

HISTORY
OF
116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY
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I. GENERAL:

a. During this quarter (1 January through 31 March 1967), the 116th Assault Helicopter Company was located at Cu Chi (home of the 25th Infantry Division) approximately 20 miles NW of Saigon. The organization of the company remained as prescribed in TOE 1-77E, dated 15 July 1963, as amended by GO 200, Third United States Army, dated 12 July 1965, GO 237, Hq, Third United States Army, dated 6 August 1966, and GO 283, Hq, Third US Army dated 9 September 1966. On 19 March 1967, the 116th Assault Helicopter Company was transferred from the 11th Combat Aviation Battalion to the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion in accordance with GO 7, Hq 12th Aviation Group. There has been no significant change in either the mission or the structure of the regularly attached units: the 283rd Signal Detachment, the 392nd Transportation Maintenance Detachment, or the 431st Medical Detachment throughout this quarter. The current organizational structure is as depicted in Appendix I.

b. The mission of the 116th Assault Helicopter Company as indicated in TOE 1-77E is to (1) provide tactical air movement of combat troops in an airmobile operation; and to (2) provide tactical air movement of combat supplies and equipment within a combat zone.

During the quarter the 116th Assault Helicopter Company supported the 25th and 1st Infantry Divisions, 173rd Airborne Brigade, 196th Light Infantry

Brigade, 199th Light Infantry Brigade, Special Forces, 5th ARVN Division,
25th ARVN Division and the Royal Australian Task Force during this quarter.

& ADMINISTRATION:

a. Strength: Due to the requirement for experienced personnel in other units, coupled with the history of uneven rotation experienced by the 116th, this period was characterized by an unusually high degree of personnel turbulence. Specifically, the rate of turnover of assigned personnel in the 116th Assault Helicopter Company, as well as in attached units, was as indicated below:

AUTHORIZED VS ASSIGNED STRENGTH

	<u>AUTH</u>		<u>JAN</u>		<u>FEB</u>		<u>MAR</u>	
	<u>OFF/WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF/WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF/WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF/WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
116th	67	152	51	156	55	157	53	150
283rd	1	9	1	11	1	10	1	9
392nd	2	70	3	62	3	64	3	65
431st	1	8	0	9	0	8	0	8

TURBULENCE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>% TURN-OVER</u>
116th Assault Helicopter Company:	48.3 %
283rd Signal Detachment:	27.3 %
392nd Trans Detachment:	38.0 %
431st Medical Detachment:	62.5 %

The rotation problem is depicted in Appendix II. These facts and figures indicate that a balance was generally achieved between gains and losses; however, a serious training problem was encountered by this unit during this period as a result of the massive and rapid rate of turn-over of personnel.

The unit's aviators have coped with the problems by initiating a judicious and energetic training program for new pilots during the conduct of assigned missions. In addition, standardization rides are frequently given by the unit IPs in order to insure the highest degree of proficiency in all aircraft commanders and pilots. In Appendix III is a list of Officers/Warrant Officers who have arrived or departed this organization during this quarter. The list accurately represents the turbulence encountered during this dynamic period of time.

The deficiency in the number of assigned supervisory personnel and skilled workers is most apparent in the area of aircraft maintenance. Due to the intensity of aircraft utilization, there is a tremendous workload imposed upon existing personnel. This leaves very little time for any other than on-the-job training for new replacements. This problem has been coped with by energetic and continuous supervision and instruction on the part of personnel.

b. Key Personnel: In Appendix IV, a roster of key personnel by month for the quarter is depicted. The most significant personnel changes were the replacement of the unit commander and the First Sergeant. Major James H. Patterson was replaced by Major Harold I. Small at an impressive change of command ceremony conducted in the unit area at 1500 hours, on 4 February. Among those present were Colonel Dibble, Deputy Brigade Commander, 1st Aviation Brigade; Colonel Campbell, 12th Aviation Group Commander; and LTC Starker, 11th Combat Aviation Battalion Commander.

The other important command position change was the replacement of First Sergeant E7 Ted M. Group by First Sergeant E7 Victor R. Byrer.

c. Promotions: Many officer and enlisted personnel of this unit were recipients of well deserved promotions during this quarter. In Appendix V is a listing of those who were promoted. Also included in this appendix are two individuals, 2LT James T. Jackson and 2LT Anthony V. Hutson, who received direct appointments as commissioned officers from warrant status.

d. Awards and Decorations: Many awards for both meritorious service and achievement and valor were received by personnel assigned to the 116th Assault Helicopter Company during this quarter. Listed in Appendix VI is a compilation of all awards received. Of significance and a source of great pride to the organization is the fact that two Distinguished Service Crosses (awarded to Major James Patterson and Cpt Rolla Breed), five Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars and twenty-four Purple Hearts were presented during this period. As indicated, numerous Air Medals and Army Commendation Medals (including several with the coveted "V" device) were awarded.

The volume of awards, as noted below, is indicative, to a great degree, of the outstanding support rendered by the 116th Assault Helicopter Company and professionalism with which the assigned missions were conducted.

QUARTERLY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

<u>AWARD PRESENTED</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>
DSC	2	0	0
Silver Star	2	0	0
DrC	3	0	2
Bronze Star	0	0	2
Air Medal w/"V" Device	1	1	7
Air Medal	93	134	130

Army Commendation Medal

5

10

5

Purple Heart

10

11

3

e. Unit Area: Many improvements and additions have been made to the company area to include: The erection of an Officers Club and EM Club; construction of wooden sidewalks throughout the area encompassing the living quarters and operational buildings; renovation of drainage canals; and construction of various athletics and recreational facilities (basketball courts, volleyball courts, horseshoe, pitching court, and movie screen.) In addition, the flight line had its face lifted with the construction of sand bag bunkers around the aircraft parking PSP's, personnel bunkers, and a new tech supply building.

III. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING:

a. General: During the last quarter the 116th Assault Helicopter Company participated in every important operation in the III Corps area, including Operations Cedar Falls, Junction City, and Gadsden. Letters of commendation and words of praise were received from many sources and the unit was recommended for the Presidential Unit Citation for one action. In Appendix VIII is listed the operational historical data for this past quarter.

b. Training: Aviation has again been a highlight among the numerous operational duties. We received many new replacements during the quarter and in addition trained 9 pilots from the 1st Division's Aviation Battalion, the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion and the 187th Assault Helicopter Company. The company has also had two officers from the VNAF for transition and training in the UH-1D. This was handled in addition to a vigorous standardization program within our own company, and required the commitment of one aircraft daily.

c. Operational Highlights: The following are highlights of signifi-

cant operations conducted by the 116th Assault Helicopter Company during the last quarter.

On 22 January 1967 WO Piper and WO Harrington were attempting a med-evac mission for the 5th Special Forces in the Duc Hoa area (XT 507006) when they were hit by enemy ground fire as they were taking off. WO Piper was wounded in the right eye and the aircraft received four hits. WO Harrington who had only been in country four days, took control of the aircraft and suddenly lost all hydraulics, and the transmission oil pressure failed. He flew the aircraft about a mile to a relatively open area where he set it down. A total of three people were wounded on the aircraft plus two med-evac patients. All were evacuated and WO Piper was later returned to CONUS because of his wounds.

On 23 Jan 67 the Hornets were called on to support four different units with combat assaults for each. They supported the 199th Inf Bde, 5th and 25th ARVN Divisions, and 1st Bde, 1st Inf Div. The coordination and timing involved in conducting CA's for four wide-spread units was monumental, but the Hornets again came thru with compliments from all four units.

On 28 Jan 67 the Stingers accumulated their largest body count for one enter while supporting the 199th Inf Bde (Lt) (Sep) near Nha Be. After a heavy prep on an LZ, ground troops confirmed 7 VC KIA (body count). Later three VC sampans were sunk and three more KIA's were added to the count. Still later the enemy was found withdrawing from a tunnel complex and after the Stingers had worked the area over nine more VC KIA's were confirmed.

The 116th Assault Helicopter Company set an all time record during the month of January for total hours flown by an airmobile company in the 11th

Combat Aviation Battalion. The Hornets marked one year in combat by flying a total of 3048 hours in January. In accomplishing this record, the 116th flew in support of every major US unit in the III Corps and supported M.I.C.V., USAID, FFVII, 1st ATF and numerous ARVN units.

The following statistics were compiled for the month of January:

Aircraft hit by ground fire	1B & 2D's
Aircraft lost to combat	1D
Aircraft lost by accident	2D's
Wounded in action	7
Total sorties flown	9517
Total combat assault sorties flown	3495
Total hours flown	3048
Total troops carried	11958
Cargo hauled (tons)	324.7
Total ammunition expended - - - 7.62 mm	457786
2.75 mm	1799
40 mm	2726
High aviator	168.2
Low aviator	20.3
Average aviator time	99.8
Average aircraft time - - - - B	74
D	149

The missions conducted in February were of the same variety as those in January except that on 9 February the 116th set up a forward location at Tay Ninh where it continued its normal missions while providing the 196th Inf Bde (Lt) (Sep) with a standby helicopter company during the night.

The following statistics were compiled for the month of February:

Aircraft Hit by ground fire

3B's & 6D's

Aircraft lost to combat

1D

Aircraft lost by accident

4D's*

Wounded in action

5

Total sorties flown

7517

Total combat assault sorties flown

1925

Total hours flown

2809

Total troops carried

12406

Total cargo hauled (tons)

507.3

Total ammunition expended - - - 7.62 mm

273364

2.75 mm

2877

40 mm

1019

High aviator

133

Low aviator

5

Average aviator time

87.8

Average aircraft time - - - B

84

D

126

On the night of 15 March 1967 the Hornet's Nest along with other areas
Camp Cu Chi was mortared. This was the first mortar attack the present
company has undergone. Minor damage was done to one aircraft when a round
hit the bunker around it, however, the aircraft flew the next day. Two more
rounds fell near the maintenance area doing no damage. SFCE7 Robert V. Crain,
a member of the 392nd Maintenance Detachment, which is attached to the 116th,
died of a heart attack after getting his men to their bunkers and clearing
the area. No other injuries were sustained. The Stingers flew most of the
evening over and around Cu Chi on counter mortar missions. One gunship was be-
lieved hit by an artillery air burst but only sustained minor damage, and
was loaned to the 11th Cbt Avn Bn at time of accident

was able to fly back. No injuries were taken.

On 26 March 1967 the 116th again flew in the IV Corps area in support of the 13th Aviation Battalion. A tactical emergency was declared and the Hornets reacted in 45 minutes from alert time to lift off. This is noteworthy since the TacE was during the noon meal. No fire was encountered by our aircraft.

On 28 March 1967, the 116th again was called out on a tactical emergency to resupply water and ammunition to elements of the 3rd Bde, 4th Inf Div, near Dau Tieng. These elements were under heavy contact and under intense mortar and automatic weapons fire. Part of their position was being overrun when the Hornets, led by Cpt Dale E. Snell, landed with more ammo. The VC were running under the Hornet aircraft as they took off and mortars hit their LZ seconds after lift off. Cpt Snell has been recommended for the Silver Star, all Aircraft Commanders for the DFC, all pilots and crew members for the Air Medal with valor. The 116th Assault Helicopter Company has been recommended for the Presidential Unit Citation for this action. There were no hits or injuries taken.

