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FOREWARD

The following history chronicles the course of the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company (O-1) through its second year of operation in the Delta of South Vietnam. This year saw many changes in the company not only in its personnel, but also in areas of responsibility and support rendered. The “Shotguns” continued through 1967 to amass plaudits for their performance of duty in both routine and special missions undertaken for their supported units. A key point in further achievement was the awarding of the Meritorious Unit Commendation on 23 July 1967. Mid 1967 saw the arrival of a sister company, the 199th RAC to the Delta with resulting infusion of personnel and reallocation of areas of responsibility. This assistance was greatly appreciated by all and the resultant increase in support did much to facilitate Delta Operations in 1967. The achievements presented in this history most certainly could not have been realized without the loyal and continuing support of all assigned, and attached and supporting personnel, both enlisted and officer. The 221st RAC’s history is written proof of these individuals devotion to duty and to the United States mission to South East Asia.

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HERALDRY

SYMBOLIC DESCRIPTION OF UNIT CREST

The unit's escutcheon, portrayed on the following page, is shaped to resemble the Greek letter delta (Δ), an allusion to our area of operations. It is auric bordered suggesting the daily luminescence of the sun's rays shining into a verdant base representing the rich lushness of the delta region. Raised white alae symbolize wings of flight and the aviator's mission. Two double-barreled shotguns, which represent the company's eponym and are symbolic of strength and effectiveness at short range, cross and permeate the center of the cat's eye suggesting the unit's perpetual vigilance over the delta.



UNIT BACKGROUND

Early in 1965, the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company was activated at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, under the command of Major Donald Modica [592]. As of March of that year, personnel were assigned and aircraft were acquired from Europe, Hawaii, and the United States and sent to Corpus Christi, Texas for reconditioning and engine changes. In May, the equipment and supplies were ready for shipment to Vietnam and were sent with an advance party of five men on 2 July. Ten days later, the main body departed Fort Bragg in three C-123's arriving in Saigon on 11 July. The following day, with the assistance of the 121st Assault Helicopter Company, the unit arrived in Soc Trang. As a result of the diligent efforts of the advanced party, the company area was in readiness and a smooth transition to the conditions of combat was effected. Most of the present company quarters were then in existence; the present NCO BEQ's were formerly the company orderly and supply rooms. The first night, unit personnel were rudely to the sounds of the battlefield as an aggressor stealthily sneaked up to the defensive wire encircling the compound and flipped a grenade into the company area. Work quickly began as a detail of thirteen men was sent to Vung Tau to work with the 330th General Support Company in the reassembly of the company's aircraft, which was rapidly accomplished as two aircraft were made flight ready each day and returned to the company for a complete T.I. Soon the aircraft with aviators and crew chiefs were assigned to each of the sixteen Delta provinces in support of Division, Sector, Corps, and specialized operations. In October 1965, the company was presented its colors at a ceremony held at Soc Trang and the task of acting as the "Eyes over the Delta" began officially. During the first year of operation, the title of the unit was altered from the 221st Aviation Company (Surveillance Airplane Light) to the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company (O-1). After commencing operations, tests were conducted to determine the best type of operational control practical for the unit. Mission priorities for use of the

aircraft were assigned and providing a coordinated and integrated surveillance and reconnaissance effort was a foremost priority in addition to utilizing the capabilities of the aircraft for radio relay, message drop, psychological operations, and convoy coverage. The unit's original plan for support of the IV Corps was for a platoon to support each of the three ARVN Infantry Divisions in the 30,000 square miles of the Delta, and the remaining platoons to provide support for Special Forces and IV Corps Headquarters. With the arrival of the 199th Reconnaissance Airplane Company in June 1967, the 221st areas of responsibility changed from all sixteen Delta provinces to those lying south of the Bassac River. This increased the effectiveness and efficiency of the 221st's support by supplying increased manpower to fewer sectors. During the two and one half year history of the unit in combat, only two personnel lost their lives. On 22 November 1965, SFC Gust Callivas [124] lost his life during an intensive mortar attack on Soc Trang Army Airfield. Captain Paul W. Johnson [443] was killed when his O-1D aircraft was shot down by enemy ground fire on 22 July 1966, in the vicinity of Can Tho. His aircraft received numerous hits from intense ground fire while he was in support of a sector operation.

FIRST PLATOON

With the dawn of 1967, the 1st Platoon's mission was unchanged. Operating from platoon headquarters at Vinh Long Army Airfield, the ten ship platoon ranged over the entire 41st DTA, from the rugged coast of the Gulf of Siam, along 5/6th's of the entire Cambodian Border in IV Corps to the ominous Plain of Reeds on the north, cutting through the heart of the Delta, covering the Mekong river and its branches to the point where it empties into the South China Sea. The platoon headquarters with its three ships supported the 9th ARVN Division while the remaining seven aircraft were assigned one each to Vinh Long, Sadec, Kien Phong, An Giang, Chau Duc, and Kien Giang Sectors. Flying in excess of 6,000 hours during the first half of the year, the platoon supported every conceivable operation from sub-sector to Division size with missions limited only by one's imagination. The constant updating of surveillance plans and intelligence summaries by the 1st Platoon pilots proved vital to the successful planning of combat operations. Working in close conjunction with the two Assault Helicopter Companies at Vinh Long, based on an intimate knowledge of the sectors, the 1st Platoon "Shotguns" were instrumental in briefing personnel during all operations. The platoon commanders, Captains Emmett F. Johnson [438] and Earl Williams [943] acted in the capacity of Division Aviation Officers in support of all 9th ARVN Division operations as well as division pilots. No operation, large or small, within the 41st, from popular forces to multi-battalion size, was run without "Shotgun" coverage. The platoon's exploits in combat actions added to the legend of the Shotguns as they often filled the gap between life and death for advisors on the ground until heavier support in the form of TAC Air or Army gunships were finally able to arrive. The first platoon's "Shotguns" etched their exploits in marble for all eternity as many received valorous awards, culminating with 1LT Tommy Smith [811] being awarded the Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster. With the influx of our sister company, the 199th,

the entire platoon was infused into this new unit to add depth. The “Fighting First”, did not sink into oblivion, but moved south of the Bassac River to assume a new role in its continued support of the 21st ARVN Division. The First Platoon was reorganized in July 1967, at Soc Trang, with the primary mission of general support of United States Navy Market Time operations. Officers of the platoon were: Captain Thomas E. Barnes [031], Platoon Leader, Captain Howard B. Gentle [317], Platoon IP, 1LT Erwin C. Gutzwiller [357], Operations Officer, and 1LT Harry B. Sanders [755]. The initial members expanded the previous O-1D groundwork for costal operations, establishing liaison with Navy units and the Naval Intelligence Liaison Officers at Soc Trang, Bac Lieu, and Ca Mau, LTs Fred Fay [], Jack Burns [], and K.O. Williams [] respectively. LT Fay [] was the first of three Naval aviators to be checked out in Army Bird Dogs of the 221st RAC. Signifying more than harmony between sister services, these young Naval aviators added materially to the unit's accomplishments. In September, three new officers joined the platoon, 1LT Merton E. Munson [619], 1LT Kenneth D. O'Neal [642], and 1LT F. Scott Boyd [072]. 1LT Sanders [755] was transferred to the second platoon at Can Tho. In the following months the platoon compiled an impressive combat record, destroying scores of sampans, enemy structures, and enemy soldiers. No member of the platoon escaped taking a hit at least once. On one occasion, 1LT Munson [619], and 1LT Gutzwiller [357], in support of a Navy patrol craft, pinned down ten enemy on the beach for three hours, accounting for three sampans destroyed, enabling the Navy to recover enemy small arms and ammunition caches from one of the sampans. Another member of the platoon to distinguish himself was 1LT O'Neal [642], who, after receiving three hits from enemy anti-aircraft weapons, returned his heavily damaged craft to Soc Trang. He immediately obtained another airplane and returned to the scene of the action to continue his assault. Defying heavy ground fire, he destroyed five enemy structures. The successful operations of the platoon cannot be

