

JANUARY

1 Jan 70 - Aircraft #868 (AH-1G) developed a hydraulic failure and made a running landing to Tay Ninh West active. Aircraft was landed without further damage.

3 Jan 70 - Aircraft #836 (AH-1G) made a precautionary landing to Tay Ninh East airfield when loss of transmission oil pressure was noted. Aircraft landed without further damage.

8 Jan 70 - Aircraft #552 (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire while single ship in vicinity of XT 2860. Aircraft received one hit, and continued the mission.

10 Jan 70 - Aircraft #767 (UH-1H) received light automatic weapons fire while single ship in vicinity of XT 3635. Aircraft received five hits, continued the mission.

24 Jan 70 - Aircraft #444 (UH-1H) received small arms fire vicinity XT 9748. Aircraft received one hit, continued the mission.

26 Jan 70 - Aircraft #305 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire while in the flight in vicinity of XT 0256. Aircraft received one hit, and continued the mission.

FEBRUARY

22 Feb 70 - Night Hawk #778 received intense automatic weapons fire vicinity XT 2226 while on a mission. Aircraft received two hits from 51 caliber, and minigun. The mission was completed, and there were no injuries.

26 Feb 70 - Aircraft #363 (UH-1H) had engine failure on takeoff from LZ. Aircraft landed with no further damage to the aircraft or the crew.

MARCH

12 Mar 70 - Aircraft #444 landed near land mine at XT 3495. No hits were received, and the mission was completed.

14 Mar 70 - Aircraft #444 while single ship on takeoff from confined area, experienced a possible transmission seizure at 75 feet. Aircraft landed hard, and rolled on its side. No injuries were sustained.

APRIL

10 Apr 70 - Aircraft #762 (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire while single ship in the vicinity of WT 9671. Aircraft received five hits, and was unable to complete the mission.

21 Apr 70 - Aircraft #411 (UH-1H) had an engine failure at an altitude of 3 feet and 20 knots forward airspeed in PZ at Tay Ninh. Pilot landed the aircraft without further damage.

MAY

6 May 70 - Two aircraft received moderate small arms and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of WT 9675. The aircraft took three hits between them, but continued the mission.

8 May 70 - While working single ship, in the vicinity of WT 7769, a UH-1H received intense automatic weapons fire taking eight hits. The mission was completed.

10 May 70 - Aircraft #762 (UH-1H) while working single ship, received intense automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of WT 9671. The aircraft received five hits, and was unable to complete the mission.

11 May 70 - Aircraft #383 (UH-1H) while working single ship received moderate automatic weapons fire vicinity of WT 9365. The aircraft received five hits, and completed the mission.

14 May 70 - A bad day for the "Crusaders". Aircraft #767 (UH-1H) was on a single ship mission, when it crashed killing all four of the crew, and three passengers. Earlier in the day aircraft #857 (UH-1H), returning from a PZ with the flight, had an engine failure. The aircraft landed near FSB Wood North. No one was injured, although the aircraft was damaged.

26 May 70 - Aircraft #411 while single ship received moderate automatic weapons fire vicinity of XT 4087. The aircraft received two hits, and the mission was completed.

27 May 70 - Three aircraft in the flight received moderate automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of XT 2298. Each aircraft received one hit, and all three missions were completed.

JUNE

2 Jun 70 - Aircraft #519, and #363 (UH-1H) received one hit each when the troops they were carrying accidentally fired their M-16's into the rotor blades. Both aircraft completed their missions without further incident.

3 Jun 70 - Aircraft #519 (UH-1H) received two hits from 51 caliber in the vicinity of XU 3114. Aircraft was unable to complete the mission. Aircraft #305 (UH-1H) was shot at by an RPG while on the ground. No hits were sustained and the mission was completed.

6 Jun 70 - Aircraft #193 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire in the vicinity of XT 3491. The aircraft took one hit and was unable to complete the mission. While shut down inspecting the damage at XT 4194, aircraft 193 was shot at with an RPG, took one hit with no injuries.

7 Jun 70 - Two aircraft (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire vicinity of LZ Red, took three hits between them, and both were unable to continue the mission.

