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## FOREWARD

As 1969 closes out another decade we find the 221<sup>st</sup> Aviation Company (Utility Airplane) in the midst of its fifth year in Vietnam and continuing its primary mission of finding the enemy. As the records indicate the “Shotguns have played a continuing role in the Army’s mission to assist in containing the enemy while Vietnamization turns into full swing.

The documentary that follows is a continuing story of a unit, the 221<sup>st</sup> and more than that, it is the story of gallant men serving the cause of freedom and serving proudly.

/s/

JIMMY J. McGRAW [562]  
MAJ, SC  
Commanding

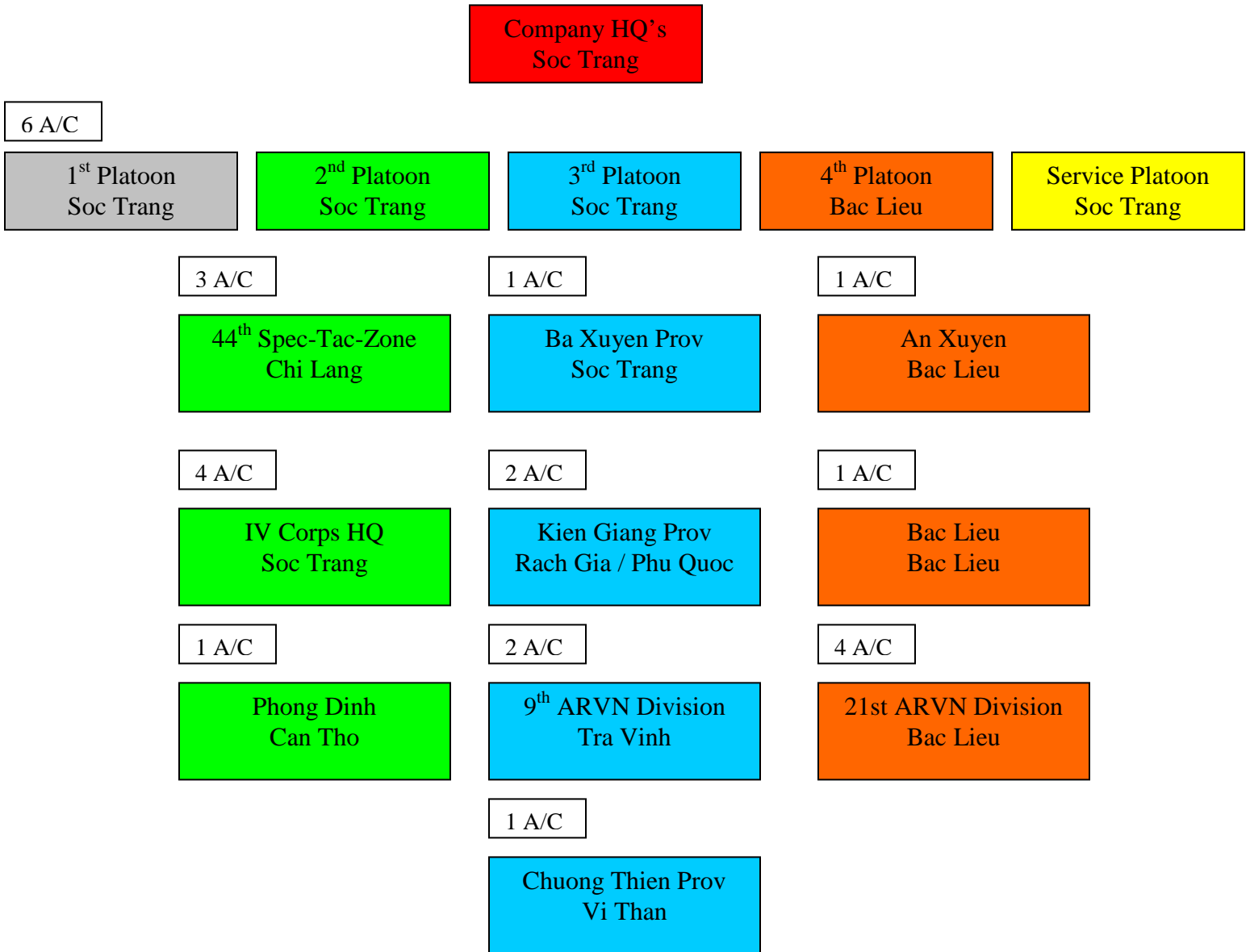
## HERALDRY

### SYMBOLIC DESCRIPTION OF UNIT CREST

The Crest of the 221<sup>st</sup> Aviation Company (Util Apln) is a unique creation. It is shaped to resemble the Greek letter delta ( $\Delta$ ) depicting the Mekong Delta which is the 221<sup>st</sup> area of participation in the Vietnam campaign. It is bordered in gold suggesting the luminescence of the sun's rays shining onto a green base representing the verdant lushness of the delta region. Raised white alae symbolize wings of flight and the aviator's mission. Our call sign, one of the most widely known and highly respected in the Republic, is depicted by two double-barreled shotguns, symbolic of strength and effectiveness at short range. The barrels cross and permeate the center of the cat's eye suggesting the unit's perpetual vigilance over the delta. Cunning and resourceful, alert and responsive, this unit provides the "EYES OVER THE DELTA".



COMMAND AND CONTROL



## COMMAND AND CONTROL

### COMMANDING OFFICERS

Major Robert W. Hornaday [411]	01 Jan 69 – 27 Jan 69
Major Anthony J. Ortner [644]	28 Jan 69 - ?? Jul 69
Major Ronald H. Thornquist [879]	?? Jul 69 - 31 Dec 69

### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Captain James H. Hague [362]	01 Jan 69 – 01 May 69
Captain Michael E. Lawson [498]	02 May 69 – 31 Dec 69

### OPERATIONS OFFICERS

Captain John R. Stanko [827]	01 Jan 69 – 20 Jan 69
Captain Richard A Eckhardt [251]	20 Jan 69 – 19 Jun 69
Captain Daniel M. McLaughlin [565]	20 Jun 69 – 21 Sep 69
Captain Kenneth M. Attaway [023]	22 Sep 69 – 31 Dec 69

### FIRST SERGEANTS

SFC Donald H. Greenlee [344]	01 Jan 69 – 04 Jan 69
1SG Elmer Brutton [100]	05 Jan 69 – 11 Aug 69
1SG Donald L. Beardon [039]	12 Aug 69 – 31 Dec 69

PLATOON LEADERS OF THE 221<sup>ST</sup> DURING THE PERIOD OF 1 JAN 69 – 31 DEC 692<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON

Captain Duane W. Wilcox [936]	1 Jan 69 – 18 May 69
Captain Richard L. Young [964]	19 May 69 – 6 Jul 69
Captain Richard G. Dickson [218]	07 Jul 69 – 31 Dec 69

