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During the past year the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion continued to support the ground units throughout Military Region II. Although several times throughout the year elements of the 10th Battalion were utilized in the northern provinces, sometimes for extended periods, the primary area of operation was the seven southern provinces. These seven provinces comprise 23% of the land mass of the Republic of Vietnam and was the largest AO for any aviation Battalion.

While supporting the following units: White Horse ROK Infantry Division (WHRID), 23rd Infantry Division (ARVN), Cam Ranh Bay Support Command (CRBSC), Civil and Rural Development (CORDS), Artillery and Engineer units, and the 17th Combat Aviation Group, the 10th Battalion flew 89,377 hours and carried 17,637 tons of cargo and 276,792 passengers.

The primary mission of a combat aviation battalion is to support the insertion, extraction and resupply of combat units in the field. While supporting the WHRID and 23rd ARVN Division the 10th Battalion conducted twenty-two (22) Regiment size, one (1) division size, and twenty three (23) battalion size combat assaults.

During the year the 10th Battalion experienced several organizational changes beginning with the 48th AHC being reassigned in January, followed by the acquisition of "A" Troop 7/17th ACS, B, C, and D Companies 227th in late March, to the reassignment of B/227th in July, the stand-down of the 243rd AHC and D/227th in August, the stand-down of the 183rd RAC, 92nd and 192nd AHC's in December, the

reassignment of the 50th AMC (formerly C/227th) and A/7/17th and finally the stand-down of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion Headquarters. Despite these potentially disruptive changes the Battalion has continued to function cohesively and at peak efficiency in the performance of its assigned mission.

Over the last five years the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion has provided the finest aviation support possible and has earned the reputation of being one of the best aviation battalions in Vietnam.

At the close of the year 1971 the 10th Battalion's role in Vietnam was finished and within a few days will be redeployed to CONUS where they will undoubtedly continue to provide the best possible aviation support.

10TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION

COMMANDERS

LTC JACK A. WALKER	1 January 1971 - 18 April 1971
MAJ GEORGE A. HOCKER	18 April 1971 - 11 May 1971
LTC JAMES O. HEGDAHL	12 May 1971 - 31 December 1971

MISSION

The mission of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion is to provide aviation support as directed by the Commander, 17th Combat Aviation Group in support of airmobile operations designed to search out and destroy the insurgent enemy and to extend Government of Vietnam (GVN) control of the population; to provide general support aviation as directed by Commanding Officer, 17th Combat Aviation Group to Second Regional Assistance Group, (SRAG), Deputy Senior Advisor (DSA) Military Region II, White Horse ROK Infantry Division (WHRID), 23rd ARVN Infantry Division; and to provide command and control of assigned and attached units as directed by Commanding Officer, 17th Combat Aviation Group.

UNIT COMMANDERS

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

CAPTAIN DAVID J. REDDEL	1 January 1971 - 25 January 1971
CAPTAIN CHARLES E. MARKHAM	25 January 1971 - 25 April 1971
CAPTAIN BOBBIE D. MAY	25 April 1971 - 24 September 1971
CAPTAIN JOSEPH P. DAUGHERTY	24 September 1971 - 31 December 1971

48TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

MAJOR WILLIS R. DUNTING	1 January 1971 - 31 January 1971
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50TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

MAJOR CHARLES BARNES	25 March 1971 - 10 May 1971
MAJOR RUDOLPH OSTOVICH III	10 May 1971 - 14 November 1971
MAJOR DAVID E. HILL	14 November 1971 - 1 December 1971

92ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

MAJOR RODNEY D. LESTER	1 January 1971 - 15 March 1971
MAJOR RUDOLPH E. ABBOTT	15 March 1971 - 28 August 1971
MAJOR RONALD A. COLEMAN	28 August 1971 - 31 December 1971

163RD RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY

MAJOR ARVIN L. SOLOMON	1 January 1971 - 11 January 1971
MAJOR RICHARD N. KNUTSON	11 January 1971 - 1 July 1971
CAPTAIN DOUGLAS J. DELL	1 July 1971 - 2 August 1971
MAJOR JIMMY W. STINEBROUGH	2 August 1971 - 1 December 1971

197TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

MAJOR JAMES L. HIGGINSOTHAM	1 January 1971 - 18 January 1971
MAJOR ARTHUR R. GRIFFIN	18 January 1971 - 30 July 1971
MAJOR IRVING S. DIERKING	30 July 1971 - 1 December 1971

