

HISTORY OF THE
282nd ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

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The Bob Hope Tour had come and gone. Black Cats were still flying ash and trash missions while the NVA were building up to something. Talk was all over the company area and it seemed like something big.

By 3 February 70% of the company had moved to Dang Ha for Lam Son 719. The 282nd now lived in World War II type tents and ate C rations. There were over 2000 helicopters involved and in one day alone nine aircraft were lost and fifteen Americans were killed. The NVA owned the mountains around Khe Sanh.