On 31 March 1967 the 116th set two records. While supporting the 9th Infantry Division the Hornets flew a total of 180.1 hours during one 24 hour period breaking all previous records for hours flown during a single day. The Hornets also broke the USARV record for monthly flying time for assault helicopter companies by flying a grand total of 3646 hours during the month of March. The following statistics were compiled for the month of March:

Aircraft hit by ground fire	5B's & AD's
Aircraft lost to combat	1
Aircraft lost by accident	0

Wounded in action

5

Total Sorties Flown	10646
Total combat assault sorties flown	3972
Total hours flown	3646
Total troops carried	18546
Total cargo hauled (tons)	609.5
Total ammunition expended - - - 7.62 mm	466209
2.75 mm	1231
40 mm	3522
High aviator	148.3
Low aviator	4.9
Average aviator time	104.0
Average aircraft time - - - - B	99
D	174

IV. MAINTENANCE

During this quarter, the service platoon encountered a loss of 34 men resulting in a 50 % turnover of personnel. With a corresponding gain of 32 replacements, the platoon remained up to strength, except during February, when 10 mechanics rotated, leaving the unit below strength in experience and man power. Key personnel changes are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Key Losses</u>	<u>Position</u>
WO1 Bell		Maintenance Technician
SFC Kenawell		Platoon Sergeant
er		Maintenance Supervisor
SP6 Hall		Technical Inspector
	<u>Key Gains</u>	
WO1 Winters		Maintenance Technician
SFC Fair		Platoon Sergeant

This quarter has been a record setting one for this unit. Those aircraft still on the property books flew a total of 9034 hours maintaining an availability of 83 % and exceeding the D A flying program (60 hours per aircraft). Aircraft lost during this quarter had flown 469 hours giving a total of 9503 hours.

Listed below is the aircraft availability, flying hours and inspection analysis by month:

<u>AVAILABILITY</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>TOTAL/AVE</u>
UH1B	79.8	86.4	79.5	81.9 %
UH1D	84.4	78.9	86.9	83.4 %
<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>				
UH1B	518	585	690	1793
UH1D	2530	2224	2956	7710
<u>AVERAGE TIME</u>				
UH1B	74	73	98	82
UH1D	126	122	134	121
<u>PERIODIC INSPECTIONS</u>				
	26	18	24	68 total

Aircraft losses for the period were as follows:

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
65-9932	UH-1D	Mine detonated	8 Jan*
63-8858	UH-1B	Wire strike	28 Jan
65-9944	UH-1D	Crash on approach	31 Jan
64-13503	UH-1D	Engine failure, crashed	12 Feb*
63-13001	UH-1B	Control lost in dust	13 Feb
65-9920	UH-1D	Rotor intermeshed	19 Feb

*Combat Loss

<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
66-0895	UH-1D	Overgross on take off	25 Feb**
64-14092	UH-1B	Engine failure, hard landing	23 Mar*

Additions to the fleet were as follows:

66-0895	UH-1D	W	6 Jan	
64-14092	UH-1B	S	4 Feb	SEE ABOVE
66-0990	UH-1D	"Hornet 6" IN YJ	19 Feb	
66-0987	UH-1D		19 Feb	
66-0983	UH-1D		19 Feb	
66-0991	UH-1D		19 Feb	
66-16139	UH-1D	W	29 Mar	
66-16139	UH-1D		29 Mar	
66-16148	UH-1D		29 Mar	
66-1162	UH-1D		29 Mar	
66-1183	UH-1D	W	29 Mar	

Although maintenance support is provided from base airfield, a forward maintenance team was required during 8 - 21 Feb at Tay Ninh. The usual composite team was sent and kept the unit 100 % operational during this period.

Improvements during the quarter include: a lighting system in the maintenance area thus augmenting the night work capability; and the addition of a hard stand adjacent to the maintenance pad; and construction of personnel mess in the hangar area; and construction of a tech supply building.

Significant maintenance problems encountered during the quarter include: 1. Main attaching points cracking at the 1500 hour level. A fix was approved to replace and shim the points. A second problem, still under study, was the

about loss of aircraft on loan to 11th Cbt Avn Bn at time of loss

T-53-11B engine nose case seals leaking at the 200 hour level. In addition, EP-2 grease used in packing drive shafts was found to be breaking down at 25 hours causing shafts to throw grease and subsequently fail. The grease was identified and removed from stock.

Significant achievements were: conversion of all pressure-type hydraulic systems to the gravity-feed system, thus eliminating many maintenance problems; the maintenance of over 80% availability over the quarter; and receipt and issue of new tool boxes to the mechanics and crew chiefs.

The fleet at the end of the quarter is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>AVG HOURS</u>
UH-1B	1964	7	1202
UH-1D	1963	2	1859
UH-1D	1964	7	1548
UH-1D	1965	3	878
UH-1D	1966	9	195
TOTAL		28	1136

V. ATTACHED UNIT ACTIVITIES:

a. 283rd Signal Detachment:

(1) Organization:

The 283rd Signal Detachment is organized under TC&E 11-500D 1962 W/C 8 (RL TEAM) and activated 5 July 1965 UP GO 200 dated 12 July 1965 as amended by GO 283 dated 9 September 1965. The detachment was attached to the 116th Assault Helicopter Company and formed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The detachment arrived in Vietnam on 21 October 1965 with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company.