solely attributed to the pilots. The ground crew, under their platoon sergeant, SGT Jasper T. Pope [684], maintained an excellent aircraft availability record, working around the clock, seven days a week. It was only through the enlisted men's untiring efforts that the "Shotguns" of the first platoon were able to perform the valiant efforts recorded in this history.

SECOND PLATOON

The Second Platoon located at Can Tho retained its original size, location, and mission, throughout the year. As the IV Corps support, the platoon was composed of two sections, one of which fulfilled IV Corps Advisory support missions and the other, support for the 5th Special Forces effort. During the period from January through May the second platoon was involved with adjustment of Naval gunfire, radio relay, and Special Forces Support. Many hours were spent surveying the coastal waters from Go Gong province southward around the "horn" into the U Minh Forest and "Three Sisters" mountains base areas searching for significant movement. From June through August the platoon supported operation "Blackjack 42" in which Special Forces teams operating in small intelligence and reconnaissance units infiltrated into foreboding and unfamiliar enemy territory. Normal Shotgun flight operations were often extended to 24 hour coverage to provide instantaneous support and the Shotguns had to develop adequate free-fall resupply methods to support Special Forces Teams surrounded by the enemy, yet not give away friendly positions. At this time they realized a requirement for a different type of armament for low level operation and, under the guidance of Captains K.E. Larson [491] and Raymond R. Rau [706] with the assistance from armament personnel, developed wing mountings for M-60 machine guns, increasing the versatility of their support. After Blackjack 42, the second platoon was called upon to help stem the massive infiltration of new Viet Cong troops from Cambodia into the Plain of Reeds. Captain Joseph Lazzari [500] and 1LT Borchardt [070] developed an effective technique for guiding Special Forces airboat operations in that area greatly aiding the Special forces navigation. Due to heavy enemy offensives in I Corps area, all U.S. Naval destroyers were diverted from the IV Corps in July. The loss of the platoons Naval gunfire mission was quick replaced by a new mission in support of the 4th Riverine Advisor Group who advised the Vietnamese River Assault Groups in all facets of their operation.

Intelligence and reconnaissance flights as well as combat operational coverage were provided as the RAGs pushed into the VC controlled areas of the Bassac River. This coordination between the Navy and second platoon became a significant and continuing mission,. The platoon also received a new mission of flying hand-held camera photo missions for Military Intelligence Battalion Aerial Reconnaissance and Surveillance (MIBARS) and produced effective confirmation of low rated information for the benefit of all Delta Units. During September, the "Shotguns" under the direction of Captain Raymond R. Rau [706], supported the Naval Seals in operation "Shallow Draft" to gather intelligence information, capture prisoners, destroy elaborate bunker and trench systems, withdraw on heavy contact and infiltrate at a later time in a different location. Shotguns were in the air 24 hours a day. At first light each day they made heavy bundle drops of water, ammunition, food, medical supplies, and demolitions. The Shotguns became a vital and essential lifeline for the Seals during this project. During night infiltrations, Shotguns vectored LCM and PBR boats through pitch darkness to an objective point, fired Naval gunfire to cover their movement, coordinated "DustOff" pickups, and movements of other teams and controlled air strikes. The operation was abbreviated due to the diversion of tactical air support, yet it confirmed the feasibility of this type of operation. For the Shotguns significant achievements throughout the operation, Captain Rau [706] was recommended for the Navy Commendation Medal, he and Captain Larson [491] for the Distinguished Flying Cross, and each platoon aviator for a Navy Letter of Commendation. Operation "Bright Light" followed in late September with second platoon aviators providing around-the-clock radio relay coverage. Special Forces infiltrated into the foreboding U Minh forest in an attempt to snatch U.S. prisoners of war from the enemy. The operation was frustrated by movement of the POW camp 24 hours in advance of the attempted take over. From November through December the platoon returned to the regular support of Corps rendering visual reconnaissance, road and water

convoy coverage and airfield security missions.

THIRD PLATOON

During the period 1 January to 17 July, the Third Platoon, 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company (O-1) continued with its mission of providing observation aircraft support to the 7th ARVN Division and the four Vietnamese provinces in that Division's tactical area. Third Platoon Shotguns were located at Kien Tuong, Go Gong, and Kien Hoa Provinces with the platoon headquarters at Vinh Long. Captain Jimmy J. McGraw [562] was the platoon leader during this period with Captains Boyce Gates [311], Charles Freshour [300], Howard Gentle [317], Virgil Loftis [520], Richard Pribnow [694], and Gary Varner [895] rounding out the platoon. SFC Jess J. Ochoa [636] headed out the enlisted personnel. One aircraft was located at each of the provinces with three aircraft located at the platoon headquarters. During this first half of the year, third platoon aircraft flew more than 6,000 hours of sub-sector, sector, and division operations and in conducting visual reconnaissance missions over the 7th ARVN Division tactical area. During Division Airmobile operations, third platoon aircraft provided continuous visual reconnaissance coverage over the battle area while firing artillery missions, and controlling helicopter gunship attacks on enemy positions. In addition to this support during airmobile operations, the platoon aviators were instrumental in the planning of these operations. Enemy sightings from Shotguns were used by ground commanders in determining where to operate and the aviators, being experts in their assigned sectors, were called on to brief helicopter pilots and advisors of the ground units on exact locations of enemy trenches, bunkers, and weapons positions in the proposed operational areas. During these 7th ARVN Division airmobile operations, Captain McGraw [562] kept himself busy acting as a special staff officer on the division advisory team, coordinating all O-1 missions to include message drops, convoy cover, radio relay, and the operational coverage listed previously. In addition, Captain McGraw [562] took his turn over the operational area acting as aviation advisor to the Division Senior Advisor and the ARVN Division

