

191st

HISTORICAL NOTES

ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND

191st Assault Helicopter Company

Commanding Officer - John A. Petric, MAJ, TC  
First Sergeant - Billy J. Dodson, 1SG

606th Transportation Detachment

Commanding Officer - Robert L. Schroll, MAJ, Inf  
First Sergeant - Larry D. Headley, SFC

26th Signal Detachment

Detachment Commander - George E. Hudson, 1LT SigC  
Detachment NCOIC - William J. Schmidt, SSG

31 December 1968

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## BRIEF HISTORY

The 191st Assault Helicopter Company was organized at Fort Bragg, North Carolina under General Order Number 463 on 1 December 1966. The company arrived in the Republic of Vietnam on 24 May 1967 where it was assigned to the 214th Combat Aviation Battalion. In-country orientation was completed on 21 June 1967 and the company was declared operational.

### COMPANY COMMANDERS:

Major Richard C. Winesette	1 Dec 66 to 23 May 67
Major Clarence A. Patnode Jr.	24 May 67 to 4 Nov 67
Major William W. Spurlock	5 Nov 67 to 11 Feb 68
Major Colbert L. Dilday	12 Feb 68 to 19 Jun 68
Major Carlvin J. Griggs	20 Jun 68 to 9 Oct 68
Major John A. Petric	10 Oct 68 to Present

### Operational Notes - Month of December 1968

On 1 December, 1968 the Command and Control aircraft, 66-1182 had an engine failure five miles East of Ben Tre. The aircraft was a total loss with negative injuries to the personnel aboard.

On 2 December, 1968 aircraft 693 had a engine failure one mile Northeast of Binh Phuc. There was no damage to the aircraft or the occupants.

On 17 December, 1968 aircraft 285 had a engine failure one mile west of My Phuc Tay and crashed. The aircraft was a total loss and one individual was injured.

On 24 December, 1968 aircraft 108 had a engine failure East of Vinh Long. There was no damage to the aircraft or the occupants.

On 24 December, 1968 aircraft 007 was shot down North East of Cai Be by RPG and machine gun fire. The aircraft, which was on fire was landed with negative injuries to the personnel aboard.

During the month of December, 1968 the Bounty Hunter's of the 191st Assault Helicopter Company killed 71 VC by actual body count.

Since its arrival in the Republic of Vietnam records indicate the following statistics through 31 December 1968.

Total Combat Support Hours Flown. . . . .	55,907
Total VC Killed By Actual Body Count. . . . .	554
Total VC Killed (Possible). . . . .	42
KIA Due to Combat . . . . .	9
Non-Combat Fatalities . . . . .	18
WIA Due to Combat (Losses). . . . .	17
Non-Combat Losses (Injuries). . . . .	22

Wounded in Action, Returned to Duty . . . . .	35
Court Martials, Summary . . . . .	0
Special . . . . .	4
General . . . . .	0
Article 15's . . . . .	35
Venernal Disease Cases . . . . .	9
Malaria Cases . . . . .	0

OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY

Present Mission: Although unstated in a mission statement the normal mission as assigned by II Field Forces AAF on a day by day basis is support of the 9th Infantry Division. The normal area of operations is from Nha Be on the Dong Nai River extended south and southwest to Dong Tam on the My Tho River. Approximately 95% of the operations at the present time are combat assault operations in support of units of the 9th Infantry Division.

Present Aircraft Strength:

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
UH-1D's . . . . .	23	19
UH-1C's . . . . .	8	8
UH-1H's . . . . .	0	1

Personnel Strengths:

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>PRESENT FOR DUTY</u>	<u>JANUARY LOSSES</u>
Officers:				
MAJ'S . . . . .	1	1	1	0
CPT'S . . . . .	5	3	3	0
LT'S . . . . .	13	12	11	0
WO'S . . . . .	52	43	42	0
EM. . . . .	230	227	227	26

AIRCRAFT AND AVIATOR FLYING HOURS

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>UH-1D</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>HIGH AVIATOR</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Dec 67	2156	835	0	2992	140.0	102.0
Jan 68	2143	662	0	2805	139.0	94.0
Feb 68	2095	703	0	2793	137.9	98.0
Mar 68	2569	842	0	3411	156.0	122.0
Apr 68	2593	807	0	3400	156.0	108.0
May 68	2606	807	0	3413	145.0	107.0
Jun 68	2158	758	0	2916	148.5	110.5
Jul 68	2450	796	0	3246	148.0	110.0
Aug 68	2606	665	0	3270	155.0	118.0
Sep 68	2285	629	0	2914	161.0	118.0
Oct 68	2205	654	0	2856	160.0	112.0
Nov 68	1876	545	0	2421	136.0	98.0
Dec 68	2202	717	14	3139	180.0	104.0

AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY PERCENTAGE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TYPE ACFT</u>	<u>AVAIL</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>
Dec 67	UH-1C/UH-1D	87.1/57.9%	0.5/1.4%	12.4/10.0%
Jan 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	78.0/85.0%	3.0/0.0%	19.0/15.0%
Feb 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	80.7/86.6%	2.1/1.3%	17.2/12.1%
Mar 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	86.6/85.7%	0.0/11.7%	13.2/12.6%
Apr 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	83.1/86.4%	0.0/0.0%	16.9/13.1%
May 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	73.8/83.9%	0.0/1.9%	26.1/16.1%
Jun 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	71.7/80.5%	0.0/8.0%	28.3/18.7%
Jul 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	72.2/81.3%	8.2/2.8%	19.6/15.9%
Aug 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	56.0/69.9%	4.4/5.7%	39.5/24.7%
Sep 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	60.7/59.2%	10.1/14.2%	29.2/26.6%
Oct 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	52.9/65.3%	18.2/01.3%	28.9/33.4%
Nov 68	UH-1C/UH-1D	60.0/73.6%	15.1/5.4%	24.9/21.0%
Dec 68	UH-1C/UH-1D/UH-1H	48.5/71.2/30.9	14.3/3.9/0.0%	37.2/24.9/69.1

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE RATE</u>
Dec 67	0	33	50.6
Jan 68	1	35	48.5
Feb 68	0	00	42.7
Mar 68	1	29	39.0
Apr 68	0	00	38.5
May 68	1	29.3	34.3
Jun 68	1	34.4	34.7
Jul 68	0	00	34.3
Aug 68	3	93	51.8
Sep 68	2	68.6	47.0
Oct 68	1	30.9	31.4
Nov 68	0	00	29.4
Dec 68	3	95.4	32.7