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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96384

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SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, 1st Aviation Brigade for
Period Ending 30 April 1969, MCS CSrOR-65 (R1) (U)

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. (C) Section 1, Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Command.

(1) (U) The mission of the 1st Aviation Brigade remained unchanged, that of providing effective responsive Army Aviation support to US, RVN and FMAF ground elements.

(2) (U) Changes in Key Staff Personnel

(a) Commanding General

Major General Robert R. Williams, 022962, 1 FEB 69 - 30 MAR 69
Brigadier General Allen M. Burdett, Jr., 026048, 31 MAR 69 -
30 APR 69

(b) Deputy Brigade Commander

Colonel James C. Smith, 058314 AR, 1 FEB 69 - 20 MAR 69
Colonel William C. Boehm, 063051 IN, 21 MAR 69 - 30 APR 69

(c) Deputy Brigade Commander/Administration

Colonel William C. Boehm, 063051 IN, 1 FEB 69 - 20 MAR 69
Vacant 21 MAR 69 - 30 APR 69

(3) (U) At the end of the reporting period the organization and location of major units are shown in the Organization Chart at Incl 1 and the Station List at Incl 2.

(4) (U) During the reporting period Commander's Notes for the months April and May (Numbers 3 and 4 in the 1969 Series) appear at Inclosures 3 and 4.

(5) (U) AGI. During the period 15 April - 18 April 1969 the 1st Aviation Brigade HQ underwent its annual IG. In addition to the Brigade HQ, the 5th Aviation Detachment, 8th Military History Detachment, and 12th Public Information Detachment were also inspected.

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(1) (C) Brigade Strength. The average strength of the 1st Aviation Brigade during the period February 1969 through April 1969 is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>WARRANT OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HQ, 1st Avn Bde	44	10	155	209
12th CAG	787	969	6535	8291
17th CAG	641	902	6019	7562
164th CAG	402	296	3153	3851
165th Avn Gp	79	17	1321	1417
212th CAB	<u>152</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>1208</u>	<u>1429</u>
TOTAL	2105	2263	18391	22759

(2) (U) Officer Strength. The strength of the 1st Aviation Brigade Officer personnel by grade as of 20 April 1969 is as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASSIGNED & ATTACHED</u>	
	<u>MHC & DETACHMENTS</u>	<u>BDE TOTAL</u>
GO	1	1
COL	2	7
LTC	8	52
MAJ	23	278
CPT	8	846
LT	6	988
WO	<u>11</u>	<u>2410</u>
TOTAL	59	4582

(3) (U) Personnel Transferred. The following number of personnel transferred into or out of the 1st Aviation Brigade during the period February 1969 through April 1969:

Replacements & Rotatees:

	<u>REPLACEMENTS</u>	<u>ROTATEES</u>
Officers & WO's	1036	570
Enlisted Men	<u>3614</u>	<u>3421</u>
TOTAL	4650	3991

(4) (U) Awards. Awards Quarterly Report as of 27 April 1969:

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<u>AWARD</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DSC	0	0	1	1
SS	14	10	19	43
LOM	4	2	1	7
DfC	97	76	76	249
SM	1	3	0	4
BS"V"	13	24	12	49
BS	140	231	308	679
AR"V"	173	103	64	340
ALA	7098	5672	5534	18,304
ACM"V"	54	26	113	193
ACM	431	330	428	1189
PH	6	7	0	13
TOTAL	8031	6484	6556	21,071

(5) (U) Appointments. Appointments for Commissioned and Warrant Officers:

Warrant Officer Flight Training	10
Warrant Officer USAR	6
USARV Direct Commission	16
Regular Army Appointment (Warrant)	6
Regular Army Appointment	11
Direct Commission TAG	19
OCS	1

(6) (U) Orders. Orders Published by HQ, 1st Aviation Brigade

	<u>GENERAL ORDERS</u>	<u>SPECIAL ORDERS</u>	<u>LETTER ORDERS</u>
February	472	29	28
March	483	34	46
April	496	32	69

c. G-2.

(1) (FOUO) Investigative Actions. The following Personnel Security Investigative actions were processed through the 1st Aviation Brigade's Personnel Security Investigative Branch during this reporting period:

(a) Request for Background Investigations:	- 12
(b) Request for verification of Background Investigation:	- 159
(c) Request for National Agency Check:	- 64
(d) Request for verification of National Agency Check:	- 85
(e) Request for verification of Entrance National Agency	
Check:	<u>- 36</u>
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Of the 356 actions processed, 268 of these actions have been completed.

(2) (FOUO) Other Intelligence Activities:

- (a) Security inspection of subordinate units conducted: - 6
- (b) Other visits conducted:

- 1. USARV AOC G-2 -220
- 2. LONG BINH POST S-2 - 89
- 3. II FF HQ G-2 - 12
- 4. Subordinate Units (Bde) - 8
- 5. 702 MID - 6

- (c) Number of INTSUM submitted to higher HQS: - 89
- (d) Number of lost documents investigation (AR 15-6) - 2
- (e) Number of lost documents investigations pending: - 0

d. G-3.

(1) (C) Plans

(a) MTOE 1-252G was prepared and is programed for submission to USARV in May 1969. This MTOE will modify MTOE 1-252G dtd 28 October 1968, for HHC, Combat Aviation Group.

(b) MTOE's 17-96T, 17-98T and 17-99T were prepared and are programmed for submission in June 1969. MTOE 17-98T will integrate the Signal Detachment (RL) and Transportation Corps Detachment (KD) into the Air Cavalry Troop. MTOE 17-96T is for HHT, Air Cavalry Squadrons; MTOE 17-99T is for D Troop, Air Cavalry Squadrons.