ORGANIZATION CHART

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APO</u>
HQ, 10TH CAB	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377
HHC, 10TH CAB	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377
130TH MED DET O/A	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377
339TH AVN DET (DIV)	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

60TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY	Ninh Hoa, RVN	96240
430TH MED DET	Ninh Hoa, RVN	96240

92ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

133RD RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

192ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377
196TH MED DET	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

243RD ASSAULT SUPPORT HELICOPTER COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

D/227TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

D/227TH AERIAL WEAPONS COMPANY	Dong Ba Thin, RVN	96377

A TROOP 7TH SQUADRON 17TH CAVALRY	Phan Rang, RVN	96321

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MAJOR RODNEY D. LESTER	1 January 1971 - 15 March 1971
MAJOR RUDOLPH E. ABBOTT	15 March 1971 - 28 August 1971
MAJOR RONALD A. COLEMAN	28 August 1971 - 31 December 1971

183RD RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY

MAJOR ARVIN L. SOLOMON	1 January 1971 - 11 January 1971
MAJOR RICHARD N. KNUTSON	11 January 1971 - 1 July 1971
CAPTAIN DOUGLAS J. BELL	1 July 1971 - 2 August 1971
MAJOR JIMMY W. STINEDRUGH	2 August 1971 - 1 December 1971

192ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

MAJOR JAMES L. HIGGINBOTHAM	1 January 1971 - 18 January 1971
MAJOR ARTHUR R. GRIFFIN	18 January 1971 - 30 July 1971
MAJOR IRVING S. DIERKING	30 July 1971 - 1 December 1971

BATTALION OPERATION 1971

During 1971, the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion provided continuous aviation support to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and the Free World Allied Forces in Military Region II. This summary of the major activities during the year is, of necessity, a condensed presentation. While providing aircraft for many missions which do not constitute a significant activity, these missions were an integral part of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion's support in MR II.

JANUARY

Major aviation support for January was provided to the White Horse ROK Infantry Division, 23rd ARVN Division, CORDS, and Cam Ranh Bay Support Command.

The 48th Assault Helicopter Company provided the majority of the support to the WHRID until 30 January when they were reassigned to the 223rd Combat Aviation Battalion at Dong Ha. The 92nd AHC continued to train VNAF aviators under the I&M Program. On 11 January 1971 Major Richard N. Knutson assumed command of the 183rd Reconnaissance Airplane Company. In addition, the 183rd Mess Hall was chosen as the 1st Aviation Brigade "Best Mess Hall" and is in contention for USARV "Best Mess". On 16 January 1971, Major Arthur R. Griffin assumed command of the 197nd Assault Helicopter Company replacing Major James L. Higginbotham who became the 10th CAD S3. The 155th Assault Helicopter Company "Stagecoach" completed deactivation on 30 January 1971 thus eliminating aviation support for the Ban Me Thout area. One other unit, the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company continued to train VNAF pilots under the I&M Program.

FEBRUARY

During February 1971, the 10th CAB continued to support units within the seven southern provinces of MR II. One major operation was conducted by the WHRID. On 23 February the 28th and 29th Regiments, totaling 3,000+ troops, were inserted west of Tuy Hoa. Training under the I&M Program continued in the 92nd AHC with no significant problems encountered. The 183rd RAC continued to provide visual reconnaissance and convoy cover for the southern half of MR II. In order to provide better aviation support in Ban Me Thout, a package of six (6) UH-1H and two (2) UH-1M aircraft from the 192nd AHC were sent to Camp Coryell at Ban Me Thout. The 243rd ASHC continued to provide medium lift support throughout the southern half of MR II. In addition the company successfully completed VNAF training under the I&M Program on 10 February. In early February A Troop was attached to the 10th CAB. A Troop moved to Phan Rang Air Base and within a few days were operational. Their primary mission was to conduct air cavalry scout support for the 23rd ARVN Division.