(2) Mission

The mission of the 283rd Signal Detachment is to provide

at avionics support (US maintenance of aircraft electronic equipment, to include communications, navigation, radar, Decca, and IFF transponders installed in the aircraft assigned to the 116th Assault Helicopter Company.

(3) Personnel

At TO&E strength the 263rd Signal Detachment has one (1) officer and nine (9) enlisted personnel. During this first quarter of the new year, the detachment lost three men due to rotation and gained a SP5 as a replacement for the team chief NCOIC position. At present there is one 1LT and eight enlisted personnel present for duty. The detachment received one (1) and three (3) E-4 promotions.

(4) Accomplishments

The detachment provided the 116th Assault Helicopter Company with avionics support forward at Tay Ninh West for a period of two weeks during operations in support of the 196th Lt Inf Bde.

During the first quarter the 116th Assault Helicopter Company's communications personnel were combined with the detachment for duty. This unification of force enabled the detachment to function more efficiently in accomplishing its mission.

The detachment received its first maintenance requirement for the support of the new radio sets AN/ARN-82 and AN/ARN-83 during this period. The 116th, since its arrival, has received a total of nine UH-1D's 1966 model aircraft. Non-mission critical test equipment was turned into the general support unit at Phu Loi; authority was granted by USAHV. This allowed the detachment to turn in equipment that was not needed to support a UH-1 company.

The detachment received a Decca civilian repairman to work and train the personnel in the detachment on Decca.

(5) Problem Area

The detachment has not received maintenance float or test equipment needed in support of the new VOR and ADF radio sets.

The problem exists in turning in test equipment for maintenance and it not being returned for periods of six months or, in some cases longer, imposing mission limitations upon the detachment.

To date the detachment still has not been issued four (4) critical shortage pieces of test equipment plus numerous other items authorized by TO&E.

b. 392nd Transportation Maintenance Detachment:

(1) Organization:

The 392nd Transportation Maintenance Detachment is organized under the provisions of TO&E 55-500R. The assets of the detachment (Appendix X) are divided equally into two shifts to give continuous around-the-clock support to the unit.

Approximately 50 % of the unit's maintenance is accomplished during the night. The primary effort is placed on aircraft which can be made ready for missions by repairing strike damage and performing inspections.

(2) Mission:

The mission of the 392nd Maintenance Detachment is to give direct support maintenance and overall technical maintenance to the 116th Assault Helicopter Company.

(3) Accomplishment:

During this quarter, the detachment has completed the following significant maintenance actions:

(a) Engine changes	6
(b) Transmission changes	1
(c) Hot end inspections	23
(d) Periodic inspections	18
(e) Main rotor head change/overhaul	19
(f) Sheet Metal/machine shop M/H	1509.5

(4) Plans:

(a) Construction of new storage and issue space for the aviation supply section is planned for completion by 3 April 1967.

(b) Completion of new office space for a combined Technical Inspection Section for the 116th Assault Helicopter Company and 392nd Transportation Detachment is scheduled for 15 April 1967.

(c) Construction of a blast wall between the aircraft bunkers and the maintenance pad is planned for completion by 15 May 1967.

c. 431st Medical Detachment:

(1) Organization:

The 431st Medical Detachment is organized in accordance with FM 8-5000 and consists of one Officer and eight enlisted men. At present, there is no medical officer assigned to the detachment although Captain William Smith, 269th Battalion Flight Surgeon, has assisted in this capacity. Assuming his responsibilities for the detachment is SSG Victor Sanchez, NCOIC. Appendix XI is the current organizational chart of this detachment.

(2) Mission:

The mission of the 431st Medical Detachment is to provide direct medical support for the 116th Assault Helicopter Company and its detachments. This mission has been hindered to a degree by the absence of a

medical officer. Continuous medical support, however, was obtained through the 25th Division medical battalion and, more recently, the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion medical facility.

(3) Personnel:

SP6 Roy Sumner arrived in Vietnam on 7 Mar from Fort Sam Houston where he served as an instructor for medical trainees. He has assumed his duties as Detachment medical assistant. Other additions include PFC Allen Nice, ambulance orderly; PFC Barry Breyer, light truck driver; and PFC William Burin, jeep driver. Overall, the medical detachment experienced a 62.5% turnover in personnel during this quarter.

(4) Accomplishments:

The 431st Medical Detachment has actively participated in unit medical support activities and is currently planning its role in various civic action projects that are proposed.

As an example, a medical corpsman has accompanied every combat assault conducted by the 116th Assault Helicopter Company. Habitually, this individual was located in the unit maintenance aircraft, the thought being that complete coverage could be extended from this aircraft.

Routine medical aid for the quarter consisted of treatment as indicated below:

<u>TREATMENT</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>
Cases of venereal disease	15	21	13
Immunizations administered	123	141	118
Injuries treated	4	5	4

Each individual assigned to the 431st worked an average of 13 hours a day, 7 days a week. The goal of the 431st is to increase medical assistance, improve the appearance of the dispensary and increase civic action efforts.

