Co	all year	Tay Ninh	
205th ASHC	15 Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
210th Avn Bn	31 Aug DP	Long Thanh	Departed RVN
213th ASHC	all year	Phu Loi	Black Cats
222nd Avn Bn	15 Dec DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
227th Avn Bn	25 Jul DP	Phuoc Vinh	To 10th & 52nd Avn
228th Avn Bn	10 Apr DP		To Da Nang
240th Avn Co	26 Dec DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
242nd ASHC	1 Oct DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
244th Avn Co	31 Aug AR	Bear Cat	
244th Avn Co	26 Dec DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
269th Avn Bn	15 Apr DP	Cu Chi	Departed RVN
273rd HHC	all year	Long Binh	
283rd Med Det	Feb AR	Long Binh	From Tuy Hoa
330th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
334th Avn Co	all year	Bien Hoa	
334th TC Co	31 Aug AR	Tan Son Nhut	
388th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	all year	Phu Loi	
539th TC Co	30 Jun DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
605th TC Co	all year	Phu Loi	
765th TC Bn	all year	Vung Tau	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
D/3/4th Cav	10 Feb DP	Long Binh	To F/4th Cav
F/4th Cav	10 Feb AR	Long Binh	From D/3/4th Cav
Thai Avn Co	31 Aug DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
		1972	
1st Sig Bde	7 Nov DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
3/17th Cav	Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
3/17th Cav ATr	Apr DP	Di An	Departed RVN
3/17th Cav BTr	Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
11th CAB	1 Mar DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
12th CAG	all year	Long Binh	
25th CAC	26 Mar DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
34th GS Grp	30 Nov DP	Tan Son Nhut	Departed RVN
56th TC Co	30 Apr DP	Tan Son Nhut	Departed RVN
57th Med Det	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
59th CAC	30 Sep AR	Tan Son Nhut	
117th Avn Co	26 Mar DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
120th Avn Co	Oct DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
128th Avn Co	30 Jan DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
135th Avn Co	14 Feb DP	Bear Cat	Departed RVN
145th Avn Bn	2 Apr DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
147th ASHC	17 Mar DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
159th Eng Grp	30 Apr DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
165th CAG	30 Jan DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
165th TC Co	30 Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
173rd Avn Co	31 Mar DP	Lai Khe	Departed RVN
187th Avn Co	14 Feb DP	Tay Ninh	Departed RVN
213th ASHC	31 Mar DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
273rd HHC	29 Feb DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
330th TC Co	30 Apr DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
334th Avn Co	1 Mar DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
334th TC Co	30 Apr DP	Tan Son Nhut	Departed RVN
362nd ASHC	20 Aug DP	Bien Hoa	Departed RVN
388th TC Co	all year	Vung Tau	
520th TC Bn	29 Apr DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
605th TC Co	1 May DP	Phu Loi	Departed RVN
765th TC Bn	29 Apr DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
F/4th Cav	all year	Long Binh	
		1973	
12th CAG	16 Mar DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
57th Med Det	29 Mart DP	Tan Son Nhut	Departed RVN
59th CAC	13 Mar DP	Tan Son Nhut	Departed RVN
259th Sqdn Det ?	activation date unknown	Bien Hoa	VNAF medevac detachment for MR III
388th TC Co	13 Mar DP	Vung Tau	Departed RVN
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	
F/4th Cav	26 Feb DP	Long Binh	Departed RVN
		1974	
259th Sqdn Det ?	all year	Bien Hoa	
Air America	all year	Tan Son Nhut	

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259th Sqdn Det ?	Apr	Bien Hoa
Air America	Apr	Tan Son Nhut