MARCH

During the month the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion and its assigned units continued to support the various units throughout the seven southern provinces of MR II. There was one (1) major operation this month. On 24 March the 30th Regiment of the WHRID was inserted into an area northwest of Nha Trang, RVN. During the insertion one (1) aircraft received combat damage with negative injuries. On 15 March, Major Rudolph E. Abbott assumed command replacing Major

Rodney Lester of the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company. In addition the VNAF aviators training with the 92nd AHC under the I&M Program successfully completed their training program averaging 230 hours per aviator. The 183rd RAC continued to provide visual reconnaissance for MR II and on two occasions one of their aircraft received heavy enemy fire. During March the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company continued to provide general support for MR II. On 9 March two gunships were employed in a search for a missing Air Force F-100 fighter bomber. Unfortunately the results were negative. On two (2) occasions the Tiger Shark gunships were used to cover a Dustoff mission. On one of these missions, 16 March, one individual received a wound in the arm, and on the other, 23 March, one aircraft was destroyed and all four crewmembers were injured when the aircraft crashed into the side of a mountain due to IMC. In addition to providing aircraft for the 30th Regiment insertion on 24 March, the 192nd AHC also provided six (6) UH-1H and four (4) UH-1C aircraft on 30 March for an insertion of 410 troops of the 29th ROK Regiment. The 243rd Assault Helicopter Company continued its normal mission throughout MR II. "A" Troop 7/17th Cav enjoyed a very productive month while in support of the 23rd ARVN Division. During the month they were credited with three (3) enemy KIA's, seventeen (17) structures destroyed and seventy-five (75) bunkers destroyed. On 25 March 1971 three units, D, C, and D Companies of the 227th Aviation Battalion 1st Cavalry Division Airmobile were assigned to the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion.

APRIL

April brought several changes to the missions flown by the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion. In addition to the normal units supported by the 10th CAB, WHRID, 23rd ARVN Div, CRESC, aircraft were sent to the Qui Nhon area almost on a daily basis to help support the Capitol ROK Infantry Division. There were two major operations this month when aircraft from the 10th CAB extracted the 30th ROK Regiment and on 25 April inserted the 28th Regiment into an AO west of Tuy Hoa, RVN.

The 92nd AHC, 192nd IHC, 183rd RAC and 243rd ASHC all continued their normal missions. After being given time to get set up, the units from the 1st Air Cavalry Division began to operate under the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion. C Company 227th was given the mission of providing support to the White Horse ROK Infantry Division. B Company and D Company were tasked for aircraft to be laagered at Pleiku for the increased enemy activity in that area. These aircraft were placed under the operational control of the 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion. "A" Troop 7/17 Cav was also tasked to send aircraft to Pleiku under operational control of the 52nd CAB. "A" Troop supported both the 22nd and 23rd ARVN Divisions and were credited with fifty-five (55) enemy KIA's during the month.

MAY

During the month of May there was only one (1) significant operation. Elements of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion extracted the 23th ROK Regiment which had been inserted the previous month.

There were three (3) administrative changes during the month. Major Rudolph Ostovich III took command of C Company 227th on 10 May 1971 replacing Major Charles Darnes. Major Frank T. Peterlin assumed command of the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company on 18 May replacing Major Eulus E. Evans. On 12 May 1971 LTC James O. Hegdahl assumed command of the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion replacing Major George A. Hooker who had been commanding the battalion since late March when LTC Jack Walker was called home on emergency leave. During the month the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company was also tasked to provide a larger package at Pleiku under operational control of the 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion. The 92nd AHC started training a new group of seven (7) VNAF aviators under the provisions of the Improvement and Modernization Program on 10 May 1971. At the end of May these VNAF aviators had an average of 56.1 hours. In addition to providing the normal visual reconnaissance support for the southern half of MR II, the 183rd Reconnaissance Airplane Company assumed a new mission. This being a coastal reconnaissance for Navy Intelligence. The 192nd Assault Helicopter Company continued to provide a laager package at Ban Me Thout in support of the 23rd ARVN Division. The 192nd AHC also began training seven (7) VNAF aviators under the I&M Program on 10 May 71. Troop A, 7/17th Air Cavalry Squadron continued to support the 12nd and 23rd ARVN Divisions in the Pleiku area. Also B Company and D Company 227th continued to laager aircraft at Pleiku while C Company 227th continued to support the White Horse ROK Infantry Division.