(c) MTOE 1-87G was received and following units were reorganized:

- 1. 312th Aviation Support Detachment
- 2. 313th Aviation Support Detachment
- 3. 314th Aviation Support Detachment
- 4. 315th Aviation Support Detachment
- 5. 316th Aviation Support Detachment
- 6. 317th Aviation Support Detachment
- 7. 318th Aviation Support Detachment
- 8. 319th Aviation Support Detachment
- 9. 320th Aviation Support Detachment
- 10. 321st Aviation Support Detachment
- 11. 322nd Aviation Support Detachment
- 12. 323rd Aviation Support Detachment
- 13. 324th Aviation Support Detachment
- 14. 325th Aviation Support Detachment
- 15. 326th Aviation Support Detachment

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16. 327th Aviation Support Detachment
17. 338th Aviation Support Detachment
18. 339th Aviation Support Detachment
19. 340th Aviation Support Detachment
20. 341st Aviation Support Detachment
21. 342nd Aviation Support Detachment
22. 343rd Aviation Support Detachment
23. 344th Aviation Support Detachment
24. 345th Aviation Support Detachment
25. 346th Aviation Support Detachment
26. 347th Aviation Support Detachment
27. 348th Aviation Support Detachment
28. 359th Aviation Support Detachment
29. 360th Aviation Support Detachment
30. 361st Aviation Support Detachment
31. 362nd Aviation Support Detachment
32. 363rd Aviation Support Detachment
33. 364th Aviation Support Detachment

(d) The following reorganizational structure was made since 1 Feb 69:

1. The 120th Assault Helicopter Company and the Command Airplane Company were reassigned from the 12th Combat Aviation Group to the 165th Aviation Group to facilitate command and control of the aforementioned units. No relocation of units was required.

2. The 238th Aerial Weapons Company and the 587th TC Detachment arrived in the Republic of Vietnam in March and were assigned to this command on 25 March 1969. Both units were further assigned to the 17th Combat Aviation Group and located at An Khe, RVN.

3. 5th Aviation Detachment attached to HHC, 1st Avn Bde.

4. 8th Military History Detachment attached to HHC, 1st Avn Bde.

5. 12th PID (TM FB) attached to HHC, 1st Avn Bde.

6. 129th Medical Detachment assigned to 12th CAB.

(2) (FOUO) Training

(a) Training Quotas. The following data is a recapitulation of training quotas allocated to subordinate units of the Brigade during this quarter. Quotas include those from the Army Aviation Refresher Training School (AARTS), USRV AH-1G/OH-6A training team, Jungle Survival School, and the Brigade UH-1 IP School, as follows:

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<u>1. COURSE</u>	<u>QUOTAS</u>
T53-L11 Engine	43
T53-L13 Engine	49
T55 Engine	44
T63 Engine	18
UH-1C/AH-1G Airframe	24
UH-1D/H Airframe	28
OH-6A Airframe	18
CH-47 Airframe	28
Aircraft Technical Supply	30
Enlisted Armament	43
Officer Armament	14
T55-L-11 Engine (Special)	32
Signal Course AN/GRC 106 Operator	4
<u>2. USARV AH-1G/OH-6A Training</u>	
AH-1G	15
OH-6A	11
<u>3. BDE UH-1 IP School</u>	27
<u>4. Survival School</u>	45

(b) Pilot Training. Units of the 1st Aviation Brigade continue to conduct pilot training classes to transition VNAF and ROKF-V aviators in the UH-1D/H. These classes are approximately 90 days duration. A summary of this training is as follows:

1. Courses starting during period:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>CLASS START DATE</u>	<u>NO STUDENTS</u>
VNAF	21 February	13
VNAF	20 March	9
VNAF	21 April	9
ROK-V	7 April	6

2. Courses graduating during period:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>GRADUATION DATE</u>	<u>NO STUDENTS</u>
VNAF	21 February	7
VNAF	14 March	2 Staff
VNAF	21 March	2 Staff
VNAF	12 April	7
VNAF	21 April	2 Staff

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(3) (FOUO) Operations

(a) Procedures Guide. The new Aviation Operational Procedures Guide has been printed and is currently being distributed to all 1st Aviation Brigade Units and all other commands in RVN and CONUS who would have an interest in such a document. The guide represents a major task in writing and compiling: it is considered an invaluable reference for the many supported units. A copy of the guide is attached at inclosure 5.

(b) Tactical Operations Center (TOC). The TOC, an underground bunker complex, built primarily by Brigade Headquarters personnel, was completed and occupied on 5 February 1969. Consisting of a radio room, teletype room, and operations center, it will enable the Brigade Headquarters to continue functioning, at a reduced level, should the tactical situation dictate its occupation. The operations portion of the bunker is currently manned 24 hours daily by personnel from the G-3 section.

c. G-4.

(1) (U) CMMI Team. The Brigade Command Maintenance Management Inspection Team (CMMI) conducted a total of 24 CMMI's during this quarter of which 19 were rated satisfactory and 5 unsatisfactory. A USARV TAERS Training Team visited Brigade subordinate commands to conduct training for unit and staff personnel in preparation for Material Readiness Reports (DA Form 2406): the team also administered courtesy inspections of unit motor pool records.

(2) (U) CCIL. Instructions to subordinate units were consolidated and expanded, facilitating the preparation of the Commander's Critical Item List (CCIL) at unit level, and review by the 1st Logistical Command. Response to the CCIL has improved the overall logistics management within the 1st Aviation Brigade.

(3) (U) Project COLES. 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 55-7 was published on 26 March 1969 incorporating many letters and messages from USARV and the 1st Aviation Brigade, compiling all instructions and reporting procedures and time required in preparation of the report to an absolute minimum consistent with operational requirements. Brigade units have exceeded the goals established by USARV in all cases.

(4) (U) Property Accountability: Dollar Limitation for Quarterly Reports of Operational Loss. The 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation was revised and republished on 15 March 1969 to include the Air Cavalry Squadrons, the standardization of the aviation companies to include MTOE actions absorbing the TC and SC detachments and to include subsequent increases and decreases in current pricing guides since the last edition.

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(5) (U) Safety : Possession, Carrying, and Use of Fire Arms and Dangerous Weapons. The 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 211-5 was revised in response to numerous lost weapons, left unsecured in parked aircraft, weapons not physically worn while inflight and weapons left in billets at night. In addition, coordination was effected with the 44th Medical Brigade which resulted in standardizing procedures within the two units to safeguard the weapons of personnel evacuated through medical facilities.