3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON

Captain John R. Francis [291]	01 Jan 69 – 11 Feb 69
Captain Bruce G. Werner [922]	12 Feb 69 – 04 Jul 69
Captain Robert T. Clayton [159]	05 Jul 69 – 31 Dec 69

4<sup>TH</sup> PLATOON

Captain Richard A. Eckhardt [251]	01 Jan 69 – 03 Feb 69
Captain Daniel M. McLaughlin [565]	04 Feb 69 – 19 Jun 69
Captain Joseph W. Cody [161]	20 Jun 69 – 31 Dec 69

## MAINTENANCE PLATOON

Captain Dexter A. Pond [680]	01 Jan 69 – 10 Aug 69
Captain David J. Horridge [413]	11 Aug 69 – 31 Dec 69



## SECOND PLATOON

Nineteen Sixty Nine was a year of reorganization and relocation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon. The movement of the platoon headquarters from Can Tho Army Airfield to Soc Trang, caused by the assignment of additional units and reorganization of the physical layout of Can Tho Army Airfield was probably the biggest event of the year. The four aircraft assigned to the support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Corps Tactical Zone continued to stay very busy in 1969. These aircraft flew almost daily convoy cover missions to all points in the Delta plus numerous photo missions over reported areas of VC activity and along all border areas. The Second Platoon continued to support the Navy with many Naval gun fire missions. Along with numerous VR missions this section assumed the mission of flying the classified courier from Can Tho to Tan An, Tan Son Nhut, Bien Hoa and return on a daily basis. The pilot and crew chief assigned to Phong Dinh Province became very busy in 1969 when the reorganization limited the provinces to one "Shotgun". The two aircraft assigned in support of the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces in Can Tho were reassigned with one additional aircraft to the 44<sup>th</sup> Special Zone stationed at Chi Lang. These three aircraft and crews under the direction of Captain Attaway [023] and later Captain Alexander [008] became known as the Chi Lang Warriors as they found themselves stationed at the foot of seven mountains with two regiments of NVA controlling the peaks. Under the harassment of almost daily indirect fire, attacks, and ground probes, the Chi Lang personnel contributed much to limiting NVA infiltration along the Cambodian border route. The VC launched no large sc-offensives in 1969 so not much can be written this year about the valorous actions of the individual pilots and crew chiefs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon. But, by providing constant reconnaissance and surveillance the "Shotguns" of the Second Platoon played no small part in making 1969 a relatively quiet year in terms of Viet Cong activity.