JUNE

The 10th Combat Aviation Battalion continued to support the ground forces of the seven southern provinces of MR II and visual reconnaissance of Phu Yen Province. Vagabond aircraft provided support to the White Horse ROK Infantry Division, 23rd ARVN Infantry Division, DSA MR II, Cam Ranh Bay Support Command, SRAG Artillery, and 17th CAG. On 11 June, Major John Retterer took command of D Company 227th, replacing Major Calway C. Cauley. On 22 June the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company and C Company 227th were the primary assets used in the insertion of the 29th Regiment, White Horse ROK Infantry Division into the mountainous area approximately 20 kilometers west of Ninh Hoa. On 23 June, the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company was relieved of its mission in the Pleiku area and assumed the laager package at Ban Me Thout replacing the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company. Their primary mission was to continue support for the 23rd ARVN Infantry Division. The 9th AHC and 192nd AHC continued to train VNAF aviators under the I&M Program. D Company and E Company were also released from their mission at Pleiku and returned to Dong Ba Thin while "A" Troop continued to support units in the Pleiku area. Upon their release from the Ban Me Thout mission the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company became the primary support for the Civil Operations and Rural Development Support (CORDS) Program operated by MACV. C Company continued to support the White Horse ROK Infantry Division and the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company continued to provide medium lift support for southern MR II.

JULY

This month Vagabond aircraft continued to support various units of southern MR II. In addition there were two major changes within the battalion. On 5 July the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company began stand-down for redeployment to CONUS. This eliminated the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion capability to provide medium lift support. The 10th CAD lost one other unit when on 17 July B Company 227th was reassigned to the 268th Combat Aviation Battalion and moved to Tuy Hoa, RVN. On 30 July Major Irwin S. Dierking assumed command of the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company from departing Major Arthur R. Griffin. There were three major operations during the month beginning with the extraction of the 29th ROK Regiment from an area 30 kilometers west southwest of Ninh Hoa. On 12 and 13 July C Company 227th and the 192nd AHC were the primary assets used to insert the 30th ROK Regiment into LZ's 40 kilometers west of Dong Ba Thin. Then again the same assets were used on 25 July to extract the 30th Regiment from the same area. The remainder of the 10th CAD units continued with their normal missions with the exception of "A" Troop 7/17th CAV. On 5 July they began preparations to move from Pleiku, where they had been operating for 95 days, back to Phan Rang Air Base.

AUGUST

The month of August brought several changes to the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion. On 2 August Major Jimmy W. Stinebrugh assumed command of the 183rd Reconnaissance Airplane Company replacing CPT Douglas J. Dell, who had commanded the company since 1 July 1971. Major Ronald

2. A. Coleman left his position as the 10th CAB S3 on 28 August to assume command of the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company from Major Rudolph E. Abbott. On 31 August 1971 C Company 227th was redesignated the 50th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter). There were two major operations this month which ultimately were the last regimental size operations to be supported by the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion. On 10 August the 28th ROK Regiment was inserted into the mountains northwest of Tuy Hoa and on 24 August they were extracted from the same area. On 8 August the 243rd Assault Support Helicopter Company completed stand-down procedures and was redeployed to Ft. Lewis, Washington. Major Frank T. Peterlin, the commanding officer of the 243rd, was reassigned to the 10th CAB Headquarters as Battalion Executive Officer. On 10 August D Company 227th began stand-down proceedings and completed on 29 August. This eliminated the Aerial Weapons Company and reduced the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion to five (5) operational companies plus Headquarters Company. Both the 92nd and the 192nd Assault Helicopter Companies completed training the VNAF Aviators under the Improvement and Modernization Program averaging 225 hours per aviator. Other than this the 92nd and 192nd AHC's continued their normal mission along with the remainder of the battalion.

SEPTEMBER

The month of September brought a marked increase in the number of combat assaults supported by the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion. Although there were no regimental size operations, there

were 13 battalion size insertions and extractions. The primary units supported belonged to the White Horse ROK Infantry Division however there were two combat assaults, 2 September and 11 September, conducted for the 23rd ARVN Division. Beginning on 10 September the 60th, 92nd and 192nd Assault Helicopter Companies inserted six different battalions and extracted five of these battalions, the last on 30 September. In addition to the numerous combat assaults the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion continued its normal support for Cam Ranh Bay Support Command, 23rd ARVN Infantry Division, White Horse ROK Infantry Division, CORDS, and the 17th CAG.

