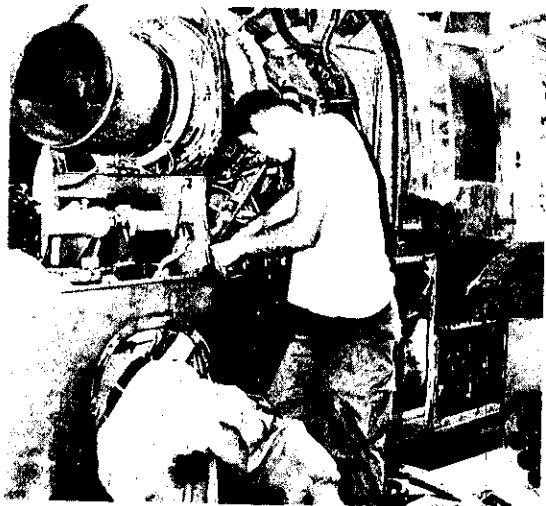




765TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION "STRAIGHT ARROWS"

The 765th Transportation Battalion (Aircraft Maintenance and Supply) is completing its seventh year of operations in Vietnam. Comprised of two aircraft direct support companies, one aircraft general support company, and an avionics general support maintenance company, the 765th provides maintenance and supply support to the southern part of Military Region 3 and all of Military Region 4. The battalion has a direct support company at Vinh Long, while the remaining three subordinate units are located with the headquarters in Vung Tau. LTC Walter Ratcliff is the Commanding Officer.

"Getting into the job", sheetmetal specialists work on repair.



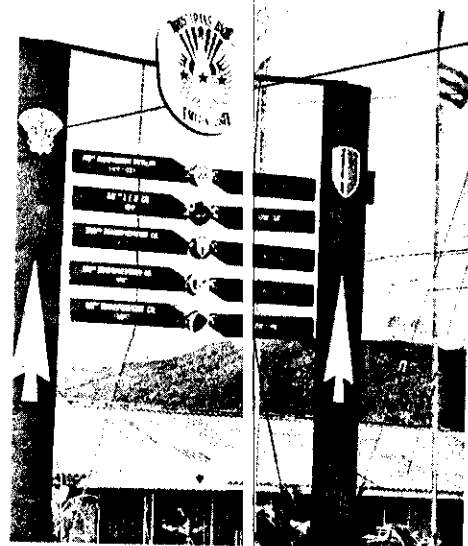
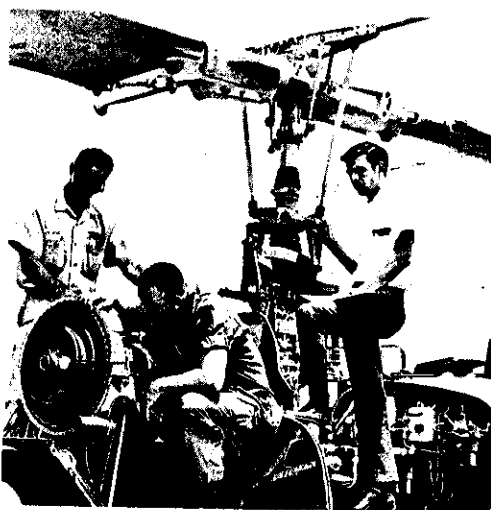
The 330th Transportation Company (AGS) is one of the largest and most versatile aircraft maintenance companies in the Army. It has operated in Vung Tau since 22 April 1963, placing it among the oldest support companies in Vietnam. Commanded by Major William Williamson, the "Checkmates" support over 1,000 aircraft. Projects included in the 330th's work schedule are the repair of UH-1G "Cobra" tailbooms and the fabrication of mounts and controls for the "Nighthawk" weapons system.

The mission of the 388th Transportation Company, located in Vung Tau and commanded by

Captain Carl Proop, is providing direct support maintenance to Army aircraft, aircraft armaments, and related supply and recovery support (rigging crews) to non-divisional aviation units in the southern half of Military Region 3 and all of Military Region 4.

Due to the proximity of a natural harbor, the 388th Transportation Company plays a major role in the processing of aircraft being shipped or retrograded back to CONUS by surface means. It is this portion of the 388th Transportation Company's mission that makes the company unique.

The 611th Transportation



765th Transportation Battalion Headquarters, Vung Tau, Vietnam.

Civilian (NHA) and military technical inspectors check out the UH-1D Huey for possible stress damage.

A tail form conversion by NHA workers.



Company at Vinh Long provides direct maintenance and supply support to aircraft units in Military Region 4. Commanded by Major Albert Lidy, the company is the southern-most unit in the 34th Group.

The 317th Light Equipment Maintenance Company (GS), with four platoons in Vung Tau and one each in Vinh Long and Long Thanh, provides avionics support to all units in the southern half of Military Region 3 and all of Military Region 4. In addition, the unit has provided specialized support for aviation units from as far north as Da Nang to as far south as Soc Trang.

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