UNIT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

OFF/NO - 71
EM - 239

COMPANY HQS

OFF/NO - 5
EM - 26

AIRLIFT PLT
(2)

OFF/NO - 23 (46)
EM - 24 (48)

ARMED PLT

OFF/NO - 14
EM - 18

392ND TRANS DET

OFF/NO - 2
EM - 70

SERVICE PLT

OFF/NO - 2
EM - 60

28

SIGNAL DET

OF - 1
EM - 9

431ST MED DET

OFF/NO - 1
EM - 8

APPENDIX I

APPENDIX II

Personnel Rotational Data

<u>Unit</u>	<u>EM</u>			<u>OFF/WO</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	
116th	12	32	35	12	3	1	95
283rd	1	1	2	0	0	0	4
392nd	7	9	10	1	0	1	28
431st	3	2	0	0	0	0	5

Comparison of Arrivals and Departures

<u>Unit</u>	<u>116th</u>		<u>283rd</u>		<u>392nd</u>		<u>431st</u>		
	<u>DEP</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>DEP</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>DEP</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>DEP</u>	<u>ARR</u>	
<u>MONTH</u>									
Jan		5	1	2	8	4	3	1	
Feb	35	57	1	0	9	11	2	2	
Mar	37	24	2	1	11	11	0	1	TOTAL
		107		3		26		4	Arr: 140
	96		4		28		5		Dep: 133
									Total Gain +7

APPENDIX III

Arrival & Departure of Officers and Warrant Officers

116th Assault Helicopter Company

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AIR</u>	<u>DEP</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Asbell, Robert J.	W3152778	WO1		x	2 Jan 67
Bullard, Herman L.	W3153271	WO1		x	1 Jan 67
Dewey, Lawrence R. Jr.	086060	Cpt		x	4 Jan 67
Kahoe, William J.	03515363	Cpt	x		6 Jan 67
Bryan, Blackshear M.	093365	Maj	x		6 Jan 67
Briganti, Francis L.	05023126	2LT	x		6 Jan 67
Hoefener, James R.	04041919	Maj	x		7 Jan 67
Mew, James R.	05301541	Maj		x	11 Jan 67
Small, Harold I.	094344	Maj	x		13 Jan 67
Finch, Gerald	W3154807	WO1	x		18 Jan 67
Cheney, Michael L.	W3154780	WO1	x		18 Jan 67
	W3152864	WO1		x	21 Jan 67
Johns, Gerald P.	W2216033	CW2		x	21 Jan 67
Bunting, Willis R.	0F102151	Cpt		x	22 Jan 67
Piper, Kenneth R.	W3154235	WO1		x	22 Jan 67
Harding, Gerald W.	W3154826	WO1	x		22 Jan 67
Harrington, John H.	W3154827	WO1	x		22 Jan 67
Johnson, James C.	078370	Maj		x	23 Jan 67
Grande, Robert A.	086189	Cpt		x	23 Jan 67
Cummings, Willie R.	04063259	Maj		x	23 Jan 67
Miller, Ronnie M.	05403599	Cpt		x	23 Jan 67
Reaser, Glenn R.	04017291	Maj	x		29 Jan 67

APPENDIX III (Cont'd)

Arrival and Departure of Officers and Warrant Officers

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ARR</u>	<u>DEP</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Patterson, James H.	067257	Maj		x	4 Feb 67
Swindle, Jimmy J.	W2214866	CW2	x		7 Feb 67 / Jan 67
Snell, Dale E.	04055971	Cpt	x		11 Feb 67
Adkinson, Michael H.	05325362	1Lt	x		11 Feb 67
Jenkins, Paul R.	W3155057	WO1	x		14 Feb 67
Alvarez, Albert L.	W3154970	WO1	x		14 Feb 67
James, Richard L. Jr.	W3155055	WO1	x		14 Feb 67
Humphrey, Allan E.	W3155053	WO1	x		14 Feb 67
Huntington, James R.	W3155054	WO1	x		14 Feb 67
Keefer, John J.	099667	Cpt		x	23 Feb 67
Holm, James R.	W3100877	WO1		x	25 Feb 67
Malanowski, Edward J.	05324014	1LT		x	7 Mar 67
McGrady, John J.	W3154418	WO1		x	15 Mar 67
Usa, .	W3154940	WO1	x		20 Mar 67
Lykes, John G.	W3155074	WO1	x		28 Mar 67
392nd					
Billman, Ervin L.	066705	Maj		x	10 Jan 67
Bryan, Blackshear M.	093365	Maj	x		11 Jan 67
Bryan, Blackshear M.	093365	Maj		x	23 Mar 67
Pitts, Philip C.	02104772	Maj	x		23 Mar 67

APPENDIX IV

Key Personnel, 116th Assault Helicopter Company & Attached Units

	<u>31 Jan 67</u>	<u>28 Feb 67</u>	<u>31 Mar 67</u>
CO-116th	Maj Patterson	Maj Small	Maj Small
CO-116th	Maj Small	Maj Reaser	Maj Reaser
1st Sgt-116th	1SG Byrer	1SG Byrer	1SG Byrer
1st Plt Commander	Cpt Keefer	Cpt Snell	Cpt Snell
2nd Plt Commander	Maj Hoefener	Maj Hoefener	Maj Hoefener
3rd Plt Commander	Maj Schneider	Maj Schneider	Maj Schneider
4th Plt Commander	Cpt Steele	Cpt Steele	Cpt Steele
Ops Off	Cpt Myers	Cpt Myers	Maj Myers
Intel Off	Cpt Summerfeldt	Cpt Summerfeldt	Cpt Summerfeldt
Supply Off	WO Helm	WO Helm	WO Helm
CO-283rd	Lt Canfield	Lt Canfield	Lt Canfield
CO-392nd	Maj Bryan	Maj Bryan	Maj Pitts
1st Sgt-392nd	1SG Childers	1SG Childers	1SG Childers
CO-431st	SSG Sanchez	SSG Sanchez	SSG Sanchez

APPENDIX V

Officers and Enlisted Men Who Were Promoted during This Quarter

OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MONTH</u>
Hyers, James F.	Maj	116th	Mar
Briganti, Francis L.	1LT	116th	Jan
Hutson, Anthony V.	2LT	116th	Mar
Jackson, -	2LT	116th	Mar