History items collected from the 195th AHC

The following paragraph was harvested from the website homepages.waymark.net/~spike/
The 195th Assault Helicopter Company served in the Republic of Vietnam from the 2nd of November 1967 through the 14th of December 1970. The unit was comprised of three flight platoons, the 609th Transportation Detachment (maintenance platoon), and the 366th Signal Detachment (avionics platoon). The 195th's primary mission was to support the special operations of MACVSOG CCS (Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group, Command and Control South) whose missions were over the border operations into the Parrot's Beak and Fish Hook areas of Cambodia. The 1st Airlift Platoon was assigned to SOG operations. Part of the 2nd Airlift Platoon was also assigned to SOG operations, while part of the platoon provided support to several other operations in the III CTZ area such as Company F, 51st Infantry (Airborne) LRP (Long Range Patrol). The Gunship Platoon was committed to SOG and LRP operations only. The 195th had the distinction of being the only officially authorized camouflaged painted Hueys in the U.S. Army because of constant "over the fence" operations.

A Brief History of the 195th AHC's Camo painted Hueys

The 195th Assault Helicopter Company was deployed to the Plantation airfield in Long Binh, Vietnam from Ft. Carson, CO in October 1967. The unit went operational on 1 December, 1967 with its first mission being in support of MACV-SOG. Although the unit was utilized in various missions, its primary commitment was to support Special Operations conducted by the Special Forces C5 and MACV-SOG. In the spring of 1968, while supporting Project Sigma, Project Delta, based in Nha Trang, had deployed to the northern section of three corps, based at Quan Loi, and the 195th was assigned to support their Cambodian over-the-fence missions. As a result of the clandestine operations that were to be conducted over the boarders in support of the missions, the commander of the 195th, MAJ Richard Hummel along with the Project Sigma commander, Major May, sought and was granted approval of repainting the aircraft. This resulted in the 195th being the only "authorized" camouflage Army aviation unit.
The U.S. Air Force located in Binh Hoa agreed to paint the eight UH-1Cs and twenty-three UH-1Hs using their paint colors and schemes in the May to July time-frame of 1968. Although the Air Force had similarly painted Hueys, there was evidently no template for the pattern and consequently the camouflage scheme was painted freehand by the technicians. This camouflage consisted of a blue-white bottom to the aircraft and four tints of greens and browns on the upper surfaces. All markings indicating the aircraft ownership were eradicated: There were no tail numbers or "United States Army" visible on the airframes. The identification plates were also removed. The flight crews also wore a non-descript uniform of "tiger fatigues", customarily worm by the South Vietnamese Army Special Forces, without name tags, dog tags, ID cards or rank. This was all done to give the appearance of not being associated with the United States in the event of an aircraft being downed in the cross-boarder missions.
It seems that the enemy had recognized the fact that the camouflaged helicopters were the ones feeding vital intelligence to the US military and causing the difficulties with their logistical resupply coming from the north through Cambodia. These camouflaged aircraft were easily identified and soon the 195th found themselves a more frequent target than other aircraft during takeoffs and landings at the Quan Loi airfield. Consequently, the aircraft were repainted back to the original OD paint scheme in mid 1970. The unit continued with the Special Operations missions until it was deactivated and its colors returned to the United States in 1970.

History items collected from Flying Circus, 1st Brigade - 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)

