

129TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER CO



7TH SQDN 17TH CAVALRY
19-US ARMY-71
AN SON - VIETNAM

UNIT HISTORY

The 129th Aviation Company (Airmobile Light) was activated on 5 July 1965 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, under General Order Number 200, Headquarters, Third US Army, dated 12 July 1965. On 30 September 1965, the 129th departed Fort Campbell and arrived at Dong Ba Thin, RVN, on 21 October 1965. The 129th was assigned to the 10th Aviation Battalion. On 15 December 1965, after final preparations, the 129th was declared operational. The unit's primary mission was to provide tactical air movement of US and allied troops in connection with counter-insurgency operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam. Additional missions included tactical air movement of supplies and equipment, suppressive fire support, armed reconnaissance, surveillance, artillery adjustment, psychological warfare, chemical, biological, and radiological warfare, command and control, emergency evacuations, and medical evaluation.

On 9 February 1966, the 129th was moved from Dong Ba Thin to Tuy Hoa to support elements of the 101st Airborne Division, 2nd ROK Marine Brigade, and the 47th Infantry Regiment, ARVN.

On 8 June 1966, the 129th moved to Dak To to support the 16th Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. After several operations in the Pleiku - Kontum area, the unit was ordered back to Tuy Hoa on 30 July 1966.

The 129th moved again to Kontum on 5 December 1966. The unit remained there until May 1967 supporting US Forces. It's last major move was to Lane Army Heliport. There it was to support the Capitol ROK Infantry "Tiger" Division. The 129th has since been at Lane supporting the Capitol ROK Infantry Division, 22nd ARVN Division, and various US Forces in the area.



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MISSION

1. To provide tactical air movement of combat troops in air mobile operations.
2. To provide tactical air movement of combat supplies and equipment within the combat zone.
3. To provide security for air mobile forces and to participate in offensive, defensive, and delaying actions.
4. To provide direct support for the Capitol Republic of Korea Infantry Division for all combat operations.



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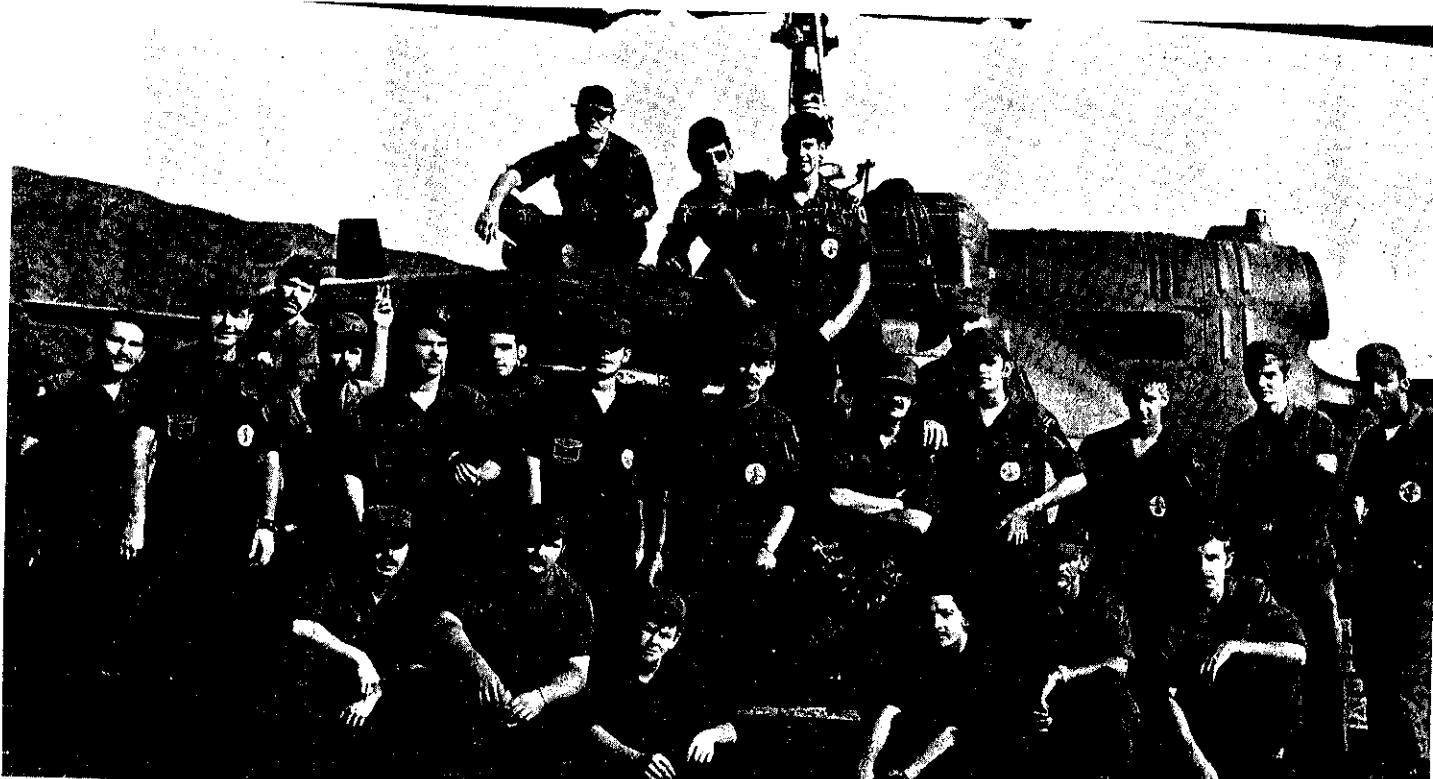
You got what?



What friendlies?



Maybe they'll work tomorrow.



Brunch Platoon

Our faithful Cobra Sheep



Tiger Wagon



Close your mouth, Link!



Cobra Garden Snake



1st
Flight
Platoon



They said it couldn't be done.



Carter, where is your fuel sample bottle?

I got
him!



*2d
Flight
Platoon*

We only pulled 55 pounds!



Relax An Son, The Cobra's are here.

129th Company Area AT Lane

Photo is Looking North