Commanding General. The outstanding manner in which each platoon aviator performed all missions was well recognized by supported MACV Advisor Teams and ARVN personnel. Displays of heroism with complete disregard for personal safety were common. Each aviator of the platoon won at least one Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism and Captain Gates [311] also received the Silver Star and a Combat Infantryman's Badge. All aviators received Bronze Stars for meritorious service. In early July when the 199th Reconnaissance Airplane Company was preparing to take over support of the ARVN 7th and 9th Division areas, it became apparent that highly trained and experienced third platoon aviators would be needed to insure that visual reconnaissance support continued at its proficient peak. In order to assist the 199th RAC as much as possible the third platoon transferred all men and equipment to the new company. These old Shotguns were able to bring the new company up to combat ready status in a very short time. From July 17 to the end of the year, the new platoon had the mission of providing O-1 coverage of Chuong Thien, Ba Xuyen, and Phong Dinh Provinces in the 21st ARVN Division Tactical Area. Prior to July 17, there was only one Shotgun aviator per sector, but with the arrival of the 199th RAC we were able to have two aviators per sector. The platoon was made up of seven aircraft with two per sector and one supporting the 21st ARVN Division. With two aircraft in each province, the Shotguns increased visual reconnaissance capabilities from 125 hours to 250 hours per month, which greatly limited enemy movement in the provinces. During this period, the platoon aviators included Captain James Browning [095] and 1LT Robert Duncum [243] in Phong Dinh, Captain James Tangler [860], and 1LT Bernard Watson [917] in Ba Xuyen, Captain James Haas [359], and 1LT Robert Langevin [487] in Chuong Thien and Captain John Lenox [504], the platoon leader who spent his time at 21st Division headquarters (Bac Lieu), and at Can Tho in Phong Dinh Province. Missions performed by the platoon during this period consisted primarily of providing daily visual reconnaissance of each sector along

with covering sub-sector and sector combat operations. On any given day the platoon "Shotgun" might find himself making an early VR of the sector and then moving into an operational area to direct ground forces, adjust artillery, control helicopter gunships, provide radio relay, and fire his rockets on enemy locations. Each third platoon "Shotgun" flew with an ARVN observer when possible and through training and hard work, the two crewmen became a smooth efficient team, able to perform all missions in an outstanding manner. After each flight the aviator and the observer returned to the sector headquarters to brief the S-2 and S-3 personnel on all sightings and enemy activity and on many occasions, aviators found themselves deeply involved in planning tactical ground operations in the sectors. Often aviators were called on to brief helicopter pilots when 21st ARVN Division Airmobile Operations were planned in the sector. Third platoon Shotguns scored a number of "kills" and saved a number of friendly units from disaster during the year while providing outstanding support to the sectors during routine missions. Examples of platoon heroism were seen almost daily as on 15 September when Captain James H. Haas [359] merited the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism during an enemy ambush on a provincial reconnaissance unit in Chuong Thien province. Captain Haas [359], the only air support available, was able to kill 8 Viet Cong with his rockets and then flew at tree top level over the enemy company for approximately 30 minutes drawing heavy fire which allowed the friendly force to maneuver to a safe area. On 2 November, 1LT Robert L. Duncum [243] recorded another save and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for supporting the 44th ARVN Ranger Battalion which was attacked by a Viet Cong Battalion at 0200 hours,. 1LT Duncum [243] fired his rockets into the enemy, fired artillery, controlled helicopter gunships, and an Air Force AC-47 for a six hour period while receiving heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire. On many occasions he used his landing light at low levels to point out targets to the supporting aircraft and at daylight, 33 Viet Cong bodies were found along with many blood trails indicating

that the enemy had suffered many casualties. These two cases indicate the outstanding manner in which each Shotgun aviator and crew chief from the platoon performed during 1967.

FOURTH PLATOON

The fourth platoon, 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company continued its mission in support of the 42nd DTA during the year of 1967. In the beginning of the year, the platoon supported all five provinces and the 21st Infantry Division within the DTA. Organized with one Shotgun for each sector and three aircraft at Division Headquarters, they utilized all their resources in keeping continual surveillance on the Viet Cong. Captains David C. Sundberg [854], William C. Montgomery [597], Dan A. Ellett [253], Edward M. Thomas [870], James H. Haas [359], John E. Christensen [152], James E. Stone Jr. [843], and Gale E. Dillard [221] were notable names during the first six months of the year. Captain Larry Stockton [841] served outstandingly as platoon leader. The 21st Division operated 87 days during the year with major campaigns, using search and destroy methods against main force VC units in the DTA. On 14 – 16 February, during operation “Dan Chi 279/SD” contact was made with several VC units identified as the D-2 Regimental Headquarters, 303rd Main Force Battalion, and the 309th Main Force Battalion. Continuous contact for a three day period resulted in the destruction of a large arms factory along with a stockpile of weapons and ammo. During the Phong Dinh operation at least 331 VC were killed by body count. Both Captains Sundberg [854] and Montgomery [597] received the Cross of Gallantry for their actions during the operations. The summer months found a large turn over in personnel through out all the advisory teams and Shotguns. Captain Phillip Gaskins [310] was assigned as platoon leader, with Captains John Lenox [504], Rice [714], Davis [203], and Lieutenants Ronald Easley [250] and Robert Duncum [243] joining the platoon shortly after. Large division operations predominated the DTA during this period with diminishing contact with the enemy; consequently, the divisions scheme of maneuver changed to smaller operations utilizing regimental headquarters as control. This placed an increased commitment upon the sector O-1 pilot to act as command and control over the operations. The visual reconnaissance

decreased some-what at this time, as the flying hours increased. The only significant operation during this period was “Dan Chi 289/A/SD” on 12-14 June. The division made contact with the 303rd Battalion and Tay Do Battalion in southwest Phong Dinh Province. Artillery was used extensively throughout to neutralize the enemy, as the Shotguns provided day and night observation and adjustment. Captains Haas [359], Davis [203] and Rice [714] supported together with Captain Gaskins [310], who received the Cross of Gallantry. The month of August brought a change to platoon operations as the 199th RAC arrived and became operational. The mission at the platoon remained unchanged, although the platoon lost the Phong Dinh, Ba Xuyen, and Chuong Thien sectors to the third platoon. Under the reorganization additional aircraft were assigned to the sector effort, this affording an increase in visual reconnaissance missions. As the fall months came, the platoon settled down to regular sector and division operations. Providing an increased visual reconnaissance effort, the enemy activity of a harassing nature reached a new high as the VC went into a massive recruiting and training program. 1LT Ronald Easley [250] and Captain Thomas Plott [675], supporting Bac Lieu sector, were notable during this period as their continuous VR missions kept the enemy moving. A large number of VC KBA and sampans destroyed were credited to these Shotguns. Captain Almand [012] and 1LT Stutts [852] supported the An Xuyen province with a new reconnaissance plan which closed long standing VC supply liaison routes. Operating in conjunction with the United States Navy Market Time Fleet, their efforts caused a noted reduction on infiltrated supplies into and from the U Minh forest. Both Shotguns were cited for their actions by the province chief. On 8 December, operation “Dan Chi 315/C/SD” started 3 days of the bitterest fighting of the year as the division made contact with 3 main VC force battalions on the Phong Dinh – Chuong Thien border. Shotgun pilots provided continuous air coverage for the entire period. This resulted in the largest single day victory for any ARVN unit with 456 VC KIA, and a large number of weapons captured. Artillery fires,

directed by Shotguns, denied the enemy escape routes south and west, as the ARVN units moved in from north and east. Captains Jack D. Ragsdale [702], James H. Haas [359], John H. Lenox [504], and 1LT Robert Langevin [487] were recommended for the Cross of Gallantry for their valorous actions.