(6) (U) Logistics : Ammunition Basic Loads and Base Camp Defense Stocks. The 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 700-1, in coordination with the Ammunition Surveillance Branch, 1st Logistical Command, was published on 22 April 1969. The regulation formally established the minimum standards, unit policies, procedures and responsibilities for the development and maintenance of ammunition basic load and base camp defense stocks to include accounting, administration, fire protection, storage and safety.

f. IO.

(1) (U) Information Office Activities. During this reporting quarter, the Information Office pioneered inroads in publicizing the 1st Aviation Brigade's strike-and-support mission in the Republic of Vietnam. In support of this publicity:

(a) The first color and sound motion picture dealing with the 3-year old Brigade was filmed entirely on location throughout Vietnam.

(b) Approximately 2,000 Hometown News Releases were submitted to the US Army Hometown News Center.

(c) Feature news articles and news releases have been reprinted in military news media, Pacific Stars and Stripes, and the Brigade has received in-depth radio and television coverage by ABC Radio/TV, CBS-TV, the German National Television Network and the French National Television Network.

(d) The command magazine "HAWK" has highlighted feature articles dealing with the Free World Assistance Forces (Republic of Korea, the Commonwealth of Australia and Thailand), and has initiated a series of "Sports in Vietnam" and "R&R".

(2) (U) IO Correspondents and Photographers. Information Office correspondents and photographers have given in-depth combat coverage during this quarter not only to Brigade units but also to sister services, e.g. The USS Benewah, the USS New Jersey (Navy) and the recovery of a US Air Force aircraft downed by the enemy.

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(1) (C) Secure Voice Device, TSEC/KY-8 Status: The 1st Aviation Brigade has received 115, or 92%, of the total KY-8's authorized. The Brigade has 57% of the KY-8's received in operational secure voice nets. The KY-8's that are on hand but not in operational nets are due to lack of radio adapter cards or x-mode cables.

(2) (C) KY-28 Status. 1st Aviation Brigade has received 1544 devices and have installed 967, or 62%, of these in aircraft. A complete distribution should be accomplished soon.

(3) (C) Secure Voice Device, TSEC/KY-38 Status. The 1st Aviation Brigade has received 185, or 83%, of the total KY-38's authorized. All the KY-38's on hand are operational and in use.

h. Surgeon.

(1) (U) Aeromedical coverage. Aeromedical support of the Aviation Brigade remained at a high level during this reporting period. The Brigade's medical assets support about 7,000 non-brigade personnel on an area medical coverage mission basis. This additional medical requirement has not resulted in reduced support to Brigade units and personnel, due to the one hundred percent manning of all aviation medical officer positions.

The lack of authorized MSC officers has been a cause of misutilization of some physician time at a few locations due to excessive administrative duties; this is especially true at Dong Ba Thin where the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion physicians provide coverage for a large population of non-aviation personnel. Full aviation medical officer staffing will continue until June when all of the excess aviation medical officers now in country (not practicing aviation medicine) will have replaced departing physicians. The enlisted assignment levels fluctuated during this quarter but remained adequate for performing medical functions.

(2) (U) MTOE Test. The data collection phase of the Test MTOE terminated at the end of this report period (30 April). Both test battalions had not received their audiometers and due to logistics problems neither had a fully functional X-ray. It appears that valuable data has been collected which will form the basis for a serious study of the test MTOE.

(3) (U) Operations. The last of those medical detachments which were assigned to aviation companies and collocated with battalion Headquarters were finally reassigned to the battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Companies as the quarter came to a close.

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(4) (U) General. Of considerable importance was an inflow of electrocardiograms and visual testing apparatus which for the first time were made available to the Brigade in sufficient quantities. As the quarter closed, the medical units were equipped with sophisticated medical equipment which made possible higher standards of medical care within the 1st Aviation Brigade.

During this quarter, the Brigade regulation on physical conditioning, Reg 632-1, 18 Feb 69, "Standards of Conduct and Fitness: Physical Conditioning and Fitness", was again revised. Additional activities included visits to all subordinate units by either the Surgeon, Administrative Officer, or NGOIC.

I. Aviation Safety/Flight Standardization.

a. (U) Accident Statistics. The 1st Aviation Brigade flew 443,083 hours during the last quarter and experienced 113 aircraft accidents. The aircraft accident rate for the quarter based on 100,000 flying hours was 22.5. Fifty-four per cent of the total accidents during this quarter resulted from human cause factors and 46% were from material cause factors. Engine failures were the greatest cause and accounted for 22% of the total accidents. Loss of RPM and tail rotor failures indicated an increase from previous quarters with a total of 9 loss of RPM accidents and 15 tail rotor failure accidents. The Brigade has averaged, for the last six months, 2 loss of RPM accidents and 3 tail rotor failure accidents each month. The cause of the increase in loss of RPM accidents is suspected to be associated with the warming trend in Southeast Asia. The cause for the increase in tail rotor failures is unknown at this time: 43% of the accidents involved technique and 31% involved judgement.

b. (U) Safety Seminar. In February the Safety Section conducted the quarterly safety seminar at Nha Trang. The seminar was attended by all group and battalion safety officers and generated much enthusiasm. The conference proved extremely successful in the exchange of ideas and the furtherance of our accident prevention program. Future seminars will be conducted on a quarterly basis.

c. (U) Staff Visits. During the last quarter the Safety and Flight Standardization Section visited a total of 91 individual battalion and company size units. The visits proved beneficial in assisting the aviation accident prevention program down to the lowest level. Records were reviewed and selected flight checks were conducted by the standardization team when training aircraft were available. Some units are still experiencing difficulties in obtaining aircraft to conduct required in-country orientation and 90-day check rides.