ENLISTED MEN

Anderson Robert J.	SFC	116th	Mar
Bush, Bobby G.	SSG	116th	Feb
McHenry, John F.	SSG	392nd	Jan
Schroeder, Albert E.	SSG	116th	Mar
Spencer, Marvin R.	SSG	116th	Jan
Tucker, Dwight D.	SSG	116th	Feb
Weikum, Arlin L.	SSG	116th	Jan
Clampitt, Harold A.	SF6	392nd	Jan
Handy, Walter C. Jr.	SP5	283rd	Mar
Hunziker, Ray T.	SP5	116th	Mar
Latta, Kenneth L.	SP5	116th	Mar
Norman, Clarence W.	SP5	392nd	Jan
Suchena, Robert J.	SP5	392nd	Mar
Arizaga-Sato, Angel G.	SF4	392nd	Feb
Arrington, James A.	SP4	116th	Feb
Barry, Lawrence J.	SP4	116th	Jan
Cagle, Bronse R.	SP4	116th	Jan

Geppin, Robert E.	SP4	116th	Jan
Goslin, Larry	SP4	116th	Mar
DeMuzie, Anthony M.	SP4	116th	Jan
Doyle, Jesse M. Jr.	SP4	116th	Feb
Ellison, Edward J.	SP4	116th	Jan
Edger, Vondel R.	SP4	116th	Jan
Farr, Philip T.	SP4	283rd	Jan
Fletcher, Roger L.	SP4	116th	Jan
	SP4	116th	Jan
Flores, John M.	SP4	116th	Jan
Franklin, Robert D.	SP4	283rd	Mar
Gaddis, Glenn J.	SP4	116th	Jan
Garcia, Santos Jr.	SP4	116th	Feb
Griggs, Robert R.	SP4	392nd	Feb
Hollow, Richard L.,	SP4	116th	Feb
Jernigan, Jesse G.	SP4	116th	Jan
Johnson, Billy M.	SP4	431st	Jan
Kish, Donald J.	SP4	116th	Feb
Kobert, Michael T.	SP4	116th	Feb
Kucia, Frederick J.	SP4	392nd	Jan
Kutler, Stanley M.	SP4	392nd	Feb
Lee, Troy L.	SP4	116th	Feb
LeBlath, Paul E.	SP4	116th	Feb
	SP4	392nd	Jan
Monson, Gary P.	SP4	392nd	Jan
Musickel, Melvin D.	SP4	116th	Jan

Seiling, James O.	ST4	392nd	Jan
Soots, Donald R.	ST4	116th	Jan
Villa, Raul	ST4	116th	Jan
Wright, J. J.	PFC	116th	Feb
Burin, William G.	PFC	431st	Feb
Brink, Brauley D.	PFC	116th	Mar
Floyd, Charles H.	PFC	116th	Feb
Geor, William E.	PFC	116th	Mar
Hawks, Harold D.	PFC	392nd	Feb
Humphrey, Weden G.	PFC	116th	Mar
Johnson, Daniel L.	PFC	116th	Mar
Klein, Jerome F.	PFC	116th	Mar
Koenig, Thomas W.	PFC	116th	Feb
Mecham, Duane L.	PFC	116th	Feb
Nice, Allen D.	PFC	431st	Jan
Robinson, Richard M.	PFC	116th	Mar
Tarr, John M.	PFC	116th	Feb
Velardo, James P.	PFC	116th	Feb
Wright, J. J.	PFC	116th	Jan
Vradenburgh, Robert W.	PFC	116th	Feb
Walker, William A.	PFC	392nd	Feb
Webb, Donald W.	PFC	116th	Feb

APPENDIX VI

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS
FOR
OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AWARDS</u>
Robinson, Michael H.	1LT	Air Medal (12th OLC)
Rodriguez, Albert L.	WO1	Air Medal
Rucker, Martin H.	WO1	Air Medal (23rd OLC)
Smith, William D.	CW2	Air Medal (17th OLC)
Steed, Holla M.	CPT	Air Medal (25th OLC), DSC
Tiganti, Francis L.	1LT	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Town, Alvin T.	WO1	Air Medal (22nd OLC), SS
Wyan, Blackshear M.	MAJ	Air Medal
Wray, Richard B.	1LT	Air Medal (16th OLC)
Charbonneau, Maurice E.	CPT	Air Medal (8th OLC)
	WO1	Air Medal (1st OLC)
Wicks, Marshall E.	WO1	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Wright, Anthony M.	1LT	Air Medal (3rd OLC)
Wunder, William R.	WO1	Air Medal (4th OLC), PH
Wise, Charles F.	WO1	Air Medal (11th OLC)
Wong, Carroll G.	2LT	Air Medal (17th OLC), PH
Wright, Virgil E.	WO1	Air Medal (18th OLC)
Wright, Gerald F.	WO1	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Wright, Gordon R.	WO1	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Wright, Robert D.	1LT	Air Medal (10th OLC)

