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HERE IS A LITTLE HISTORY OF THE 1ST AVIATION BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION DURING THE PERIOD OF 1965 AND 1966. ALSO SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY.

I ARRIVED AT FORT RILEY, KS AND ASSIGNED TO A CO, 1ST AVN BN IN NOVEMBER 1964. IN FEB 1965 I WAS TRANSFERRED TO B CO, 1ST AVN BN BECAUSE A CO. HAD BEEN ALERTED FOR RVN. AT THAT TIME A CO HAD A + B MODELS UH-1E. WE RECEIVED 4 OR 5 NEW UH-1D'S. I WAS AN IP IN THE D MIDDLE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING IN CHECKING OUT ALL OF THE A CO. PROTS IN THE 'D' MIDDLE. A CO, 1ST AVN BN, A CO, 82ND AVN BN, AND A CO, 101ST AVN BN FORMED AS A PROVISIONAL AVIATION BATTALION (DESIGNATION UNKNOWN) AND ARRIVED IN VIETNAM IN APRIL 1965.

HQ CO. + B COMPANY (LONGHORNS) 1ST AVIATION BATTALION ARRIVED IN RVN ON 16 OCT. 1965, WE STAGED OUT OF THE SAIGON UNIVERSITY. WE ARRIVED AT OUR PERMANENT BASE CAMP AT PHU LOI ON 27 OCT 1965. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE 155 AVN CO (AIRMARINE LIGHT) WAS ATTACHED TO THE 1ST AVN BN. ON 25 NOV 1965, THE 155 AVN CO WAS REDENIGATED A CO (SWICKS-BULLDOGS, GUNS-REBELS) 1ST AVN BN. THE ORIGINAL A CO WAS REDESIGNATED 155 AVN CO AND REMAINED ASSIGNED TO THE 12 AVIATION GROUP. (SOME OF THIS INFORMATION IS FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SOME OF IT IS TAKEN FROM THE FIRST BIG RED ONE YEARBOOK)

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SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS TO PAGE 193:

Co A	AM	1 st AVN BN	1 st INF DIV	APR 65 - Nov 65	TO 155 th AVNG. 12 th AVNG
Co B	GS	1 st AVN	1 st INF	OCT 65 - APR 70	
155 AVNG AM			1 st INF	OCT 65 - Nov 65	ATTACHED
Co A	AM	1 st AVN	1 st INF	Nov 65 - APR 70	FROM 155 AVN Co

I WAS WITH THE 1st AVN BN FROM OCT 65 TO AUG 66 AND I DON'T REMEMBER A Co 82nd AVN BN BEING OPCON TO THE 1st INF DIV. (THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT DIDN'T HAPPEN, I WASN'T AWARE.)

SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS TO PAGE 198:

271st AVNG (ASHC) 13 CAB Spring/Summer 1968 - 26 Sep 71

THE 271st ASHC (INNKEEPERS) WAS FORMED IN KOREA AND ARRIVED AT CAN THO RVN DURING THE Spring/Summer of 1968. I WAS IN THE 242 ASHC (MULESKINNERS) AT CU CHI. I WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE 271st ASHC IN DEC 1968. So I KNOW THE ARRIVED PRIOR TO 1971 AS INDICATED.

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