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d. (U) SIP Conference. The second standardization instructor pilot (SIP) conference was conducted at this headquarters during this quarter. The conference was highly successful in pointing out mutual problems and in discussing meaningful and practical solutions.

e. (U) 1st Avn Bde Reg 385-10 and 95-6. 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 385-10, "Aviation Safety", and 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 95-6, "Flight Orientation and Standardization Program", were revised during this quarter. During the month of May these regulations will be distributed to all aviation units within the Brigade.

f. (U) Aircraft Accident Statistics:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL FLYING HOURS</u>	<u>NO ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>RATE*</u>
February	138,776	30	21.6
March	154,933	37	23.9
April	149,374	46	30.8

*per 100,000 flying hours

February Accident Experience

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>R/W</u>	<u>F/W</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Major Accidents	23	6	29
Minor Accidents	1	0	1
Incidents	27	4	31
Forced Landings	30	2	32
Precautionary Landings	53	11	64

March Accident Experience

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>R/W</u>	<u>F/W</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Major Accidents	31	4	35
Minor Accidents	1	1	2
Incidents	48	5	53
Forced Landings	31	2	33
Precautionary Landings	99	15	114

April Accident Experience

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>R/W</u>	<u>F/W</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Major Accidents	41	1	42

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>R/W</u>	<u>F/W</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Minor Accidents	4	0	4
Incidents	24	3	27
Forced Landings	24	7	31
Precautionary Landings	103	25	128

j. Chaplain.

(1) (U) Religious Activities

(a) Group Religious Services

1. Number conducted 896
 2. Number attending 32,082

(b) Religious education

1. Number occasions 527
 2. Number attending 7,769

(c) Character Guidance

1. Number occasions 214
 2. Number attending 40,537

(d) Number Pastoral Visits 17,729

(2) (U) Brigade Chaplain Activities

(a) Staff Assistance Visits 20
 (b) Memorial Services 3
 (c) Civic Action Program 1

K. Headquarters Commandant:

(1) (U) There were no changes or additions to the mission of headquarters company.

(2) (U) There were no organizational changes in the headquarters company.

(3) (U) On 6 February 1969 ROSS A JOHNSON, Captain, Armor, 099477 assumed command replacing ROBERT D BRUEGGER, Captain, Armor, OF107560 who was reassigned to 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry. On 19 March 1969 WILLIAM M McCONNELL, 1SG, RA14292694 replaced JAMES G GLADDEN, 1SG, RA 13276981, who was medically evacuated to CONUS pending retirement.

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(4) (FOUO) Unit Strength as of 30 April 1969:

Military Assigned:

OFF		WO		EM		TOTAL	
Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH
28	41	4	9	86	151	118	201

Military Attached:

OFF	WO	EM	TOTAL
1	1	11	13

Civilians:

DAC		VN		3rd Natl		Contractor	
Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH
1	1	29	29	0	0	0	0

(5) (FOUO) Aircraft Strength Figures as of 30 April 1969:

UH-1		H-6		U-1A		U-21		TOTAL	
Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH	Auth	OH
4	5	5	1	2	2	3	3	14	11

1. Historian.

(1) (U) History of the 1st Aviation Brigade. On 17 February 1969, MG Robert R. Williams authorized Mr. Frank Mariano to write a history of the 1st Aviation Brigade, to be published by the Vietnam Military Histories Publishing Company, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. A letter of introduction was given to Mr. Mariano granting him access to the pertinent files of the 1st Aviation Brigade. The expected completion time of the pictorial history is mid-September 1969.

(2) (U) Brigade History Regulation 870-1. 1st Aviation Brigade Reg 870-1, "Brigade History Program: Historical Activities," was revised on 18 April 1969 to correspond with AR 870-5, Sep 68. In addition, further guidance is given on the preparation of Unit Histories and Annual Supplements and on the preparation of biographies of Battalion and Group Commanders.

(3) (U) Detachment Status. General Order 1812, HQ 1st Aviation Brigade, dtd 22 April 1969, attached the 8th Military History Detachment to HHC, 1st Aviation Brigade, for all purposes: the effective date is 2 February 1968.

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(4) (U) Cross of Gallantry Award. The Cross of Gallantry with
Palm (Second Award) awarded to the 1st Aviation Brigade by the Government
of the Republic of Vietnam for the period 22 February 1967 to 17 May
1968, has been confirmed by Department of Army General Order 21, 8 April
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2. (C) Section II. Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and Recommendations.

- a. Personnel. NONE
- b. Operations. NONE
- c. Training. NONE
- d. Intelligence. NONE
- e. Logistics.

(U) Property Book Officer.

(1) Observation: Unit Supply Technicians (761A) have been deleted from Aviation units by MTOE.

(2) Evaluation: The deletion of the Unit Supply Technician from the aviation unit has seriously affected the logistical efforts of the 1st Aviation Brigade. The assignment of either a junior commissioned officer or a non-technically rated warrant officer as Property Book Officer as an additional duty has proven to be unacceptable. The amount of time the aviator has available to devote to supply duties is insufficient: this is compounded by the critical shortage of trained and qualified unit Supply Sergeants, (MOS 76Y40/50, 89% assigned; 76A10, 42% assigned). In some instances, the property books are maintained by supply clerks with little more than basic supply course training. The training of assigned Supply Sergeants, in some instances, is less than adequate: this is caused by reclassification of combat wounded personnel, accelerated promotion of enlisted personnel, and unit supply requirements within CONUS where property book management is not required.

(3) Recommendation: That unit Supply Technician be reestablished in all aviation TOE's.

(4) Command Action: This headquarters is in the process of submitting an emergency MTOE change to reestablish the unit Supply Technicians in the aviation units assigned to the 1st Aviation Brigade.

- f. Organization. NONE
- g. Information. NONE
- h. Signal.

(1) (C) Shortage of secure voice equipment in AH-1G and UH-1H aircraft.

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(a) Observation: AH-1G aircraft and recently arrived new UH-1H helicopters have arrived from the factory less the KY-28 control head and mount.

(b) Evaluation: The shortage of the control head and mount has prevented the utilization of secure voice equipment in aircraft, equipment which should be primary for communications on daily combat operations.