## THIRD PLATOON

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon has supported sector operations in Ba Xuyen, Chuong Thien, and Kien Giang Provinces in addition to Phu Quoc Island and the 9<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division. Activity in Chuong Thien during the period of 1 Jan 69 – 31 Dec 69 has been primarily small unit engagements. Captain David H. Hicks [395], Captain David J. McGowan [561], and Lt. John Hooks [409] were instrumental in visual reconnaissance and interdiction within their TAOR.

In Kien Giang Province the VC activity has been sporadic during the year. Captain Robert Dews [214], Captain James Burgansky [102], and WO1 Ralph Howard [415] covered numerous operations and through the use of available air assets, artillery, and their own rockets, were successful in neutralizing the enemies activity in Chuong Thien.

In Ba Xuyen Province, Lt. Frank Bracken [076] and Captain Robert Clayton [159] covered numerous operations and were primarily concerned with eliminating the enemy activities around Soc Trang Airfield. The Third Platoon was assigned the responsibility to provide 2 aircraft in support of the 9<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division, being mobile they have staged out of Vi Than, Rach Gia, and Vinh Long. They have provided the 9<sup>th</sup> ARVN Division with artillery and combat coverage.

The result while supporting these three provinces in the 21<sup>st</sup> ARVN Division area of responsibility have accounted for numerous KBA and have impaired the enemies ability to carry out any major offensive with in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon TAOR.

## FOURTH PLATOON

The new year started off in a truly satisfying fashion for the 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon, which covered a very successful 21<sup>st</sup> Division operation during which 1LT Roe was repatriated. He was a prisoner of the VC for almost five years in their fading sanctuary of the Nam Can and U Minh forests Shotgun pilots from the Ca Mau sector and division section continued to cover the Allied operation with hopes of further repatriates, however, continuous contact with fleeing VC elements led to no further American escapes.

Bac Lieu sector pilots, not to be out done by the division section were also in the thick of POW operations. During this period Shotgun sector pilots covered operations during which forty-eight VC were captured, three killed, and no fewer than twenty-nine ARVN soldiers were liberated. All pilots were forced to celebrate New Years a little later than expected due to heavy flying loads, but then when the operations were finished they really had something to celebrate.

The pre-TET period saw the 4<sup>th</sup> Platoon engaged in numerous VR, artillery, and operation support missions. Sector again placed emphasis on artillery adjustment, particularly in Bac Lieu Province which started a new campaign in the Southwest Free-fire Area.

VC activity was on an obvious increase during these months in the sector and division units. Anti-personnel mines were utilized and terrorist activities were on the up-rise. Shotgun pilots made close reconnaissance of the outlying units as intelligence reports indicated that they were prime targets for the VC. Bac Lieu pilots were given a freer hand in dealing with the VC fleeing from ground operations, and as a result the Shotguns became more effective.

Ca Mau pilots received increased ground fire, and the airfield and city were both mortared as pre-TET harassment. As the holiday came closer, all operations moved nearer to the major population centers. At 0200 on March 12, VC mining and terrorist tactics culminated with an attack on Bac

Lieu airfield. An estimated 200 sappers infiltrated onto the ARVN compound gaining control for a devastating forty minutes of destruction. During the attack, three Shotgun aircraft were destroyed and one was damaged, but repairable. The next morning, with the aid of two float planes for company operations, Shotgun pilots located an estimated forty enemy moving in formation. With the use of Warrior gun ships obtained through Shotgun Operations, nineteen VC were killed.

In the days that followed, Shotgun aircraft from both sector and division covered operations in pursuit of the VC. The operations were quite successful and several observations by pilots caused some deviations to operations resulting in light to heavy contact.