MAINTENANCE PLATOON

During the year 1967, the maintenance platoon suffered its usual vicissitudes and it was the hope of each of the maintenance officers that the percentage of aircraft availability was greater than the percentage grounded. 1 January 1967 saw the start of a new year and a very short lived trend for maintenance. During the first months of the year there were no aircraft EDP. As figures will show, this phenomenon was never to occur again. February saw another high aircraft availability rate. This was due to the reduced number of hours the aircraft remained in maintenance. This decrease in maintenance time was so outstanding that it caused a strain on supply channels to fill the tremendous flow of parts requests. A new maintenance officer, Captain Alfred T. Nordgren [633], soon to become Major, joined the 221st RAC in April. With a new officer at the helm, maintenance compiled a most significant 97 per cent aircraft availability rate for the months of May and June. Supply channels, became adjusted to the rapid pace of the unit's maintenance platoon, and in addition to new techniques introduced by the maintenance officer were the major factors for this outstanding achievement. A new training program for crew chiefs was also introduced to maintenance. New crew chief personnel coming into the unit would spend about one month in the maintenance platoon. This served a two-fold purpose, First they received thorough refresher training since many of them lacked practical experience and secondly, they learned first hand what was expected of them while they served in the field. This concept has proven so successful that it became incorporated into the maintenance SOP. During the month of July, a new O-1 company joined the 221st RAC in the Delta. The 199th Aviation Company, Swamp Foxes, along with taking over part of our great responsibility, took over some of our aircraft. August saw the 221st RAC go from 33 O-1's to 26. Maintenance personnel were also traded in an infusion program. New faces and the beginning of what was to become a long slide down hill in the personnel situation, began to

plague the maintenance platoon. A rash of bullet riddled airplanes kept our sheet metal shop busy from morning till night patching. To make matters worse, a few pilots presented maintenance problems with damage inflicted by friendly, but unskilled marksman observers. Maintenance again saw a change in leadership as Major Al Nordgren [633] moved into the executive officers chair and Captain Howard B. Gentle [317] took over the maintenance officers hot spot. As an additional duty Captain Gentle [317] also served as company standardization pilot. In November 1967, aircraft 55-4968, damaged by a VC mortar and attack on Soc Trang, was declared repairable and the sheet metal shop was again called upon to perform a small miracle. After patching more than 50 individual holes in this aircraft, the day for test flying "Patches" arrived. Much to the surprise and delight of all, the aircraft turned in a sterling performance with a rate of climb of 900 feet per minute and a cruise speed of 115 miles per hour. During this same attack, another aircraft met its end when a mortar round exploded not four feet from the nose of the ship.

AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY FOR 1 JAN 1967 THROUGH 31 DEC 1967 WAS AS FOLLOWS

Month	# of Aircraft	Total Hrs Flown	% Availability	Hrs Supply	Hrs Maint
JAN	31	2938	95	0	1121
FEB	30	2743	95	116	820
MAR	30	2921	94	126	1240
APR	30	2725	92	841	842
MAY	31	2616	97	68	553
JUN	32	2602	97	70	881
JUL	33	2633	95	1029	623
AUG	26	2078	94	942	555
SEP	26	2655	89	751	1291
OCT	26	2653	87	552	1434
NOV	26	2579	87	806	1384
DEC	28	2599	87	696	1902

AIRFRAME HOURS 1967

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	2938
FEBRUARY	2743
MARCH	2921
APRIL	2725
MAY	2616
JUNE	2602
JULY *	2738
AUGUST *	2774
SEPTEMBER *	3161
OCTOBER *	3049
NOVEMBER *	2924
DECEMBER *	2518

* Includes aircraft TDY to 199th Recon Airplane Company

AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY IN 1967

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	95%
FEBRUARY	95%
MARCH	94%
APRIL	92%
MAY	97%
JUNE	97%
JULY	95%
AUGUST	94%
SEPTEMBER	89%
OCTOBER	87%
NOVEMBER	87%
DECEMBER	87%

SUPPLY

A number of new items procured by the company during the year through supply channels served to make possible survival safer and rescue speedier for the downed aviator. Colt automatic rifles (CAR 15) which can be fired automatically or semi-automatically were acquired. The weapon's compactness and lightness made it a suitable and convenient weapon to carry in the aircraft or utilize in an emergency situation and was distributed to sector pilots. A new type of lightweight survival kit capable of being suspended from the pistol belt was received. The new survival kit is a one piece unit containing the essential items of first aid plus useful survival tools. The RT-10, a compact radio capable of fitting into a flak vest pocket is a handy new acquisition given to all aviators. It is more advantageous than its predecessor in that the battery is contained within the radio rather than an attached item. The supply acquisition continued to be a slow process. Critical shortages continued in specialized items required by aviators. Class II items became more readily available and acquirable than previously. The loss of the two U-6A's was detrimental to our supply system in that ready acquisition of supply items from Vung Tau was curtailed and we were compelled to accept delays in shipment until alternate sources of transportation could be arranged.

MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

On 23 July 1967, the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Mr. Stanley R. Resor recognized the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company for its meritorious achievements during the period 1 February 1966 to 30 November 1966 by awarding them the much coveted Meritorious Unit Commendation. This award reflects great credit on "Shotguns" past and present. The citation of the award cannot possibly portray the sweat, blood, and tears of every last man of the unit who ultimately made the award a reality. However in a minute effort to give much earned recognition to these men of a past "Shotgun" era, a copy of the citation follows:

CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

THE 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (O-1) DISTINGUISHED ITSELF IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM FEBRUARY 1966 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1966. THE MEMBERS OF THIS UNIT DEMONSTRATED EXTRAORDINARY FORTITUDE, TENACITY, AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE IN PROVIDING PHENOMINAL COMBAT AVIATION SUPPORT TO ALLIED FORCES THROUGHOUT ITS AREA OF TACTICAL RESPONSIBILITY. FLYING AN AVERAGE OF 3000 HOURS PER MONTH, THE UNIT HAS CONSISTENTLY ACCOMPLISHED A REMARKABLY HIGH QUALITY OF AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS OVER THE 30,000 SQUARE MILE IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. THE UNIT PILOTS AND CREWS SELFESSLY FLEW INNUMERABLE MISSIONS UNDER THE MOST ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, DARKNESS, AND HOSTILE FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN A METICULOUS DAILY ACCOUNT OF ENEMT LOCATIONS, NUMERICAL STRENGTH, AND WEAPONRY. CONSTANTLY MAINTAINING THE ULTIMATE IN AERIAL SUPPORT, THE 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (O-1) REPEATEDLY PERFORMED BEYOND ITS NORMAL CAPABILITIES IN SERVING NOT ONLY AS AN OBSERVATION ELEMENT, BUT ALSO AS RADIO RELAY, CONVOY ESCORT, ARTILLERY ADJUSTMENT, AERIAL RSUPPLY, AND COMMAND LIAISON. THE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE PERSONNEL OF THIS EXEMPLARY COMPANY SERVED AS THE IMPETUS BEHIND FRIENDLY VICTORIES OVER HARD-CORE ENEMY FORCES. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE END MISSION OF THE ALLIED FORCES, THE COMPANY ADOPTED AN ORPHANAGE, CONTRIBUTED REGULARLU TO TWO OTHER ORPHANAGES AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN

VOLUNTARY CIVIC PROGRAMS TO SOLIDIFY THE RAPPORT BETWEEN THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE ALLIED PERSONNEL. THE BOUNDLESS COURAGE, PRESERVERANCE, AND DEDICATED DEVOTION TO DUTY DISPLAYED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (O-1) WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT DISTINCT CREDIT UPON THEM AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

AWARDS

And so on the strife of the battle of life,

It's easy to fight when you're winning;

It's easy to slave and storm and be brave

When the dawn of success is beginning.