(c) Recommendation: That action be taken to obtain an adequate number of control C-8157, FSN: 5821-926-7230 and mount KY-28 MT-3802/ARC FSN: 5810-937-1036, with which to equip all AH-1G aircraft that are presently in country. Further that an adequate supply of the mount and control head be acquired to furnish other aircraft in Vietnam, which are short these items, and allow sufficient supplies to the manufacturers to prevent shipment of aircraft to Vietnam minus this equipment.

(2) (U) Shortage of MOS 35P, 35N and 76U.

(a) Observation: The critical shortage of MOS 35P, 35N and 76U has had a decreased effect upon many unit's mission capability.

(b) Evaluation: The shortage of MOS 35P, Avionics Repair Supervisors, has had an adverse effect upon the operation of the Avionics mission of the 1st Aviation Brigade. This MOS provides the major part of the supervision, technical knowledge and production capability of the avionics maintenance in a unit. There is presently a 48% fill of 35P MOS's in the Brigade. A fill of 35% is the present level for MOS 35N, Avionics Flight Control Equipment Repairman, a necessary repairman for stabilization equipment in helicopters. The shortage of MOS 76U prevents the necessary facet of supply operations in avionics units. This school-trained MOS is the foundation of an efficient operation. There is presently a 48% fill of 76U personnel within the 1st Aviation Brigade.

(c) Recommendation: "That immediate action be taken by higher headquarters to determine whether the 1st Avn Bde is receiving an equitable share of personnel in MOS 35P, 35N, and 76U based on authorized and assigned strengths and considering mission requirements."

I. Surgeon. NONE

J. Aviation Safety/Flight Standardization.

(1) (U) Shortage of Flight Safety Clothing.

(a) Observation: Staff visits conducted within this command have indicated a shortage of flight safety clothing for aviators.

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(b) Evaluation: Aviators wearing flight safety clothing (Nomex flight uniform, Nomex gloves, and leather boots) have a much higher survival rate from aircraft accidents involving post-crash fires. A check of requisitions for these items indicate that units are having problems receiving the quantity and sizes required. Units of this command are located throughout Vietnam and the logistical support is extensive.

(c) Recommendation: To minimize the logistical requirements and facilitate issuing of this equipment, it is recommended that aviators be issued safety clothing at replacement depots upon arrival in Vietnam.

(2) (U) Technical Report of US Army Aircraft Accidents.

(a) Observation: The Technical Report of US Army Aircraft Accidents is not being reviewed by the immediate commander to whom the aircraft is assigned in all cases. Accident prevention at company level is the foundation of an aviation safety program.

(b) Evaluation: A review of the circumstances surrounding the accident and the findings and recommendations of the investigating officer/board, will assist the commanding officer in taking appropriate actions to prevent recurrence of similar accidents. Existing directives do not contain sufficient guidance in routing the Aircraft Accident Report through the commander to whom the aircraft is assigned.

(c) Recommendation: That the report should be submitted by the investigating officer/board, to the appointing/reviewing headquarters, and indorsed to the unit commander for statement of concurrence or nonconcurrence and corrective action taken. The report should then be returned through appropriate channels to USABAGC.

(d) Command Action: Units within this command have been advised to route the Accident Report through the immediate unit commander for comments and corrective actions. 1st Aviation Brigade Regulation 385-10, Aviation Safety, is being revised to reflect this procedure.

(3) (U) Accident Finding and Recommendations.

(a) Observation: Circumstances surrounding an aircraft accident and the findings and recommendations of the investigating officer/board, are not being disseminated throughout this command. Many units are unaware of the details of particular accidents. Knowledge of an accident and recommendations to prevent recurrence will prevent similar accidents within a unit.

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(b) Evaluation: Safety is an education process and if flying personnel are made aware of the circumstances surrounding particular accidents they can avoid placing themselves and their equipment into a similar environment.

(c) Recommendations: That details of Brigade accidents should be available at company and battalion for use in safety meetings and reading files.

(d) Command Action: Accident briefs, to include findings and recommendations of the investigating officer/board, are now being published in the 1st Aviation Brigade monthly safety publication.

k. Chaplain. NONE

l. Headquarters Commandant. NONE

m. Historian.

(U) Unit Histories and Annual Supplements.

(1) Observation: Units continue to submit late, poorly written initial Unit Histories and Annual Supplements to their initial Unit Histories: many of these reports do not comply with existing regulations.

(2) Evaluation: Unit Histories and Annual Supplements should accurately portray, in detail, the unit's activities during the previous year. These reports have lasting historical value, and may be used as research material by historians when the history of the Vietnam War is written.

(3) Recommendation: That units appoint the most qualified individual to write the Unit History or Annual Supplement, and that great care be taken by that individual to insure that the report does, in reality, accurately describe the unit's activities and operations of the past year, and that existing regulations are complied with.

(4) Command Action: 1st Avn Bde Reg 870-1 has been revised, 18 April 1969, to include detailed guidance (Appendix II, to include Annexes A and B) on the preparation of these important historical reports.