9 Jun 70 - Aircraft #375 (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire, took three hits, and was unable to continue the mission. Aircraft #787 (UH-1H) was on the ground when motor hit near the aircraft. Aircraft took one hit, and completed the mission.

10 Jun 70 - Aircraft #011 UH-1H received light small arms fire vicinity of XT 5948. No hits were sustained and the mission was continued.

13 Jun 70 - Aircraft #552 (UH-1H) while in the flight took one hit from automatic weapons fire vicinity of XU 3405. Aircraft was unable to complete the mission.

15 Jun 70 - Aircraft #375 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire vicinity of XT 3695. Aircraft took one hit, and continued the mission.

17 Jun 70 - Aircraft #52 received light small arms fire vicinity of XT 1846. No hits were received, and the mission was continued.

18 Jun 70 - Three aircraft take small arms fire, and take six hits between them. Only one mission completed.

20 Jun 70 - Aircraft #193 (UH-1H) received moderate small arms fire in the vicinity of WT 9384. No hits were taken, and the mission was continued.

24 Jun 70 - Aircraft #130 (AH-1G) received moderate small arms fire in the vicinity of XT 0268. No hits were sustained, the mission was continued. Aircraft #762 (UH-1H) had suspected short shaft failure. Aircraft landed with no further damage.

JULY

2 Jul 70 - Aircraft #281 (UH-1H) and aircraft #305 (UH-1H) were involved in mid-air collision. No injuries were sustained, and both aircraft returned to base with no further damage. Aircraft #375 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire in the vicinity of XT 5272. Aircraft received no hits, and continued the mission.

4 Jul 70 - Aircraft #193 received light automatic weapons fire vicinity of YS 5268. Aircraft received over five hits, and was unable to continue the mission.

19 Jul 70 - Aircraft #344 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire vicinity of XT 3964. No hits were taken, and the mission was continued.

23 Jul 70 - Aircraft #792 (UH-1H) received moderate small arms fire vicinity XT 2396. No hits were taken, and the mission was continued.

24 Jul 70 - Aircraft #787 (UH-1H) had an engine failure at a hover while at the "Black Jack" pad. Aircraft landed without further damage.

26 Jul 70 - Aircraft #411 (UH-1H) received moderate automatic weapons fire, and took two hits in the vicinity of XT 4087. Aircraft continued the mission.

AUGUST

13 Aug 70 - Aircraft #305 (UH-1H) had an engine failure while at a hover at FEB Barbara. Aircraft landed with no further damage.

17 Aug 70 - Aircraft #281 (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire while in the flight in the vicinity of XT 6429. Aircraft took one hit, and was unable to continue the mission.

20 Aug 70 - Aircraft #552 (UH-1H) received two hits from moderate small arms fire in the vicinity of XT 0575. The mission was continued. Aircraft #344 (UH-1H) had a short shaft failure working in the vicinity of Thien Ngon. Aircraft went down in the trees, and rolled on its side. No injuries were sustained.

SEPTEMBER

4 Sep 70 - Aircraft #370 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire vicinity of XT 0575. No hits were taken, and the mission was continued.

6 Sep 70 - Aircraft #068 (AH-1G) received moderate automatic weapons fire vicinity of XT 4690. Aircraft took two hits, and was unable to continue the mission.

19 Sep 70 - Aircraft #279 (UH-1H) took one hit from M-79 Shrapnel when departing PZ. The mission was continued.

OCTOBER

13 Oct 70 - Aircraft #577 (UH-1H) had an engine failure at a hover at FSB Pine Ridge. Aircraft was landed with no further damage.

21 Oct 70 - Aircraft #305 (UH-1H) was in PZ when PZ was mortared. The aircraft received no hits, and the mission was continued.

25 Oct 70 - Aircraft #415 (UH-1H) had an engine failure at a hover at Thien Ngon. Aircraft was landed with no further damage.

NOVEMBER

3 Nov 70 - Aircraft #357 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire, received no hits, and the mission was continued.