The following material was harvested from the section titled A PLACE TO HANG OUR HAT on the website www.flying-circus.org. It was compiled by Frank Vanatta, who was (surprise, surprise!) a Scout pilot!
The "Flying Circus" was best known for its SCOUT section; but the Circus also flew Command & Control, Ash and Trash, Medivac and anything else the 1st Brigade needed at any given time. This web site is dedicated to the people of widely varying backgrounds who came together under the turbulent and uncertain times of war and together produced the unit which became known as the "Flying Circus".
In late 1968, the Division packed up and moved to the other end of the country, setting up camp in III Corps in the Southwest corner of Vietnam. From the Division Headquarters at Phouc Vinh, the Cav began to operate in the four main provinces of Phouc Long, Binh Long, Tay Ninh, and Binh Duong. The beginning of 1969 saw Operation "Toan Thhang II" result in the capture of one of the largest stockpiles of ammunition found in the war. Operation "Cheyenne Sabre" began in February with the aim of disrupting the supply routes northeast of Bien Hoa - an area known as the "Serges Jungle Highway." By August, the enemy was getting tired of this "interference" by the Cav and they mounted attacks against Quan Lai, LZ Becky, LZ Jon, LZ Kelly, and LZ Caldwell. Not only were these attacks thrown back, but by the end of the year the Cav had totally destroyed the enemy's hold on that part of the country.
On 1 May, 1970, President Nixon gave the order for the Cav to move into Cambodia to smash enemy supply areas in what was known as the "Fish Hook", near the towns of Mimot and Snoul. This mission was completed at the end of June, and was to become one of the most successful operations of its type for the Cav. Countless amounts of weapons and ammunition were captured or destroyed, the items uncovered ranging from small arms to a Porsche sports car. By this time, popular sentiment in the US was growing against further involvement in the war. Though there was more fighting to be done, the beginning of the withdrawal was commencing. By late March, 1971, the official duties of the 1st Cavalry Division ended. Though the majority of the Cav began to leave Vietnam, parts of the three Brigades were reformed to make up a new 3rd Brigade which was then headquartered at Bien Hoa. This group became occupied with the program of "Vietnamization", which was designed to help the Vietnamese people take control of their own future defense. On 5 May, 1971, the colors of the 1st Cavalry Division, minus those of the 3rd Brigade, were officially moved to Fort Hood, Texas. Thus ends this brief collection of the exploits of the 1st Brigade. Though the 1st Cav was reorganized and went on to perform other assignments and test new military concepts, and the 3rd Brigade continued to perform admirably in Vietnam until 21 June, 1972, that is another story.

History items collected from the 362nd ASHC

The following material was harvested from the website www.geocities.com/cobalt_oneniner and is titled 362nd AVIATION COMPANY, THE LAST "HOOKERS", AUGUST 1971 - AUGUST 1972, The

362nd Aviation Company was the last American, CH-47 combat unit to serve in Vietnam. On 30 June 1971, at Camp Martin Cox (Bearcat), B Company, 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was reorganized and designated the 362nd Aviation Company (ASH). It was assigned to the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 3rd Brigade (Separate), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Later, after the 3rd Brigade furled its colors, another organized force, Task Force Garry Owen, remained to fight. The 362nd stayed with them. In August 1972, the 362nd ceased to exist as it too cased colors. Another page became history in the annals of Army aviation.

By today's standards, the 362nd did a battalion's work. It contained 24 CH-47A helicopters and over 500 Skytroopers. Organized with its own depot maintenance, it essentially was self sustaining. No other maintenance capability existed in country for this "Workhorse of Army Aviation."

Planners knew, if this unit didn't fly, the First Cav didn't fight. It was the 362nd that keep fuel flowing for other ships to fly. From Bearcat, to Phu Loi, to Long Thanh North, the 362nd hunkered down and slugged it out with the rest of the Cav. Early 1972 saw the most fierce combat of the Vietnam conflict. There were no US ground force combat units in Vietnam. There were American advisors and aviation. Ground combat was the realm of the ARVN. The "United Team" was at its best and in its finest hour. Each one of them is deserving of the utmost respect.

History Item Collected by the 25th Aviation Battalion Association

Editors Note: Over the years of collecting and publishing history material for the VHPA, the various VHPA committees have gotten to know some of the truly hard workers. Les Hines from the 123rd Aviation Battalion Association is one of the best and so is Ron Leonard, Diamondhead 085, of Ranson WV, Webmaster for the 25th Aviation Battalion at /members.tripod.com/ronleonard/. These men and their organizations have been patiently typing Vietnam Era documents into word processors for years and have always been quick to share a copy with the VHPA History Committee. The follow are examples of the history that is collected and preserved because of these fine, fine men who were hard working crew chiefs in Vietnam.