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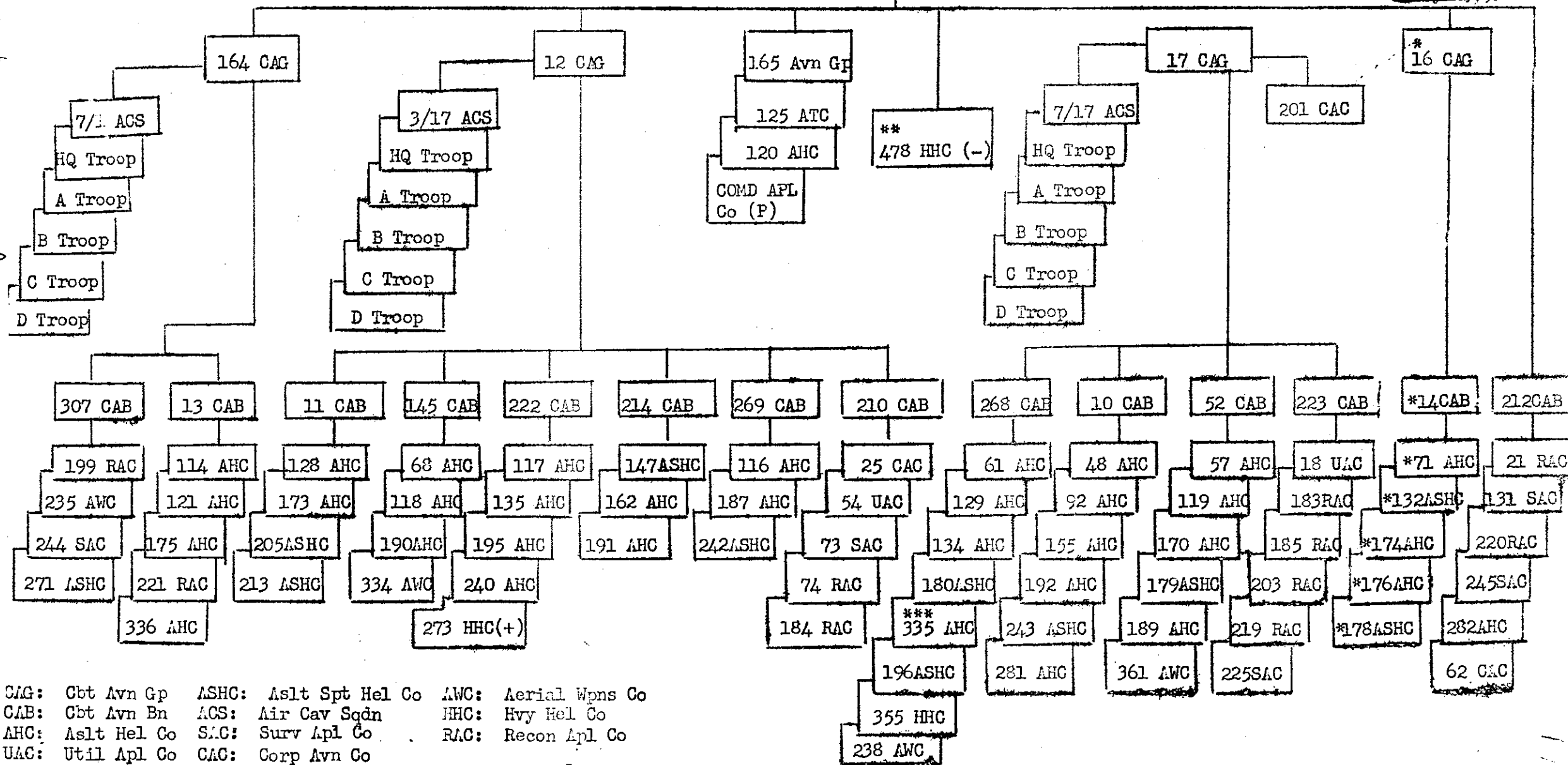
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CAG: Cbt Avn Gp ACS: Air Cav Sqdn AWC: Aerial Wpns Co
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UAC: Util Apl Co RAC: Recon Apl Co
CAG: Corp Avn Co

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UNIT	LOCATION	APO
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE	Long Binh	96384
HQ & HQ Co	Long Binh	96384
5th Avn Det	Long Binh	96384
8th Mil Hist Det	Long Binh	96384
12th Pub Info Det (TM FB)	Long Binh	96384
478th Hvy Hel Co (-)	Gia Le (Atch 101st Abn Div (Ambl))	96337
382d TC Det (JE)	Gia Le (Atch 101st Abn Div (Ambl))	96337
165TH AVN GP	Long Binh	96384
HQ & HQ Co	Long Binh	96384
312th Avn Spt Det	Long Binh (Sanford)	96384
313th Avn Spt Det	Tan Son Nhut H-3 (Atch 34th Gen Spt Co)	96307
314th Avn Spt Det	Lai Khe (Atch 1st Inf Div)	96345
315th Avn Spt Det	Beercat (Atch 12th CAG)	96370
316th Avn Spt Det	Long Binh (Plantation) (Atch 12th CAG)	96266
317th Avn Spt Det	Di An (Atch 1st Inf Div)	96345
318th Avn Spt Det	In Son (Lane) (Atch 17th CAG)	96238
319th Avn Spt Det	Dau Tieng (Atch 25th Inf Div)	96268
320th Avn Spt Det	Quang Ngai (Atch MACV TM #2)	96260
321st Avn Spt Det	Kontum (Atch 17th CAG)	96499
322d Avn Spt Det	Quan Loi (Atch 1st Cav Div)	96490
323rd Avn Spt Det	Xuan Loc (Atch MACV TM #87)	96376
324th Avn Spt Det	Bien Hoa (Spartan) (Atch 12th CAG)	96277
325th Avn Spt Det	Long Giao (Blackhorse) (Atch 11th ACR)	96257
326th Avn Spt Det	Dalat (Atch 1st Log Comd)	96204
327th Avn Spt Det	Duc Pho (Atch Americal Div)	96217
338th Avn Spt Det	Vung Tau (Atch 1st Log Comd)	96291
339th Avn Spt Det	Dong Ba Thin (Atch 17th CAG)	96377
340th Avn Spt Det	Phu Loi (Atch 82d Abn Div)	96289
341st Avn Spt Det	Cu Chi (Atch 25th Inf Div)	96353
342d Avn Spt Det	Phu Hiep (Atch 17th CAG)	96316
343rd Avn Spt Det	Qui Nhon (Atch 1st Log Comd)	96238
344th Avn Spt Det	Pleiku (Atch 17th CAG)	96318
345th Avn Spt Det	Can Tho (Atch 164th CAG)	96215
346th Avn Spt Det	Vinh Long (Atch 164th CAG)	96357
347th Avn Spt Det	Soc Trang (Atch 164th CAG)	96296
348th Avn Spt Det	Ben Me Thuot (City) (Atch 17th CAG)	96297
359th Avn Spt Det	Camp Evans (Atch 101st Abn Div)	96383
360th Avn Spt Det	Hensel (Atch 4th Inf Div)	96262
361st Avn Spt Det	Dong Tam (Atch 9th Inf Div)	96372
362d Avn Spt Det	Tay Ninh (Atch 25th Inf Div)	96216