OCTOBER

The 10th Combat Aviation Battalion continued to support the ground forces of the seven southern provinces of MR II during the month of October. On 6 October Camp Coryell at Ban Me Thout was closed which caused the aircraft package from the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company to disperse some of its aircraft. Three (3) UH-1H and two UH-1M remained at Ban Me Thout while two UH-1H went to Pleiku and one went to Gia Nghia. During the Vietnam Presidential Election period several aircraft from "A" Troop 7/17th Cavalry and the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company were sent to Bao Loc as increased security for that area. There were two battalion size operations this month. The 60th Assault Helicopter Company, with aircraft added from both the 92nd and 192nd Assault Helicopter Companies inserted the 2nd Bn of the 29th ROK Regiment on 9 October and the 1st Bn of the 28th ROK Regiment on 10 October. On 23 October

the 50th AHC extracted the 2nd Bn 29th RGT while the 1st Bn 28th RGT walked out of the field. Two units of the Battalion had very much success during the month inflicting heavy damage to the enemy. The 92nd Assault Helicopter Company gunships were credited with 3 bunkers destroyed and 38 enemy killed in action. "A" Troop 7/17th Cav was even more successfull when they were credited with destruction of an enemy hootch complex, 10 bunkers destroyed and 25 enemy killed in action. Training of VNAF Aviators continued under the I&M Program in both the 192nd and 50th Assault Helicopter Companies who had five (5) aviators each.

NOVEMBER

During November Vagabond aircraft were again involved in several battalion operations. On 3 November elements of the 44th ARVN Regiment 23rd ARVN Division were inserted near Song Mao, 4 November an RPPF force from Dinh Thuan province was inserted near Phan Thiet, on 7 November 10 Vagabond aircraft linked up with VNAF elements to aid in the insertion of the 45th ARVN Regement near Phu Nhon and on 17 November 12 aircraft again joined the VNAF to extract the 45th Regiment. The next two days, 18 and 19 November, the 50th Assault Helicopter Company acted as C&C for two insertions of elements of the 28th and 29th Regiments respectively and then again on 21 November for an insertion of the 2nd Bn 30th ROK Regiment. Then on 26 November the clements of the 29th ROK Regiment and on 27 November the elements of the 30th ROK Regiment were extracted while the 28th Regiment walked out of the field. This month found the

10th Combat Aviation Battalion strength cut even further when the 183rd Reconnaissance Airplane Company began stand-down on 1 November. This eliminated the Battalion's visual reconnaissance missions for the southern half of MR II. Both the 192nd and 50th Assault Helicopter Companies completed training the VNAF aviators attached to them under the Improvement and Modernization Program averaging just over 200 hours per aviator. Again the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company and "A" Troop 7/17th Cavalry enjoyed successful months when the 92nd AHC gunships were credited with 50 enemy KIIs and "A" Troop, after moving back to Pleoku for a few days, destroyed and damaged several bunker complexes.

DECEMBER

During the month of December the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion continued to provide support for the seven southern provinces of MR II to include the White Horse ROK Infantry Division, 23rd ARVN Infantry Division, Cam Ranh Bay Support Command and 17th CAG. As the month progressed the 10th Battalion's support was continually reduced until 31 December 1971 when the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion re-assigned its two remaining units, the 50th Assault Helicopter Company and "A" Troop 7th Squadron 17th Cavalry, and began stand-down procedures for future redeployment to CONUS. During the month elements of the 10th CAB supported three (3) ROK battalion combat assaults in addition to the normal missions flown. On 1 December the 92nd Assault Helicopter Company began stand-down and completed on 31 December. There was only one major problem encountered, this being the late disposition of personnel and aircraft. On 20 December 1971 the 192nd Assault Helicopter Company began its stand-down. Their scheduled completion date is 20 January 1972.

50th AHC

During December the 50th AHC continued to provide the primary aviation support for the White Horse ROK Infantry Division. In this capacity they provided the majority of the aircraft and the C&C for three ROK battalion operations. The 50th AHC also assumed the Cam Ranh Bay Support Command mission on the 20th when the 192nd started stand-down. In order to provide the maximum support possible the 50th AHC acquired three (3) additional UH-1H aircraft and an aerial

weapons platoon consisting of six (6) AH-1G Cobra Gunships.

92nd AHC

During the month of December the 92nd AHC did not provide aviation support due to the fact they began stand-down procedures on 1 December. Everything progressed on schedule and the deactivation was complete on 31 December 1971.

