



Black Cats
Lift Platoons

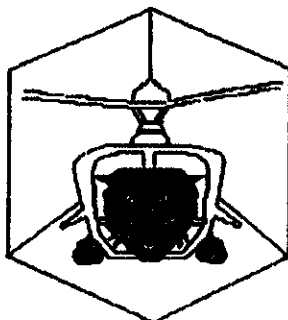


Alleycats
Gun Platoon

282nd ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

BLACK CATS

The callsign "BLACK CAT" was assigned to the company on 23 May 1966. The Black Cat on the left was the original crest and was used by the entire company. In March of 1967 the Lift Platoons adopted the crest on the right, which graces the front of each lift helicopter and strikes terror into the hearts of every enemy whose paths they cross. The "BLACK CAT" callsign was used by the First and Second Platoons and were referred to as "Lift" or "Slick" Platoons.



ALLEYCATS

The Gunship Platoon adopted the callsign and crest of the "ALLEYCAT" in March of 1967. The callsign is not to be construed as an outcast of the feline lineage, for the Alleycat is known for its tenacity, courage, and cunning in the face of danger. The Alleycat is displayed on the front of each gunship, making them a prime target for groundfire. The crest on the left was the original insignia but was replaced by the one on the right before the end of 1967. The "ALLEYCAT" callsign was used by the Third Platoon and was referred to as the "Armed" or "Gun" Platoon.



CAT DOCTOR

The "CAT DOCTOR" callsign is another branch in the lineage of 282nd AHC sections, and was adopted by the Service Platoon. These maintenance magicians performed the duties of any hard working "Vet" trying to keep the "Cats" alive and well. No special insignia was ever designed for display on maintenance aircraft. The "CAT DOCTOR" callsign was used by the Service Platoon and was referred to as the "Service" or "Maintenance" Platoon.