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UNIT	LOCATION	PO
363rd Avn Spt Det	Phan Thiet (Atch 17th CAG)	96317
364th Avn Spt Det	English (Atch 17th CAG)	96226
365th Avn Spt Det	Long Thanh (North) (Atch 12th CAG)	96530
366th Avn Spt Det	Oasis (Atch 4th Inf Div)	96262
An Khe Airfield Cnd	An Khe (Atch 17th CAG)	96294
120th Aslt Hel Co	Long Binh	96384
125th ATC Co	Bien Hoa	96227
Cmd Airplane Co (Prov)	Long Thanh	96530
12TH COMBAT AVN GP	Long Binh	96266
HQ & HQ Co	Long Binh	96266
87th QM Det. (PETRL)	Ham Tan (Atch 222d C.B)	96257
390th QM Det (PETRL)	Duc Hoa (Atch 25th Inf Div)	96314
365th Avn Spt Det	Long Thnah (Atch 210th C.B)	96350
11TH COMBAT AVN BN	Phu Loi	96289
HQ & HQ Co	Phu Loi	96289
391st QM Det (PETRL)	Song Be (Atch 1st Cav Div (Imbl))	96279
128th Aslt Hel Co	Phu Loi	96289
432nd Med Det (OA)	Phu Loi	96289
173d Aslt Hel Co	Lai Khe	96289
750th Med Det (OA)	Lai Khe	96289
205th Aslt Spt Hel Co	Phu Loi	96289
213th Aslt Spt Hel Co	Phu Loi	96289
145TH COMBAT AVN BN	Bien Hoa	96227
HQ & HQ Co	Bien Hoa	96227
145th Sec Plt	Bieh Hoa	96227
324th Avn Spt Det	Bien Hoa	96227
68th Aslt Hel Co	Bieh Hoa	96227
430th Med Det (OA)	Bien Hoa	96227
118th Aslt Hel Co	Bien Hoa	96227
190th Aslt Hel Co	Bien Hoa	96227
520th Med Det (OA)	Bien Hoa	96227
334th Aerial Wpns Co	Bien Hoa	96227

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<u>210TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Long Thanh	96530
HQ & Hq Co	Long Thanh	96530
85th Med Det (OA)	Vung Tau	96291
316th Avn Spt Det	Long Binh	96266
197th Med Det (OA)	Long Thanh	96530
25th Avn Co (Corps)	Long Binh	96266
54th Util Apl Co	Vung Tau	96291
73d Surv Apl Co	Vung Tau	96291
74th Recon Apl Co	Phu Loi	96289
184th Recon Apl Co	Phu Loi	96289
<u>214TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Dong Tam	96370
HQ & Hq Co	Dong Tam	96370
758th Med Det (OA)	Dong Tam	96370
162nd Aslt Hel Co	Dong Tam	96370
191st Aslt Hel Co	Dong Tam	96370
147th Aslt Spt Hel Co	Vung Tau	96291
<u>222ND COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Bear Cat	96370
HQ & Hq Co	Bear Cat	96370
315th Avn Spt Det	Bear Cat	96370
117th Aslt Hel Co	Long Binh	96266
135th Aslt Hel Co	Bear Cat	96370
195th Aslt Hel Co	Long Binh	96266
93d Med Det (OA)	Long Binh	96266
240th Aslt Hel Co	Bear Cat	96370
772nd Med Det (OA)	Bear Cat	96370
273d Hvy Hel Co	Long Binh	96384
652nd TC Det (JE)	Long Binh	96384
129th Med Det (OA)	Long Binh	96384
<u>269TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Cu Chi	96353
HQ & Hq Co	Cu Chi	96353

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116th Aslt Hel Co	Cu Chi	96353
431st Med Det (OA)	Cu Chi	96353
187th Aslt Hel Co	Tay Ninh	96216
541st Med Det (OA)	Tay Ninh	96216
242nd Aslt Spt Hel Co	Cu Chi	96353
<u>3rd SQDN 17TH AIR CAVALRY</u>		
HQ & HQ Co	Di An	96289
A Troop	Di An	96289
575th TC Det (KD)	Di An	96289
812th SC Det (RL)	Di An	96289
B Troop	Dong Tam	96370
576th TC Det (KD)	Dong Tam	96370
813th SC Det (RL)	Dong Tam	96370
C Troop	Di An	96289
369th TC Det (KD)	Di An	96289
816th SC Det (RL)	Di An	96289
D Troop	Bien Hoa	96289
<u>16TH COMBAT AVN GP</u>		
HQ & HQ Co	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
<u>14TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>		
14th Scty Plat	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
534th Med Det (OA)	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
71st Aslt Hel Co	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
132nd Aslt Spt Hel Co	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
174th Aslt Hel Co	Duc Pho (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96217
756th Med Det (OA)	Duc Pho (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96217
176th Aslt Hel Co	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
178th Aslt Spt Hel Co	Chu Lai (Atch 23d Amer Div)	96325
<u>212TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>		
HQ & HQ Co	Da Nang	96337
	Da Nang	96337
21st Recon Lpl Co	Chu Lai	96374