To the men of our unit, valor, heroism, gallantry, and intrepidity are not esoteric and intangible qualities, but are frequent experiences in combat missions. Flying at low level to pinpoint the enemy, exposing the aircraft to intense hostile fire to divert the enemy from entrapped friendly units, assaulting heavily defended positions, completing missions with crippled aircraft - none of these actions and instances are rare. Through death and danger shadowed our lives, an innate strength of mind and a resolution of purpose enabling us to encounter fear and peril leads us forward. Many striking examples of heroism above and beyond the call of duty have been recorded within this chapter; many more equally significant have eluded this chronicle slipping into the unwritten past quietly, unpretentiously, and unknown.

AWARDS

The following personnel of the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company are recognized for their achievement and valor in the face of the enemy.

Captain Charles J. Banks [027]. . . A Distinguished Service Cross. . . conducted a ground briefing assembly at Can Tho Army Air Base. . . observed a Viet Cong terrorist arise from the tall grass and throw a hand grenade between two nearby 5000 gallon fuel tanks. . . immediately sounded the alarm. . . jumped on the grenade. . . covered it with his own body. . . ascertaining that his men were out of immediate danger, he leapt to his feet and hurled the grenade back in the direction of the terrorist. . . it exploded in the air but failed to ignite the highly flammable fuel container.

Captain Raymond R. Rau [706]. . . a Distinguished Service cross. . . supported a 5th Special Forces Mobile Guerrilla Force pinned down by enemy fire. . . dove his aircraft down drawing intense enemy fire as he searched for enemy positions. . . fired his HE rockets which caused debris from the resulting explosions to cover his aircraft. . . directed fires of armed helicopter, AC-47 aircraft, two Navy patrol boats and a United States destroyer. . . marked enemy positions with his landing light when armament was expended, outlining himself against the sky. . . completed flying his 16th hour over the remainder of a once strong enemy force.

Captain Boyce A. Gates [311]. . . a Silver Star Medal. . . attacked and suppressed a superior sized Viet Cong force pinning down an ARVN unit. . . received heavy ground fire. . . made low passes over enemy to fix their location. . . directed friendly troops in a flanking movement. . . again made rocket runs plunging to point blank range to bring deadly accurate fire on the enemy.

Captains Bobby J. Gee [314], Richard G. Rentmeester [710], and Charles J. Banks [027]. . . Silver Star Medals. . . volunteered to fly on a vitally important photographic mission in the infamous area of Long Than secret zone to confirm locations of bunkers, gun emplacements, and areas of enemy concentrations. . . employed a plan of deception to accomplish mission. . . made 35 to 40 low level passes over the target area for two hours under exposure of heavy automatic weapon's fire. . . intelligence resulted in extremely effective operation destroying enemy caches, fortifications, bunkers, and personnel.

1LT Gerald L. Borchardt [070]. . . a Distinguished Flying Cross. . . supported a Special Forces unit ambushed in heavy mountainous terrain on Phu Quoc Island. . . dropped down to tree top level to locate friendly troops. . . became the target of intense hostile fire. . . received two hits on his aircraft. . . pressed on his attack firing aerial rockets and his automatic weapon after expending his rockets. . . directed the firing of a U.S. destroyer against the disorganized and fleeing enemy to complete their destruction.

Captain Jimmy J. McGraw [562]. . . a Distinguished Flying Cross. . . provided operational coverage for a three day regimental operation. . . flew through heavy enemy ground fire repeatedly to locate the enemy. . . untiringly directed artillery, airstrikes, medivac helicopters, and provided communications relay.

Captain Alonzo J. Poindexter [678]. . .a Distinguished Flying Cross. . .supported Phu Long outpost under enemy attack in Sadec sector. . .made four low rocket runs against attacking enemy. . .received intense small arms fire and automatic weapons fire. . .adjusted artillery until supporting ground troops arrived.

Captain Raymond R. Rau [706]. . .a Distinguished Flying Cross. . .provided coverage for Navy SEAL teams. . .drew fire to his aircraft by flying low to pinpoint enemy positions. . .returned the fire using wing mounted M-60 machine guns and explosive rockets at tree top level to insure accurate placement of armament. . .caused fire to be suppressed. . .vectored the SEALs to a safe position. . .controlled airstrikes inflicting damage and destroying a prepared ambush.

Captain Alfred F. Schwinghammer [768]. . .a Distinguished Flying Cross. . .supported the IV Corps Mike Force in the Seven Mountain area of Chau Doc Province. . .fired aerial rockets breaking up the main attack on the Mike Force. . .forced an overwhelming numerically stronger enemy to withdraw. . .rearmed his plane. . .repeated rocket runs. . .encountered heavy automatic weapons fire. . .unleashed his rockets with maximum damage to the enemy. . .continued providing Mike Force with close air support.

Captain James E. Stone Jr [843]. . .a Distinguished Flying Cross. . .defended Binh Thuy Air Base under heavy weapons attack. . .acted as command and control ship. . .coordinated counter battery fire and airstrikes at enemy positions. . .caused enemy to break off their attacks. . .located enemy escape route. . .directed armed helicopters and a fighter bomber airstrike on the hostile forces.

Captain Gary D. Varner [895]. . .a Distinguished Flying Cross. . .supported a battalion sized operation in Go Gong Province. . .discovered a platoon sized enemy force which had eluded friendly ground units, unhesitatingly flew through intense hostile ground fire. . .attacked the enemy with his rockets. . .later directed friendly forces to area to defeat the hostile force.

