

Dear Mr. Doyle:

This is in response to your letter of January 1, 1983 requesting information about the history of the 242d Aviation Company.

The Department of the Army does not prepare histories of individual units, but they are sometimes compiled by unit personnel or by private organizations. Such histories may be available in bookstores, in libraries, from the publishers, from the units themselves, or from various veterans' associations. We have no record that a history of the 242d Aviation Company has ever been written. Enclosed, however, are copies of the official Lineage and Honors Certificates for the 242d Aviation Company and the 269th Aviation Battalion. Also enclosed is an extract from Vietnam Order of Battle, by Shelby L. Stanton concerning the battalion in Vietnam.

The best sources of information about a unit are the official records compiled by the unit itself. Operational records of United States Army organizations created since 1954 are in the custody of The Adjutant General. Requests for information from or access to those records should be addressed to the Chief, Access and Release Branch, Records Management Division, The Office of The Adjutant General, Hoffman Building I, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22331.

The 242d Aviation Company is currently stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. It was awarded the "Outstanding Aviation Unit Award" in 1977 by the Army Aviation Association of America for its numerous high altitude search and rescue missions on Mount McKinley and its support of forestfire fighting efforts in a 100,000 square mile area of Alaska.

We trust this information will be of use. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
**Lineage and Honors**

242d AVIATION COMPANY

Constituted 20 January 1942 in the Army of the United States as Detachment Headquarters and 2d Platoon, 812th Quartermaster Company

Activated 1 February 1942 at McClellan Field, California

Reorganized and redesignated 1 July 1942 as the 724th Quartermaster Truck Platoon (Aviation)

Reorganized and redesignated 1 January 1943 as the 2475th Quartermaster Truck Company, Aviation

Inactivated 25 March 1946 at Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan

Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as the 2475th Transportation Corps Truck Company (Aviation)

Redesignated 27 September 1966 as the 242d Aviation Company and allotted to the Regular Army

Activated 25 October 1966 at Fort Benning, Georgia

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II-AP  
Papua  
New Guinea  
Leyte  
Luzon

242d AVIATION COMPANY

Vietnam  
Counteroffensive, Phase III  
Tet counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase IV  
Counteroffensive, Phase V  
Counteroffensive, Phase VI  
Tet 69/counteroffensive  
Summer-fall 1969  
Winter-spring 1970  
Sanctuary counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive, Phase VII  
Consolidation I

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer embroidered 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO  
4 JULY 1945

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968

Vietnamese Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1969-1970

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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