In the months that followed the airfield attack, division operations were concentrated on the Vi Than and U Minh forest areas. Shotguns continued to cover operations, VR, and call in artillery in their support. Artillery was used to clear many mine fields as were as the close supporting fires which division Shotguns were occasionally called upon to adjust.

Sector pilots continued to do an outstanding job for the various RF/PF units in An Xuyen and Bac Lieu Provinces. Numerous heroic actions have earned these men the respect of their ground counterparts and of their comrades. The closing months found the Delta faced with a not new out more numerous North Vietnamese Army threat. Both sector pilots and divisional pilots face a new element with the coming of Vietnamization and the 70's.

## AWARDS

## DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

WERNER [922]	Bruce	CPT
KUMMINGS [481]	James	CPT
THOMPSON [876]	James	CPT
RAINES [703]	Samuel C.	CPT
MOFFETT [593]	Paul M.	CPT
MARTY [540]	Larry	CPT
CLAYTON [159]	Robert	CPT
BOHRINGER [068]	William	CPT

## BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE FOR HEROISM

BLACKMAN [057]	Robert A.	SP4
GILLS [328]	Robert W.	SP4
BRILES [083]	Billy R.	PFC

## AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE FOR HEROISM

BOHRINGER 068]	William	CPT
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## PURPLE HEART

KUMMINGS [481]	James A.	CPT
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## BRONZE STAR

AYERS [024]	William D.	CPT
ECKHARDT [251]	Richard A.	CPT
FRANCIS [291]	John R.	CPT
GARIK [307]	Walter P.	CPT
GRAY [343]	Jeffery L.	CPT
HICKS [395]	David H.	CPT
HORNADAY [411]	Robert W.	MAJ
YOUNG [964]	Richard L.	CPT
HOWE [416]	Henry S.	CPT
MOFFETT [593]	Paul M.	CPT

HAGUE [362]	James H.	CPT
WILCOX [936]	Duane W.	CPT
WIEDE [935]	Jack R.	CPT
RAINES [703]	Samuel C.	CPT
BLAZEK [062]	Charles S.	CPT
ORTNER [644]	Anthony J.	MAJ
GREENLEE [344]	Donald H.	SFC
GROVER [351]	Ernest M.	SFC
BRUTTON [100]	Elmer S.	1SG
DEANS [206]	James L.	SP5
CAREATHERS [133]	Clifford C.	SFC
HYDE [425]	Frank J.	SFC
McLAUGHLIN [565]	Daniel M.	CPT
PIGGOTT [672]	James W.	SFC
POOLE [681]	Erwin S.	CPT
ROBINSON [734]	Walter A.	CW2
SELANDER [776]	Lee M.	SFC
SIEVERS [775]	Arthur C.	1SG
SIMS [795]	Roger D.	CPT
STANKO [827]	John R.	CPT
STEVENSON [837]	Terry B.	CPT
BOHRINGER [068]	William W.	CPT
KUMMINGS [481]	James A.	CPT
THOMPSON [876]	James	CPT
MOFFETT [593]	Paul M.	CPT
TACKETT [858]	John A.	CPT
TWENTER [891]	John D.	CPT
ULVEDAL [893]	Robert J.	CPT
POND [680]	Dexter A.	CPT
FRANCIS [291]	John R.	CPT
JOHNSON [442]	Lawrence L.	CPT
KEAVENY [454]	James I.	CPT
SHAFER [779]	Paul E.	CPT
STERLING [839]	Dean A.	CPT
CLARK [157]	William F.	SFC
FANNING [265]	Norman G.	SFC
HYDE [426]	William E.	SFC
STENGEL [836]	Edward C.	SFC
POPE [684]	Jaspar T.	SSG
HOWE [418]	Roger D.	SSG
STREETS [848]	Lucky	SSG
SUGGS [853]	James N.	SSG
MOCK [591]	Fred L.	SP6
REESER [707]	Robert	SP6
RADMORE [700]	Fredrick	WO1

FERGUSON [271]	Parnell	SSG
TAYLOR [866]	Gary B.	1LT
TOWNSEND [884]	Mitchell	WO1
WOLFE [956]	Joseph G.	1LT