ADDITIONAL LAURELS

BRONZE STAR W/OLC

BANKS [027]	Charles J.	CPT
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BRONZE STAR

ALLEN [010]	Frank B.	CPT
BARNETT [032]	Joseph F.	SFC
CHRISTIANSEN [152]	John E.	CPT
COLLINS [165]	Andrew B.	SFC
DILLARD [221]	Dale P.	CPT
ELLETT [253]	Dan A.	CPT
FRESHOUR [300]	Charles F.	CPT
GEE [314]	Bobby J.	CPT
GUENTHER [353]	Fredrick L.	CPT
HAAS [359]	James H.	CPT
HERVEY [393]	Albert E.	CPT
JOHNSON [438]	Emmett F.	CPT
LOFTIS [520]	Virgil D.	CPT
MARLOW [531]	Michael M.	CPT
MASSEY [541]	Ronald F.	CPT
McGRAW [562]	Jimmy J.	CPT
POINDEXTER [678]	Alonzo J.	CPT
POOR [683]	William T.	MAJ
PROCHASKA [695]	Charles W.	SP5
RENTMEESTER [710]	Richard G.	CPT
SCHWINGHAMMER [768]	Alfred G.	CPT
STOCKTON [841]	Larry D.	CPT
STORA [844]	Thomas W.	SP4
WILLIAMS [943]	Earl	CPT

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V"

LERCH [507]	Paul S.	CPT
STONE [843]	James E.	CPT
SPAIN [817]	Alfred T.	CPT

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

ANDERSON [014]	Gary A.	SP4
ELLETT [253]	Dan A.	CPT

GEE [314]	Bobby J.	CPT
GROCE [349]	Robert W.	SP5
HILL [398]	Bruce J.	SP5
HUEY [421]	Henry C.	SP6
NORDGREN [633]	Alfred E.	MAJ
STATON [832]	Robert E.	SP5
THOMPSON [878]	Tommy G.	SP5

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL W/"V"

BANKS [027]	Charles J.	CPT
RAU [706]	Raymond R.	MAJ

PURPLE HEART

BANKS [027]	Charles J.	CPT
GATES [311]	Boyce A.	CPT
HAMNER [369]	Ralph H.	MAJ
BORCHARDT [070]	Gerald L.	1LT
SPAIN [817]	Alfred T.	CPT

AIR MEDAL W/"V"

WILLIAMS [943]	Earl	CPT
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GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

HUYETT [424]	Wayne A	SP5
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REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM "CROSS OF GALLANTRY"

BRYAN [101]	Edward R.	CPT
HERVEY [393]	Albert E.	CPT
MONTGOMERY [597]	William C.	CPT
POOR [683]	William T.	MAJ
HAAS [359]	James H.	CPT
LANDEVIN [487]	Robert E.	1LT
LENOX [504]	John H.	CPT
SUNDBERG [854]	David C.	CPT
SVARRER [856]	Norman H.	CPT
GASKINS [310]	Philip W.	CPT
DAVIS [203]	Richard W.	CPT
RAGSDALE [702]	Jack D.	CPT
RICE [714]	Charles	CPT

COMMAND AND CONTROL

COMMANDING OFFICERS

Major William T. Poor [683]	01 Jan 67 – 08 Mar 67
Major Ralph H. Hamner [369]	09 Mar 67 - 01 Dec 67
Major James R. Mellish [572]	02 Dec 67 - 31 Dec 67

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Captain Damen W. Agee [005]	01 Jan 67 – 22 Apr 67
Major Charles R. Latta [493]	23 Apr 67 – 03 Jun 67
Major Luther C. Gatling [313]	04 Jun 67 - 30 Sep 67
Major Alfred E. Nordgren [633]	01 Oct 67 - 31 Dec 67

OPERATIONS OFFICERS

Captain Frank B. Allen [010]	01 Jan 67 – 21 Apr 67
Captain Damen W. Agee [005]	22 Apr 67 – 04 Jul 67
Captain Dan A. Ellett [253]	05 Jul 67 – 20 Oct 67
Captain Raymond R. Rau [706]	21 Oct 67 – 31 Dec 67

FIRST SERGEANTS

1SG Guy Robertson [731]	01 Jan 67 – 17 Jul 67
1SG Wallace M. Conerly [169]	18 Jul 67 – 31 Dec 67

PLATOON LEADERS OF THE 221ST DURING THE PERIOD OF 1 JAN 67 – 31 DEC 67

1st PLATOON

Captain Emmet F. Johnson [438]

Captain Earl Williams [943]

Captain Ronald M. Fishburn [274]

Captain Thomas L. Barnes [031]

2ND PLATOON

Captain Charles J. Banks [027]

Captain Raymond R. Rau [706]

Captain Dan A. Ellett [253]

3RD PLATOON

Captain Jimmy J. McGraw [562]

Captain Robert S. Jones Jr. [448]

Captain John H. Lenox Jr. [504]

4TH PLATOON

Captain Larry D. Stockton [841]

Captain Philip W. Gaskins [310]

MAINTENANCE PLATOON

Captain Fredrick L. Guenther [353]

Captain Alfred T. Nordgren Jr. [633]

Captain Howard B. Gentle Jr. [317]

OFFICERS ASSIGNED IN 1967

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE ASSIGNED
1LT	ALMAND [012]	William J.	23 Jul 67
1LT	BELL [043]	Douglas J.	26 Jan 67
CPT	BROWNING Jr. [095]	James M.	23 Jul 67
1LT	BORCHARDT [070]	Gerald L.	7 Aug 67
1LT	BOYD [072]	Fredrick S.	17 Sep 67
1LT	CHRISTIANSEN [152]	John E.	9 Jan 67
CPT	CONROY [173]	Calvin W.	18 Apr 67
1LT	CORONE [182]	Dan T.	22 Jun 67
CPT	CHAPMAN [147]	Keith E.	29 May 67
CPT	DAVIS [203]	Richard W.	7 Jun 67
1LT	DUMCUM [243]	Robert L.	9 Jun 67
1LT	EASLEY [250]	Ronald E.	29 May 67
CPT	ELLETT [253]	Dan A.	2 Mar 67
CPT	FISHBURN [274]	Ronald M.	31 May 67
MAJ	GATLING [313]	Luther C.	3 Jun 67
WO1	GLEASON [333]	George E.	24 Jun 67
CPT	GENTLE Jr. [317]	Howard B.	16 Apr 67
CPT	GASKINS [310]	Philip W.	16 Apr 67
1LT	HAAS [359]	James J.	31 Jan 67
MAJ	HAMNER [369]	Ralph H.	8 Mar 67
CPT	JONES [448]	Robert S.	26 Jun 67
MAJ	LATTA [493]	Charles R.	20 Apr 67
CPT	LENOX [504]	John H.	28 Apr 67
CPT	LARSON Jr. [491]	Kermit E.	14 Jun 67
CPT	LAZZARI [500]	Joseph D.	2 Jul 67
CPT	MEISSNER [571]	Kenith E.	23 Jan 67
CPT	METZGER [579]	Robert S.	20 Jul 67
1LT	MUNSON [619]	Merton E.	2 Sep 67
MAJ	MELLISH [572]	James R.	1 Dec 67
CPT	NORDGREN Jr. [633]	Alfred E.	21 Mar 67
1LT	NICKOLSON [632]	Donald	20 Jul 67
1LT	O'NEAL [642]	Kenneth D.	10 Sep 67
CPT	PRIBNOW [694]	Richard M.	11 Feb 67
CPT	PITTENGER [673]	Jerald F.	14 Apr 67
1LT	PREBLE [692]	Theodore C.	14 Apr 67
CPT	RAGSDALE [702]	Jack D.	14 Sep 67
CPT	RAU [706]	Raymond R.	25 Apr 67
CPT	RICE [714]	Charles O.	20 Jun 67
1LT	STEPHENSON [837]	Terry B.	27 May 67
WO1	SHOUP [788]	Richard W.	11 Jun 67
1LT	SANDERS [755]	Harry C.	23 Jul 67
CPT	SPAIN [817]	Alfred T.	21 Sep 67