20 Nov 70 - Aircraft #338 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire vicinity of KT 3135. Received no hits, and continued the mission. Aircraft on DCS mission had hydraulic failure while on the ground at Bien Hoa. The mission was not completed. The aircraft was repaired late that evening and flown back to the "Holy Land".

29 Nov 70 - Aircraft #515 (UH-1H) received light small arms fire vicinity of KT 1141. The aircraft received no hits, and continued the mission.

DECEMBER

7 Dec 70 - The 187th is reassigned to the 11th Combat Aviation Battalion, 12th Combat Aviation Group per general order Number 53, Hq 12th Avn Gp (Cbt). The "Crusaders" change from the 269th Battalion "Black Barons", to the 11th Battalion "Red Dogs".

14 Dec 70 - Aircraft #046 (AH-1G) had a precautionary landing for a loss of transmission oil pressure. When aircraft was about to touchdown at FSB Jamie, a Claymore mine was set off by a near by grass fire. The aircraft received numerous hits, and the aircraft commander was wounded in the leg.

25 Dec 70 - Christmas Day was a very light day for the 187th. Only six ships were on missions. The rest of the company was either working or preparing for the festivities.

27 Dec 70 - Four UH-1H aircraft received intense automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of FSB Yen The. The aircraft missions were not completed due to aircraft damage. As a result of the fire, one door gunner was killed. The door gunner was a member of the 2nd Airlift platoon.

28 Dec 70 - Aircraft #087 (UH-1H), the Q&C ship, was on the ground when a mortar hit near the aircraft. The ship received no hits, and continued the mission. Aircraft #193 (UH-1H) received intense automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of FSB Yen The. The aircraft took one hit from 51 caliber, and was unable to complete the mission.

31 Dec 70 - Aircraft #046 (AH-1G) had a precautionary landing for a loss of transmission oil pressure. The aircraft was unable to take off again due to a Claymore mine set off by a near by grass fire. The aircraft commander was wounded in the leg, and the aircraft was unable to complete the mission.

KILLED IN ACTION

CPT Thomas J. Larkin - 14 May 1970

WO1 Raymond H. Krug - 14 May 1970

SP5 Kent C. Taylor - 14 May 1970

SP4 Roy D. Jordan - 27 Dec 1970

PFC Charles D. Blair - 14 May 1970

REFLECTIONS

MAJOR AWARDS

CAPTAIN Eugene Wages - Silver Star

MAJ John R. Gantt - DFC
CPT Michael Casey - DFC
CPT David Cornelius - DFC
CPT Charles Dowling - DFC
CPT Werner McDannald - DFC
CPT Dennis Raleigh - DFC
CPT Michael Stratton - DFC
CPT John Surridge - DFC
CPT Eugene Wages - DFC
CW3 Larry Butler - DFC
CW2 Albert Major - DFC
CW2 Jonathan Swain - DFC
WO1 Richard Brown - DFC
WO1 Dale Edwards - DFC
WO1 Arnold Haubrook - DFC
WO1 Bobby Wilson - DFC
WO1 William Hedges - DFC
WO1 Leroy Allen - DFC
WO1 Auther Kelly - DFC

CPT Michael Casey - Bronze Star
CPT David Cornelius - Bronze Star
CPT James Hargroves - Bronze Star
CPT Eddie Hatch - Bronze Star
CPT Werner McDannald - Bronze Star
CPT Dennis Raleigh - Bronze Star
CPT Darrel Schluter - Bronze Star
CPT Daniel Skender - Bronze Star
CPT Michael Stratton - Bronze Star
CPT Eugene Wages - Bronze Star
CW2 Richard Buttrum - Bronze Star
CW2 Billy Capers - Bronze Star
CW2 Glenn Coats - Bronze Star
CW2 Douglas Guill - Bronze Star
CW2 Bruce Hearne - Bronze Star
CW2 Auther Kelly - Bronze Star
CW2 Michael Lee - Bronze Star
CW2 Albert Major - Bronze Star
CW2 Michael Melia - Bronze Star
CW2 James Saunders - Bronze Star
CW2 Kenneth Seager - Bronze Star
CW2 Jonathan Swain - Bronze Star
1SG Bobby T. Onion - Bronze Star