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

HORNADAY [411]	Robert W.	MAJ
THORNQUIST [879]	Ronald H.	MAJ
YOUNG [964]	Richard L.	CPT
HORRIDGE [413]	David J.	CPT
JOHNSON [435]	Bruce W.	CPT
LAWSON [498]	Michael	CPT
McGOWAN [561]	David J.	CPT
MOFFETT [593]	Paul M.	CPT
MUNSON [619]	Morton E.	CPT
O'NEAL [642]	Kenneth D,	CPT
SIMS [795]	Roger D.	CPT
SCHLENKHOFF [765]	Michael D.	CPT
GARIK [307]	Walter	CPT
GRAY [343]	Jeffery	CPT
ATTAWAY [023]	Kenneth M.	CPT
DUFFIN [240]	Russell J.	CPT
DICKSON [218]	Richard G.	CPT
CLAYTON [159]	Robert T.	CPT
WILLIAMS [944]	George P	CPT
MAEHRLEIN [527]	Thomas R.	CPT
BUGANSKY [105]	James R.	CPT
CODY [161]	Joseph	CPT
CORNING [181]	Bruce L.	CPT
MILLER [586]	Raymond R.	1LT
KUMMINGS [481]	James A.	1LT
KEELIN [455]	Dennis L.	WO1
RADWANICK [701]	Louis	WO1
SANDS [758]	Charles	WO1
TOWNSEND [884]	Mitchell	WO1
BEARDEN [039]	Donald L.	1SG
GIBBS [320]	Carlos	SFC
CANIDA [130]	James E.	SFC
CRUTCHER [196]	James E.	SFC
McCLAREN [554]	William	SFC
SMITH [807]	Richard	SFC
CAMPOS [129]	Jose	SFC
EVERETT [263]	Bryon L.	SGT

HANCOCK [370]	Jerry L.	SGT
WILSON [949]	Mark	SGT
MCCMAHON [566]	Peter J.	SGT
PELIC [657]	George P.	SGT
JOHNSON [436]	Daniel	SP5
JONES [446]	Cecil E.	SP5
KELLY [456]	Tommy E.	SP5
MARTINEZ [538]	Jose	SP5
MATTHEWS [545]	James	SP5
MILLER [584]	David	SP5
KINARD [464]	Herman	SP5
PEARCE [655]	Charles B.	SP5
PETERSON [665]	Rick	SP5
WARDEN [916]	Michael	SP5
WATSON [918]	Jessie	SP5
SIMPSON [794]	Nelson	SP5
HERB [391]	Gerth	SP5
RADER [699]	Larry	SP5
HOLMES [408]	Gregory	SP5
MOSLEY [613]	Fredrick	SP5
RICKETT [721]	James	SP5
McCHATER [553]	Paul E.	SP5
MAYSONET [548]	Horacio	SP5
WRIGHT [960]	Gary A.	SP5
EVANS [260]	Michael A.	SP5
FARRAR [267]	James	SP5
FORD [286]	Rudolph	SP5
FRENCH [298]	John R.	SP5
BURTS [111]	Donald	SP5
HARVEY [381]	Terry D.	SP5
CARTER [139]	Donnie	SP5
JOHNSON [437]	Dave M.	SP5
DOBECHA [226]	Johnny R.	SP5
ACKERMAN [001]	James R.	SP5
DENCOMBE [210]	Dennis	SP5
DOOLEY [231]	John E.	SP5
MOCK [591]	Fred L.	SP5
ULASICH [900]	Branko	SP5
SLIFE [798]	Jackie R.	SP5
MITTEN [590]	Damon S.	SP5
WILLIS [948]	John S.	SP5
O'CONNOR [637]	John N.	SP5
ENGLE [254]	Larry E.	SP5
JACOBS [432]	Standley A.	SP5
DONG [229]	Ronald	SP5



WHITE [929]	Larry D.	SP5
BAUER [035]	Larry D.	SP5
SLAYBAUGH [797]	Richard L.	SP5
SIMMONS [791]	Robert E.	SP5
DORAN [232]	Dennis	SP5
BIVENS [054]	Davis B.	SP5
RUDOLPH [748]	David B.	SP5
GILBERT [324]	Larry	SP6
MATHEWS [545]	James	SP4
BARTH [033]	William	SP4
TANNER [862]	David	SP4
HAMANN [367]	Don M.	SP4
GILHAM [326]	Terry L.	SP4
HAGERMAN [360]	Roger W.	SP4
HARVEY [380]	Leslie E.	SP4
DINCLER [224]	David W.	SP4
DILLION [223]	Noah B.	SP4
DYSON [249]	Eddie P.	SP4
WOOLSEY [958]	Merlo R.	SP4
THOMASON [872]	William	SP4
DABROS [199]	Daniel C.	SP4
GILLS [328]	Robert M.	SP4
LAWLER [496]	William T.	SP4
SMITH [809]	Terry L.	SP4