CPT	THOMAS [870]	Edward M.	7 Apr 67
1LT	VOGT [901]	Ross D.	10 Sep 67
1LT	WATSON [917]	Bernard M.	20 Aug 67

ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED IN 1967

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE ASSIGNED
PFC	ANDERSON [014]	Gary A.	67
PVT	BENNETT [047]	Wayne G.	67
PVT	BLUM [064]	Louis G.	67
PFC	BUTLER [114]	Leslie L.	67
SP4	BURRIS [109]	Sidney	67
PFC	BENDELE [046]	Kenneth A.	67
SSG	BOYETT [073]	Leonard J.	67
SP5	BATSON [034]	Randall E.	67
SP6	BENSON [048]	Robert A.	67
PFC	BURR [107]	John D.	67
SSG	BARNETT [032]	Joseph E.	67
PFC	BOROS [071]	Maris B.	67
SP4	BERGER [050]	Gary L.	67
SGT	BELLE [044]	Clarence	67
SP4	CALESTINI [123]	Robert S.	67
PFC	COREY [180]	David W.	67
PVT	COLLINS [164]	Alfred O.	67
PFC	CORRY [183]	John J.	67
MSG	CONERLY [169]	Wallace M.	67
PVT	CRAGE [188]	Thomas P.	67
SP5	CURRY [198]	Michael J.	67
PFC	CARRINGTON [137]	Major T.	67
SP4	DUPONT [246]	Robert J.	67
SFC	DICKEY [217]	Ira L.	67
SSG	DOTSON [233]	James	67
SP4	DEANS [206]	James L.	67
PVT	DAUGHERTY [234]	George	67
PFC	DUFFELL [239]	James W.	67
PFC	DUNHAM [244]	Mervin A.	67
PVT	DEVLIN [213]	Joseph J.	67
PFC	DIXON [225]	John F.	67
PFC	ESTES [255]	Ronald J.	67
SP4	EVANS [261]	Robert L.	67
PFC	EVANS [258]	John A.	67
SFC	EVANS [257]	Carroll H.	67
SP5	FLICK [280]	Alfred D.	67
SP5	FRANKOVICH [292]	Franky V.	67
SP4	GILBERT [324]	Larry E.	67
PFC	GICS [323]	Paul W.	67
SP5	HUYETT [424]	Wayne A.	67
SFC	HUTCHINSON [423]	Rex L.	67
SP4	HAUSEL [383]	Kenneth G.	67

SP4	JACOBS [432]	Standley A.	67
PVT	JULETTE [452]	Dale L.	67
SP4	JOHNSON [440]	Jimmy R.	67
SP4	JACQUES [433]	Robert N.	67
PVT	KEMP [457]	Jerald D.	67
SP5	KENDRICK [458]	Nolan	67
SP4	KRAUSE [478]	Richard L.	67
SP5	LANCASTER [485]	Jerry W.	67
PFC	LITTELL [516]	James W.	67
SP4	LAURENDEAU [494]	Stepen L.	67
PFC	LYNN [524]	Richard D.	67
SP4	McDONALD [557]	Thomas C.	67
PVT	McCARTHY [552]	Willie E.	67
SP4	MONROE [596]	David J.	67
PVT	MORRIS [607]	Robert L.	67
SP4	MORE [603]	Jeffrey R.	67
SP4	MOCK [591]	Fred L.	67
PFC	NEWSOME [631]	Benjamin F.	67
SP5	PREBLE [693]	Robert J.	67
SP5	PENN [658]	David T.	67
SP5	PODISH [[677]	Edward	67
PFC	PAUL [651]	Allen	67
SP5	POWELL [688]	Johnny L.	67
SP5	POPE [684]	Jasper J.	67
SP4	RIVERA [727]	Rafael	67
SP4	ROBINSON [733]	Dennis G.	67
SP5	ROWE [746]	Roger D.	67
SP4	ROBERTS [728]	Alfred D.	67
SP5	ROLANDO [739]	Fredrick D.	67
SP5	REYNOLDS [713]	Terry L.	67
PVT	RARDIN [705]	Clemons B.	67
PFC	SAMMONS [753]	Lawrence G.	67
SP5	STEINWAY [835]	Paul D.	67
PVT	SHAEFFER [778]	Roger M.	67
SP4	SCHAFFITZEL [763]	Robert	67
SFC	SOKOLOSKI [812]	Charles E.	67
PFC	SCOTT [769]	David A.	67
PFC	SIMPSON [793]	James W.	67
SP4	SEARS [772]	Randal E.	67
SSG	STERM [840]	Gerald L.	67
SP5	STREETS [848]	Lucky	67
PVT	THOMPSON [877]	Spencer	67
PFC	TAYLOR [868]	William B.	67
PVT	VERNON [897]	Dale L.	67
PFC	WILLIAMS [940]	Billie M.	67

PVT	ZIMNAWODA [967]	Edward S.	67
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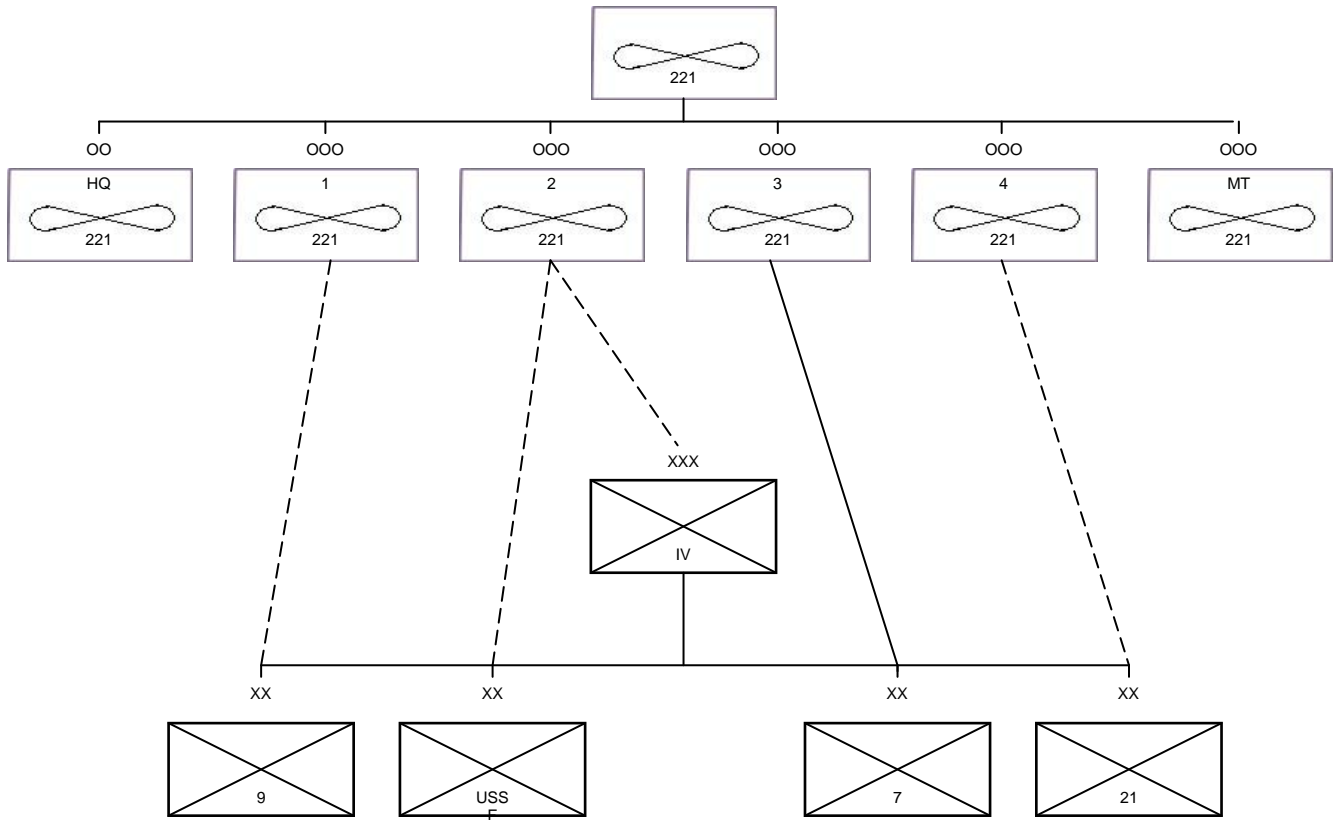