192nd AHC

For the first twenty (20) days of December the 192nd AHC continued to provide aviation support for the combat and combat support units within the seven southern provinces of MR II. During the month the 192nd experienced three (3) minor aircraft incidents with no injuries to personnel.

A/7/17 ACS

During December A Troop supported elements of the 23rd ARVN Division in areas around Song Mao, Dalat, and Dao Loc. They also supported the Ninh Thuan Province Intelligence Platoon at Phan Rang and JDOC at Cam Ranh Bay. While in support of these various units A/7/17 spotted several structures, bunkers, and enemy personnel. The gunships expended their ordnance on several of these sightings resulting in many structures and bunkers destroyed or damaged. A Troop also inserted troops into many of these areas. On the 20th of December A Troop was required to maintain a package of two (2) Cobra gunships and one (1) OH-6A LOH at Dong Ba Thin for the Cam Ranh Special Sector defense. Later in the month two (2) UH-1H aircraft were also sent to Dong Ba Thin and after the 31st the entire package will come under the operational control of Cam Ranh Bay Support Command.

For the year 1971 the 10th Combat Aviation Battalion, while supporting the combat support units of Military Region II, compiled the following statistics:

Hours flown.....	89,377
Troops lifted.....	276,792
Sorties.....	171,677
Cargo hauled (tons).....	17,537

AWARDS 1971

NAME

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AWARD RECEIVED

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

WALKER, Jack A.	LTC	Legion of Merit
LESTER, Rodney	M1J	Distinguished Flying Cross
ACEVEDO, Ramon A.	CPT	Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star for Service and Achievement		37
Army Commendation Medal for Service and Achievement		122
Purple Heart		7
Air Medal for Valor		3
Air Medal		83

60TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

DUBAY, Ronald E.	CPT	Distinguished Flying Cross
GRIFFIN, James G.	CPT	Distinguished Flying Cross
CROSBY, Tholon F.	WO1	Distinguished Flying Cross
HAYES, Robert A.	WO1	Distinguished Flying Cross
HOOD, Charles H.	WO1	Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star for Service and Achievement		12
Army Commendation Medal for Service and Achievement		51
Purple Heart		1
Air Medal for Valor		30
Air Medal		50

92ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

DEHEN, Larry R.	CPT	Silver Star (Posthumous)
LUBBERHUSEN, Gerald N.	SP4	Silver Star (Posthumous)
LITTLETON, John W.	SP4	Silver Star (Posthumous)
COBB, Bernard A.	CPT	Distinguished Flying Cross
SHANAHAN, John L.	CPT	Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star for Service and Achievement		75
Army Commendation Medal for Service and Achievement		221
Purple Heart		5
Air Medal for Valor		3
Air Medal		654

HONOR ROLL 1971

"In memory's eye I can see them now - forming grimly for the attack, blue lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain of the foxhole, driving home to their objective, and to the judgement seat of God. I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death." These words by GENERAL OF THE ARMY DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, spoken on 14 July 1935, ring true today. Three decades later, and in another strange part of the world, Americans answer the call. The methods of warfare have changed, but the sacrifices, hardships, and the many faces of death remain the same.

It is with humility that we honor our fallen comrades. In our future endeavors, let us be ever mindful of these men, and the principles for which they gave their all.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTION</u>
WO1 Robert T. Bruce	A/7/17	535-50-9396	20 May 1971
WO1 Gregory A. Smith	A/7/17	483-56-4877	20 May 1971
CPT Richard Dewey	92	086-36-9431	21 May 1971
SP4 Gerald M. Lubbenhusen	92	527-98-1355	21 May 1971
SP4 John Littleton	92	527-84-7760	22 May 71
SP5 Albin L. Kearns	243	016-42-9801	21 May 1971
SP5 Johnny Arthur	192	585-22-3147	10 June 1971
SP4 Louie G. Montoya	192	550-84-4395	10 June 1971
SP4 Jeffery S. Wesolewski	192	549-88-9192	10 June 1971
SFC Samuel McAlphee	243	420-52-7555	26 July 1971
SP4 Albin L. Kendall	192	569-76-0301	3 November 1971
SP4 Errol L. Kent	183	501-52-3871	3 November 1971
SP5 Marvin Briesacher	192	430-45-3727	12 December 1971