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131st Surv Apl Co	HuePhu Bai	96308
220th Recon Apl Co	Hue Phu Bai	96308
134th Med Det (O.)	Hue Phu Bai	96308
245th Surv Apl Co	Da Nang	96337
282nd Aslt Hel Co	Da Nang	96337
519th Med Det (O.)	Da Nang	96337
62nd Corps Avn Co	Hue Phu Bai	96308
<u>17TH COMBAT AVN GP</u>	Nha Trang	96240
HQ & Hq Co	Nha Trang	96240
25th Med Det (O.)	Nha Trang	96240
An Khe Afd Cnd	An Khe	96490
201st Corps Avn Co	Nha Trang	96240
58th Avn Det	Nha Trang	96240
<u>10TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Dong Ba Thin	96377
HQ & Hq Co	Dong Ba Thin	96377
339th Avn Spt Det	Dong Ba Thin	96377
130th Med Det (O.)	Dong Ba Thin	96377
48th Aslt Hel Co	Ninh Hoa	96316
286th Med Det (O.)	Ninh Hoa	96316
92nd Aslt Hel Co	Dong Ba Thin	96377
155th Aslt Hel Co	Ban Me Thout	96297
8th Med Det (O.)	Ban Me Thout	96297
348th Avn Spt Det	Ban Me Thout	96297
192nd Aslt Hel Co	Phan Thiet	96317
198th Med Det (O.)	Phan Thiet	96317
363rd Avn Spt Det	Phan Thiet	96317
243rd Aslt Spt Hel Co	Dong Ba Thin	96377
281st Aslt Hel Co	Nha Trang	96240
<u>52ND COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Pleiku	96318
HQ & Hq Co	Pleiku	96318
52nd Scty Plt	Pleiku	96318
68th Inf Det (R.D.R.)	Pleiku	96318
344th Avn Spt Det	Pleiku	96318

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UNIT	LOCATION	PO
57th Aslt Hel Co	Kontum	96499
321st Avn Spt Det	Kontum	96499
154th Med Det (O.)	Kontum	96499
119th Aslt Hel Co	Pleiku	96318
94th Med Det (O.)	Pleiku	96318
170th Aslt Hel Co	Pleiku	96318
755th Med Det (O.)	Pleiku	96318
179th Aslt Spt Hel Co	Pleiku	96318
189th Aslt Hel Co	Pleiku	96318
361st Aerial Wpns Co (Escort)	Pleiku	96318
665th TC Det (KD)	Pleiku	96318
621st SC Det (RL)	Pleiku	96318
223RD COMBAT AVIATION BN	Qui Nhon	96238
HQ & Hq Co	Qui Nhon	96238
18th Util Apl Co	Qui Nhon	96238
163rd Med Det (O.)	Qui Nhon	96238
183rd Recon Apl Co	Dong Ba Thin	96377
185th Recon Apl Co	Ban Me Thuot	96297
203rd Recon Apl Co	Phu Hiep	96316
219th Recon Apl Co	Pleiku	96318
225th Surv Apl Co	Phu Hiep	96316
268TH COMBAT AVIATION BN	Phu Hiep	96316
HQ & Hq Co	Phu Hiep	96316
342nd Avn Spt Det	Phu Hiep	96316
433rd Med Det (O.)	Phu Hiep	96316
61st Aslt Hel Co	LZ English	96266
193rd Med Det (O.)	LZ English	96266
364th Avn Spt Det	LZ English	96226
129th Aslt Hel Co	An Son	96238
134th Aslt Hel Co	Phu Hiep	96316
180th Aslt Hel Co	Phu Hiep	96316

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196th Aslt Spt Hel Co	An Son	96226
546th Med Det (OA)	An Son	96226
318th Avn Spt Det	An Son	96226
335th Aslt Hel Co	Bearcat (Atch 214th CAB)	96350
355th Hvy Hel Co	Phu Hiep	96316
662nd TC Det	Phu Hiep	96316
238th Aerial Wpns Co	An Khe	96294
587th TC Det (KD)	An Khe	96294
<u>7TH SQDN 17TH AIR CAVALRY</u>	Dragon Mountain	96262
HQ & HQ Troop	Dragon Mountain	96262
A Troop	Dragon Mountain	96262
288th SC Det (RL)	Dragon Mountain	96262
568th TC Det (KD)	Dragon Mountain	96262
B Troop	Phan Thiet	96317
414th SC Det (RL)	Phan Thiet	96317
569th TC Det (KD)	Phan Thiet	96317
C Troop	An Son	96226
238th SC Det (RL)	An Son	96226
412th TC Det (KD)	An Son	96226
D Troop	Dragon Mountain	96262
<u>164th COMBAT AVN GP</u>	Can Tho	96215
HQ & HQ Co	Can Tho	96215
52nd QM Det (PETRL)	Can Tho	96215
Btry H (Search Light) 29th Arty	Can Tho	96215
62nd QM Det (PETRL)	Can Tho	96215
5th QM Det (PETRL)	Can Tho	96215
53rd QM Det (PETRL)	Can Tho	96215
345th Avn Spt Det	Can Tho	96215
13th Security Plt	Can Tho	96215
774th Med Det (OA)	Can Tho	96215
78th FA Det (RADAR)	Can Tho	96215
346th Avn Spt Det	Vinh Long	96357
83rd Med Det (OA)	Vinh Long	96357
261st FA Det (RADAR)	Vinh Long	96357

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347th Avn Spt Det	Soc Trang	96296
69th Inf Det (RADAR)	Soc Trang	96296
41st Met Det (OA)	Soc Trang	96296
262nd FA Det (RADAR)	Soc Trang	96296
<u>13TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Soc Trang	96296
HQ & HQ Co	Soc Trang	96296
114th ASlt Hel Co	Vinh Long	96357
175th Aslt Hel Co	Vinh Long	96357
121st Aslt Hel Co	Soc Trang	96296
221st Recon Apl Co	Soc Trang	96296
336th Aslt Hel Co	Soc Trang	96296
<u>307TH COMBAT AVN BN</u>	Can Tho	96215
HQ & HQ Co	Can Tho	96215
199th Recon Apl Co	Vinh Long	96357
235th Aerial Wpns Co	Can Tho	96215
244th Surv Apl Co	Can Tho	96215
271st Aslt Spt Hel Co	Can Tho	96215
<u>7TH SQDN 1ST AIR CAVALRY</u>	Vinh Long	96357
HQ & HQ Troop	Vinh Long	96357
A Troop	Vinh Long	96357
370th TC Det (KD)	Vinh Long	96357
819th SC Det (RL)	Vinh Long	96357
B Troop	Vinh Long	96357
574th TC Det (KD)	Vinh Long	96357
811th SC Det (RL)	Vinh Long	96357
C Troop	Vinh Long	96357
3rd SC Det (RL)	Vinh Long	96357
371st TC Det (KD)	Vinh Long	96357
D Troop	Vinh Long	96357

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