## COMBAT AND OPERATIONAL LOSSES - 1969

1. On 25 January 1969, Major Robert W. Hornaday [411], IP and Captain Michael D. Schlenkhoff [765], Pilot were landing after a routine 90 day standardization ride when the aircraft ground looped causing major damage.
2. On 24 February 1969, Captain Lawrence L. Johnson's [442]O-1 lost oil pressure due to lack of oil. Pilot failed to secure oil cap which caused all the engine oil to be pumped out. Pilot made forced landing – aircraft crash landed. Major damage to fuselage and main gear.
3. On 12 March 1969, three aircraft were totally destroyed and one suffered major damage as a result of a sapper attack on Bac Lieu airfield.
4. On 4 Jun 1969, Lieutenant James A. Kummings [481] and an ARVM observer were on a VR mission in Ba Xuyen Province when Lt. Kummings [481] was fatally wounded by a sniper. The observer managed to get the aircraft back to Soc Trang Army Airfield but crashed attempting to land. The aircraft was destroyed.
5. On 12 July 1969, Warrant Officer John P. Dees [208] was making an approach to land on a road on Phu Quoc Island to evacuate a seriously wounded ARVN soldier when his aircraft received several hits causing his engine to fail. Aircraft landed and rolled over causing major damage.
6. On 21 October 1969, while flying from Phu Quoc Island to the mainland to support a Navy assault boat working near the Cambodian border Lt. Frank S. Bracken [076] noticed a rise in cylinder head temperature. At that time he turned back to the island airfield. Before reaching the shore his oil pressure dropped to zero, the engine began to smoke, then quit. Lt. Bracken [076] landed in the water, where the aircraft remained for 23 hours. The aircraft was a total loss.
7. On 11 November 1969, SP4 Benny Walker [908], a crew chief stationed at Vi Thanh, taxied his O-1 into a revetment while making a turn resulting in major damage to the fuselage and empennage.
8. On 20 December 1969, Warrant Officer Thomas F. Vogt [902] was involved in a major accident at Soc Trang Army Airfield when his O-1 ground looped after a night flight. The aircraft was declared a total loss.

In every war free men have made sacrifices to maintain that freedom  
for themselves and their posterity.

This page is dedicated to a young man who made the absolute sacrifice.

- LEST WE FORGET -

1LT JAMES A. KUMMINGS [481]

Killed in Action: 4 June 1969

## PERSONNEL WOUNDED IN ACTION

At 0350 hours, on 16 September 1969, Specialist Four Gary L. Chapel [146], was injured while firing a 60mm mortar providing illumination for team B-43, 5th Special Forces at Chi Lang, Republic of Vietnam.

SP4 Chapel's [146] small finger on his right hand was amputated to the second knuckle. He also suffered a double fracture of the 4th finger to his right hand. This was a result of a faulty trip mechanism on the mortar. Sp4 Chapel [146] was immediately evacuated to the 29th Med Evac Hospital in Can Tho then to Japan and further to CONUS.

## TOTAL HOURS FLOWN IN 1969

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	2480
FEBRUARY	1900
MARCH	2280
APRIL	2250
MAY	2150
JUNE	1930
JULY	1850
AUGUST	1830
SEPTEMBER	1675
OCTOBER	2125
NOVEMBER	2100
DECEMBER	1950

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN IN 1969: 24,880

\* My apologies to the author of this document, I interpolated the figures from a graph.

## TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN IN 1969

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	2,621
FEBRUARY	2,077
MARCH	2,466
APRIL	2,391
MAY	2,199
JUNE	2,087
JULY	2,038
AUGUST	2,322
SEPTEMBER	1,764
OCTOBER	2,301
NOVEMBER	2,317
DECEMBER	2,321

TOTAL SORTIES FLOWN IN 1969: 26,904

## AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY IN 1969

MONTH	TOTAL
JANUARY	92
FEBRUARY	91
MARCH	90
APRIL	90
MAY	90
JUNE	89
JULY	92
AUGUST	91
SEPTEMBER	91
OCTOBER	92
NOVEMBER	83
DECEMBER	87

AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY AVERAGE IN 1969: 90%

## AFTER ACTION RESULTS FOR 1969

MONTH	KBA	STRUCTURES		SAMPANS	
		Destroyed	Damaged	Destroyed	Damaged
JANUARY	3	0	1	0	0
FEBRUARY	21	3	0	0	0
MARCH	70	62	38	18	29
APRIL	66	45	53	26	25
MAY	91	35	72	31	39
JUNE	38	14	10	17	15
JULY	29	22	18	30	15
AUGUST	33	26	5	17	7
SEPTEMBER	42	26	3	16	8
OCTOBER	36	30	17	20	22
NOVEMBER	26	17	2	15	5
DECEMBER	50	22	4	?	3
TOTALS	505	302	223	?	168



## OFFICERS ASSIGNED IN 1969

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE ASSIGNED
1LT	KUMMINGS [481]	James A.	15 Jan 69
MAJ	ORTNER [644]	Anthony J.	27 Jan 69
CPT	RAINES [703]	Samuel C.	11 Mar 69
CPT	TACKETT [858]	John A.	10 Feb 69
CPT	JOHNSON [435]	Bruce W.	18 Jan 69
CPT	ALEXANDER [008]	Francis E.	2 Mar 69
CPT	ATTAWAY [023]	Kenneth M.	3 Jul 69
CPT	BLACK [056]	Steven W.	19 May 69
CPT	CLAYTON [159]	Robert T.	27 Jun 69
CPT	CODY [161]	Joseph W.	16 Aug 69
CPT	COPE [179]	Michael V.	15 Jun 69
CPT	CORNING [181]	Bruce L.	22 May 69
CPT	COTTRELL [186]	William C	2 Dec 69
CPT	DEWS [214]	Robert M.	14 Jan 69
CPT	DICKSON [218]	Richard G.	16 May 69
CPT	DUFFIN [240]	Russell J.	16 May 69
CPT	HORRIDGE [413]	David J.	4 Feb 69
CPT	LARSON [490]	Michael E.	21 Mar 69
CPT	McGOWAN [561]	David J.	2 Mar 69
CPT	PERELI-MINETI [661]	Jules	31 Dec 69
CPT	BRACKEN [076]	Frank S.	11 Jul 69
1LT	HOOKS [409]	John C.	29 Jul 69
1LT	MARTY [540]	Larry V.	25 Apr 69
1LT	MILLER [586]	Raymond R.	17 Apr 69
1LT	WILLIAMS [944]	George P.	20 Jun 69
1LT	WOFFORD [955]	Larry L.	24 Nov 69
CW2	MAEHRLEIN [527]	Thomas R.	17 Aug 69
WO1	DENT [212]	Thomas J.	23 Aug 69
WO1	FITZGERALD [275]	William M.	8 Oct 69
WO1	HOWARD [415]	Ralph W.	7 Jul 69
WO1	KEELIN [455]	Dennis L.	10 May 69
WO1	RADWANICK [701]	Louis S.	5 Jun 69
WO1	SANDS [758]	Charles D.	19 Jul 69
WO1	VOGT [902]	Thomas F.	17 Jul 69
WO1	ZIMMERMAN [966]	Ronald R.	4 Dec 69