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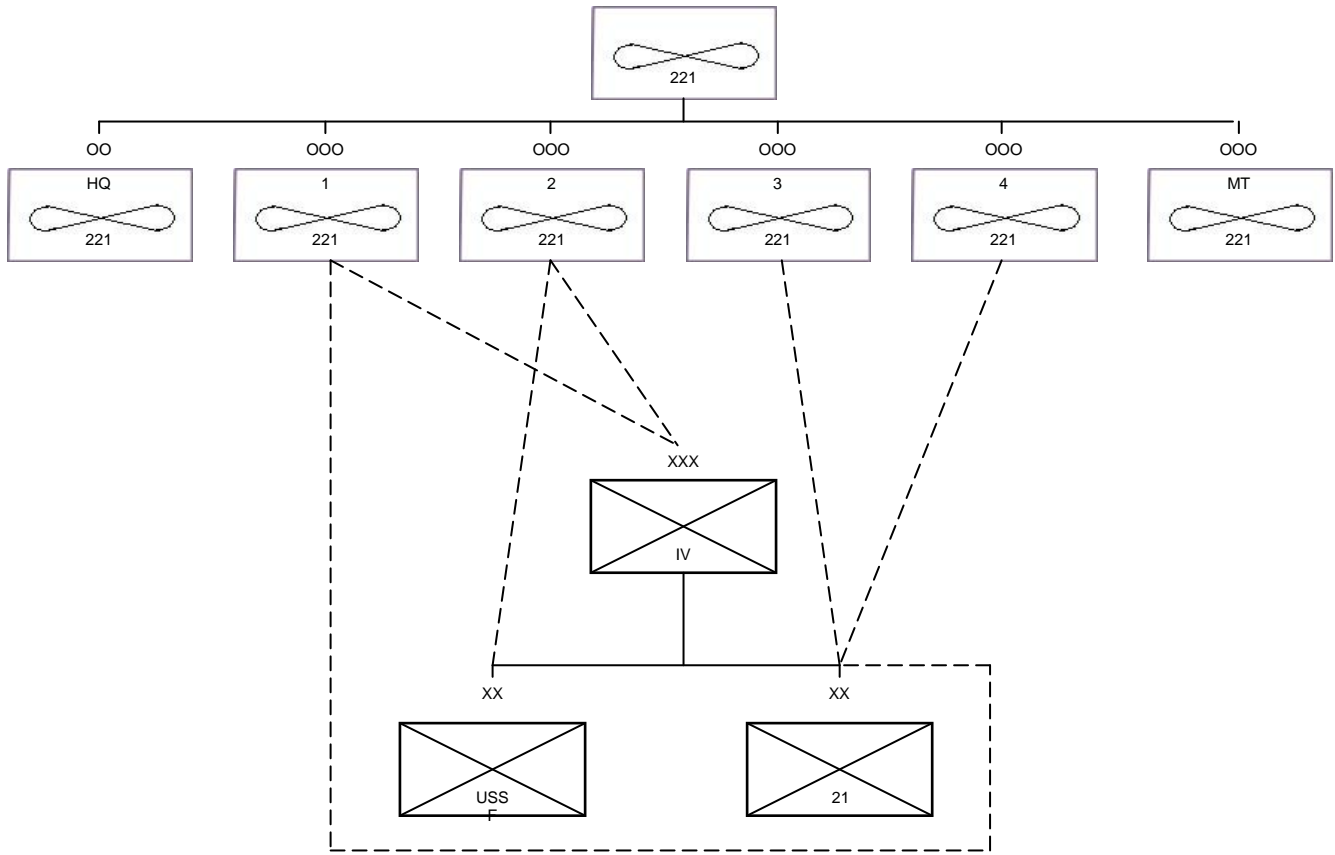


Table of Organization: 1 Jul 67 – 31 Dec 67

Command _____ Support - - - - -

The following listing depicted on the attached map, shows the disposition of the aircraft of the 221st Reconnaissance Airplane Company from 1 January 1967 to 30 June 1967.

<u>PLATOON</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO OF A/C</u>	<u>UNIT OR SECTOR SUPPORTED</u>
1	Tra Binh	1	Vinh Binh Sector
1	Vinh Binh	1	Vinh Long Sector
1	Rach Gia	1	Kien Giang Sector
1	That Son (Chi Lang)	1	Chau Doc Sector
1	Cao Lahn	1	Kien Phong Sector
1	Long Xuyen	1	Sadec Sector
1	Vinh Long	3	9 th ARVN Division
2	Can Tho	4	IV Corps
2	Can Tho	2	5 th Special Forces
3	Moc Hoa	1	Kien Tuong Sector
3	Go Cong	1	Go Cong Sector
3	Truc Giang (Ben Tre)	1	Kien Hoa Sector
3	My Tho	1	Dinh Tuong Sector
3	Vinh Long	3	7 th ARVN Division
4	Can Tho	1	Phong Dinh Sector
4	Soc Trang	1	Ba Xuyen Sector
4	Vi Than	1	Chuong Thien Sector
4	Ca Mau	1	An Xuyen Sector
4	Bac Lieu	1	Bac Lieu Sector
4	Bac Lieu	3	21 st ARVN Division
Co HQ	Soc Trang	2	Co HQ

After the arrival of the 199th Reconnaissance Airplane Company in Vietnam, the 221st RAC's assets were redistributed as follows.

<u>PLATOON</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NO OF A/C</u>	<u>UNIT OR SECTOR SUPPORTED</u>
Co HQ	Soc Trang	5	Co HQ
2	Can Tho	2	5 th Special Forces
2	Can Tho	5	IV ARVN Corps
3	Soc Trang	2	Ba Xuyen Sector
3	Soc Trang	4	Costal Surveillance
3	Vi Than	2	Chuong Thien Sector
4	Bac Lieu	2	Bac Lieu Sector
4	Bac Lieu	4	21 st ARVN Division
4	Ca Mau	2	An Xuyen Sector

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