Gray, Richard L.	WO1	Air Medal (22nd OLC)
Gorenemann, Donald D.	1LT	Air Medal (9th OLC)
Harding, Gerald W.	WO1	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Harrington, John H.	WO1	Air Medal (1st OLC)
Humphrey, Alan E.	WO1	Air Medal
Hurd, Coleman V.	WO1	Air Medal (9th OLC)
Hoefener, James R.	MAJ	Air Medal (3rd OLC)
Rutson, Anthony V.	2LT	Air Medal (13th OLC)
Hyers, James E.	MAJ	Air Medal (16th OLC), PH, DFC
Jackson, James T.	2LT	Air Medal (14th OLC), PH
James, Richard L.	WO1	Air Medal
Jenkins, Paul R.	WO1	Air Medal
Johns, Gerald P.	CW2	Air Medal (17th OLC), PH
Keefer, John J.	CPT	Air Medal (15th OLC)
Kehoe, William J.	CPT	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Kitchura, Michael	WO1	Air Medal (5th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Lee, David J.	WO1	Air Medal (9th OLC)
Lykes, John G.	WO1	Air Medal
McGrady, John J.	WO1	Air Medal (9th OLC)
McQueen, John P.	WO1	Air Medal (7th OLC)
Magdon, Dennis S.	WO1	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Malanowski, Edward J.	1LT	Air Medal (30th OLC), ACM
Miller, Michael J.	WO1	Air Medal (11th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Miskimon, Robert S.	WO1	Air Medal (11th OLC), PH, ACM w/"V"
Muench, Stephen R.	1LT	Air Medal (11th OLC), AM w/"V", ACM w/"V"

Atter, J. E.	MAJ	Air Medal (11th OLC), PH, DSC
Piper, Kenneth R.	WO1	Air Medal (10th OLC), PH, DSC
Pool, Thomas C.	WO1	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Price, Richard A.	WO1	Air Medal (4th OLC)
Reaser, Glen R.	MAJ	Air Medal
Salisbury, Gary L.	1LT	Air Medal (8th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Schneider, Wyatt L.	MAJ	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Small, Harold I.	MAJ	Air Medal (13th OLC), DFC, BS, PH
Snell, Dale E.	CPT	Air Medal (2nd OLC), PH
Sponcer, David C.	CPT	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Sterrett, John D. III	CPT	Air Medal (1st OLC), DFC, SS
Sturgis, Howard O.	1LT	Air Medal (6th OLC)
Summerfeldt, David G.	CPT	Air Medal (3rd OLC)
Swindle, Jimmy J.	CW2	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Targson, Alfred J.	1LT	Air Medal (4th OLC), PH
	WO1	Air Medal, PH
Walker, Donald R.	WO1	Air Medal (22nd OLC), PH
Winters, Walter R.	WO1	Air Medal (7th OLC)

ENLISTED PERSONNEL

Anderson, Robert J.	SFC	Air Medal (2nd OLC), GCM, ACM (ma)(m)
Arrington, James A.	SP4	Air Medal
Baker, Ronald R.	PFC	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Barry, Lawrence J.	SP4	Air Medal (10th OLC)
Brooks, Roger W.	PFC	Air Medal (4th OLC), PH, GCM (3rd OLC)
Brown, Thomas R.	PFC	Air Medal
Burton, William G.	SP4	Air Medal (7th OLC)

Chambliss, Jesse W.	SP4	BS, GCM
Clampitt, Harold A.	SP6	GCM
Coppin, Robert E.	SP4	Air Medal (14th OLC)
Coslin, Larry	PFC	Air Medal (1st OLC)
Dague, Fred D.	PFC	Air Medal (6th OLC)
Deavearo, R E	SP4	Air Medal (11th OLC), DFC
Day, Pryor	SP5	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Denlinger, Jerry E.	PFC	Air Medal (6th OLC)
DeMuzio, Anthony M.	SP4	Air Medal (11th OLC)
Doctor, William Jr.	SGT	Air Medal
Doyde, Jesse M. Jr.	SP4	Air Medal (17th OLC)
" "	SP4	Air Medal
Evans, Jack R.	PFC	Air Medal (1st OLC), PH
Fedorenko, Edward J.	SP4	Air Medal (14th OLC)
Fletcher, Robert L.	SP4	Air Medal (12th OLC)
Forrester, William V.,	PFC	Air Medal
Garcia, Santos Jr.	SP4	Air Medal (6th OLC)
Gillespie, Clyde W.	SP5	Air Medal (9th OLC)
Hadley, Dale W.	SP4	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Hazebaker, Clayton R.	SP4	Air Medal (6th OLC), PH
Hernandez, Andrew D.	SP4	Air Medal (3rd OLC)
Hertel, Ervin M.	SP4	Air Medal (3rd OLC), PH
Hobbs, Garry E.	SP4	Air Medal (3rd OLC), ACM w/"V"
Holman, Johnny M.	SP4	Air Medal (9th OLC)
Kelly, Ronald M.	SP4	Air Medal (3rd OLC)
Kiernan, William J.	SP4	Air Medal (1st OLC)
Kobert, Michael T.	SP4	Air Medal (5th OLC), ACM w/"V"

Kuhns, Albert W. Jr.	SSG	Air Medal (10th OLC)
Kunselmann, Larry L.	SF4	Air Medal (6th OLC)
Lanigan, William	SF4	Air Medal (8th OLC), ACM w/"V"
	SF5	Air Medal (11th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Latta, Kenneth L.	SF5	Air Medal (20th OLC)
Leavitt, Raymond L.	SF4	Air Medal (3rd OLC), GCM
Lenaghan, Robert E.	SF4	Air Medal (3rd OLC), GCM
Lewis, Thomas K.	SF4	Air Medal (12th OLC)
Lile, Thomas	SF4	Air Medal
Lindsey, James C.	SF4	Air Medal
Lovelace, Carl	SSG	Air Medal
Mohr, John	SSG	GCM
Mandair, Leon W.	SF4	Air Medal (26th OLC), PH, ACM w/"V"
Matheson, George L.	PFC	Air Medal
Murphy, James E.	SF4	Air Medal (19th OLC)
Neumann, David R.	SF4	Air Medal (19th OLC)
Novak, Joseph	SF4	Air Medal (8th OLC)
Phillips, Thomas E.	SF4	Air Medal (5th OLC)
	SF4	Air Medal
Pinto, Louis H.	SF4	Air Medal (15th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Polster, Vincent J.	SF4	Air Medal (21st OLC)
Porcari, Edward J. Jr.	PFC	Air Medal
Quick, Roy J.	SF4	Air Medal (12th OLC), PH
Rudicel, Melvin D.	SF4	Air Medal (5th OLC), PH, AM w/"V"
Ruiz, David G.	SF4	Air Medal (5th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Schwab, Robert J.	PFC	Air Medal