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT - On 22 December 1968 at approximately 0025 hrs, the Diamondhead 10 light fire team from B Co, 25th Avn Bn was scrambled to XT2430 to support a night location containing three (3) elements of the 4th Bn, 9th Inf. A briefing from the ground commander revealed that their situation was desperate and that they were surrounded and in danger of being over-run by a large enemy force. Upon arriving over the area of contact, the lead ship of the fire team came under heavy anti-aircraft fire. WO1 Larry D King, aircraft commander of the wing ship, immediately began to place suppressive fire into the enemy weapons positions with complete disregard for his own safety. Maneuvering his aircraft around friendly artillery WO1 King began making immediate suppressive firing passes into the main body of the enemy force, ignoring the large volume of enemy anti-aircraft fire directed at his ship. Realizing that constant suppressive fire was needed in more than one location, and coordinating with the fire team leader, WO1 Robert H Moore, the decision was made to split the fire team into two separate fighting units. WO1 King then began making independent firing passes at the enemy, exposing himself to intense enemy fire, to give the friendly units maximum support from his armed helicopter. Noting that a large enemy unit was attempting to withdraw form the area of contact, WO1 King contacted the forward air controller, Issue 15. Having expanded all ordnance WO1 King maneuvered his aircraft into such a position to cover the forward air controller, who then placed an airstike on the enemy location. Leaving the area of contact only long enough to refuel and rearm, WO1 King made continuous firing passes for a period of over six (6) hours, thereby contributing greatly to the repulsion of the enemy attack and reducing the number of friendly casualties. Remaining on station after the enemy contact had been broken to provide security for medical evacuation and resupply operations. Signed by Robert H Moore, WO1 Avn

Editor's Note: The good news is that the VHPA knows these two pilots were not killed in Vietnam. The bad news is that the only other information the VHPA has about these two men is that they were flight school classmates is 67-23. Any reader with more information about these men is encouraged to contact the VHPA.

Images Remain For "Little Bear 714" Gunner by- Tony Lazzarini

The following true story is a tribute to the men of A Company, 25th Aviation Battalion, also known as "Little Bear," who served in the Republic of Vietnam. Reprinted by permission of the author from his book, "Never Trust a man in Curlers."

In late October 1967, an armored personnel carrier with numerous troops on board rolled on top of a powerful anti-tank mine. The ensuing explosion killed four men and severely injured several others. Vulnerable and alone their distress call for a dust-off was responded to by the closest helicopter in the area. The Huey Little Bear 714 was returning to base from it's lone previous mission. Two round trips were needed to deliver the wounded to a base hospital. It would take a perilous third trip in darkness to retrieve the bodies of the dead. Hastily we loaded the last of the dead into a helicopter. Above me the rotor blades were spinning frantically grasping for enough air to remove us from the engulfing jungle. A voice in my flight helmet cried out, "We're taking hits." The crewchief's machine gun responded with a burst of yellowish orange tracers that disappeared into the night shrouded jungle. "I'm In," I shouted and squeezed into the small space behind my own machine gun. We started to lift off when flashes of white appeared from the shrinking earth. I could hear the splats as the bullets searched the ship for another host. I yanked back on the trigger if my weapon and fired, and fired. The burning APC remained as a marker to soon fade and be forgotten, like it's unfortunate crew. In the real world, grieving parents would be left with only tears and memories.

"Where are you hit?" "What?" I replied. "Where are you hit?" again questioned the medic. We were back on the landing pad of the base hospital. The last body was being carried away on an olive green stretcher. The medic pointed to my blood-drenched arm. "It's not mine," I informed him coldly and turned back to re-enter my ship. Light from the well lit pad revealed a palette of blood left by our passengers. The rotor blades fan effect had spray painted the inside of the Huey with a red sticky coating. Three bullet holes ventilated the area around my perch. Jerry, the crewchief was staring down at a puddle of red dish-black fluid growing under the tail boom. The pilot was shutting down the engine to examine a strange whistling sound coming from one of the rotor blades. It would soon reveal a .30-caliber incision. Once again, in my seat behind the machine gun. I leaned back against the bulkhead and closed my eyes. "I'll be back in the states in 10 more days, and all this will be forgotten," I said to myself. I was wrong, I have never forgotten.

Tony Lazzarini-Iron Triangle Oct 27, 1967.