## ENLISTED MEN ASSIGNED IN 1969

RANK	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE ASSIGNED
1SG	BRUTTON [100]	Elmer	5 Jan 69
1SG	BEARDON [039]	Donald L.	8 Aug 69
SFC	McCLAREN [544]	William R.	5 Jul 69
SFC	SMITH [807]	Richard W.	12 Mar 69
SFC	CAMPOS [129]	Joe M.	3 Jun 69
SFC	CONGROVE [171]	LePatrick	2 Jan 69
SFC	CANADA [130]	James E.	9 Mar 69
SFC	GIBBS [320]	Carlos L.	23 May 69
SFC	MARTIN Jr. [533]	Clarence M.	8 Aug 69
SFC	SMITH [801]	Charles E.	8 Sep 69
SSG	BLADES [058]	William E.	2 Apr 69
SSG	FOWLER [288]	Carter C.	30 Dec 69
SSG	SOPER [815]	Kenneth W.	29 Dec 69
SP6	GILBERT [325]	Larry T.	7 Mar 69
SGT	MOSS [614]	Charles L.	15 Jun 69
SGT	BURRIS [109]	Sidney	1 Jul 69
SGT	WILSON [949]	Mark S.	29 Jan 69
SP5	ALVAREZ [013]	Gilberto	12 Jul 69
SP5	BROWN [092]	Stephen E.	12 Jul 69
SP5	DIEMER Jr. [219]	Tony W	19 Apr 69
SP5	HEMPEL [387]	Bruce W.	16 May 69
SP5	JOHNSON [436]	Daniel	14 Aug 69
SP5	KIRKLAND [468]	James K.	11 Apr 69
SP5	MORALES-TIRADO [602]	Anselmo	24 Apr 69
Sp5	PEARCE Jr. [655]	Charles B.	1 Mar 69
SP5	RIDDLE [723]	Murray N.	8 Dec 69
SP5	RUDOLPH [748]	David B.	17 Sep 69
SP5	TURNER [888]	James E.	22 Jul 69
SP5	WARD [914]	Ben J.	21 Sep 69
SP4	ATKINSON [022]	Edward	20 Dec 69
SP4	BARTH [033]	William M.	14 Sep 69
SP4	BROUSSARD [087]	Milton J.	12 Jun 69
SP4	BULL [103]	Leslie H.	27 Dec 69
SP4	CALAHAN [121]	Michael T.	31 Oct 69
SP4	COOPER [178]	William R.	29 Apr 69
SP4	CAMPBELL [128]	Neil E.	26 Jul 69
SP4	COLLIER [163]	William E.	25 Dec 69
SP4	CONEY [170]	Curtis A.	20 Dec 69
SP4	DILLMAN [222]	David J.	29 Jul 69
SP4	DOBECHA [226]	Johnny R.	10 Jan 69
SP4	FENNELLY [270]	Thomas A.	14 Aug 69

SP4	EVERETT [263]	Byron E.	28 Jun 69
SP4	FREEMAN [295]	Ralph N.	31 May 69
SP4	GARZA [309]	LeBrado	24 Apr 69
SP4	GILMOUR [329]	Gary W.	26 Jul 69
SP4	HORNER [412]	Joseph J.	28 Sep 69
SP4	JOSEPH [451]	Gerals G.	20 Jun 69
SP4	LANNING [489]	Larry D.	18 Dec 69
SP4	LEHMER [503]	Paul J.	7 Dec 69
SP4	HARVEY [380]	Leslie E.	6 Aug 69
SP4	MATTHEWS [545]	James W.	17 Jul 69
SP4	McBRIDE [551]	Johnnie L.	30 Oct 69
SP4	MORRISON [608]	Bruce J.	13 Jun 69
SP4	NELSON [628]	Eric J.	4 Sep 69
SP4	PLUMMER II [676]	Charles A.	18 Jul 69
SP4	QUINONES [698]	Roman Angel M.	24 Apr 69
SP4	RICHARD [717]	Donald R.	18 Apr 69
SP4	SMITH Jr. [806]	Miles	9 Nov 69
SP4	STOKES [842]	David A.	21 Jan 69
SP4	UDSETH [892]	Peter D.	8 Dec 69
SP4	WALKER [908]	Benny R.	29 Jul 69
SP4	WALKER [909]	Lindley E.	12 Jun 69
SP4	WEST Jr.[925]	John I.	8 Nov 69
SP4	WINDHAM [951]	Arthur F.	13 May 69
PFC	GODWIN [334]	Philip L.	27 Dec 69
PFC	FALK [264]	David B.	18 Jul 69
PVT	HILL [396]	Anthony L.	25 Nov 69
PFC	KORTE [474]	Kenneth F.	26 Dec 69
PFC	MILLER [588]	Johnny P.	23 Dec 69
PFC	PATE [649]	William E.	31 Dec 69
PFC	SANTIAGO [759]	Johnny	1 Dec 69
PFC	SHELDON [782]	Gary J.	9 Dec 69
PFC	SPROCK [822]	Michael	26 Dec 69
PFC	CRUTCHER [196]	James E.	9 Jan 69
PFC	FANNING [265]	Norman G.	10 Mar 69
SP5	JONES Jr. [446]	Cecil E.	7 Jan 69
SP5	MARIANO [530]	Michael A.	28 Apr 69
SP4	PUSSUTO [696]	James V.	16 Jan 69
PVT	REYES [712]	Walter E.	4 Oct 69
SP5	TANNER [862]	David B.	4 Jan 69
SP4	WALTER [912]	Robert J.	16 Oct 69
SP4	HARVEY [381]	Terry O.	18 Feb 69

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