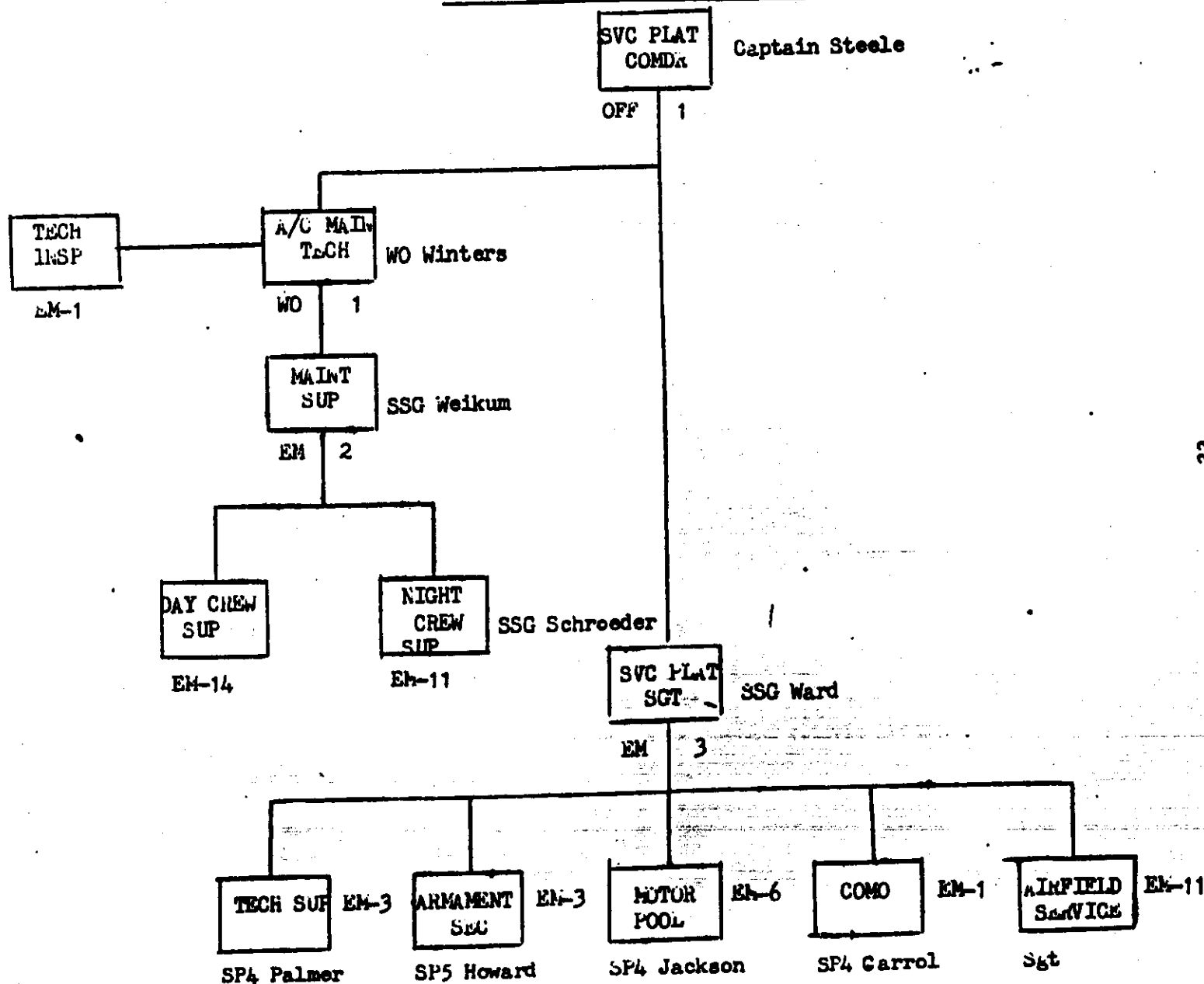
Sines, Richard J.	ST4	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Sims, Mitchell G.	ST4	Air Medal (12th OLC), ACM w/"V"
Snell, Thomas L.	PFC	Air Medal (4th OLC), TH
Spencer, Marvin R.	SSG	Air Medal (2nd OLC)
Soots, Donald R.	ST4	Air Medal (17th OLC)
Suchena, Robert S.	ST5	Air Medal
Swisher, Larry E.	ST5	Air Medal (22nd OLC), AM w/"V"
Theis, Richard G.	PFC	Air Medal (9th OLC), TH, ACM w/"V"
Upchurch, John C.	PFC	Air Medal, TH
Villa, Raul	ST4	Air Medal (5th OLC)
Weatheroad, Olen R.	ST4	Air Medal (2nd OLC), ACM w/"V"
Weikum, Arlin L.	SSG	Air Medal (2nd OLC), ACM w/"V"
Wofford, Bobby J.	ST4	Air Medal (18th OLC), TH, ACM w/"V"
Wright, Albert D.	ST4	Air Medal
Young, John R.	ST5	Air Medal (7th OLC)

APPENDIX VII

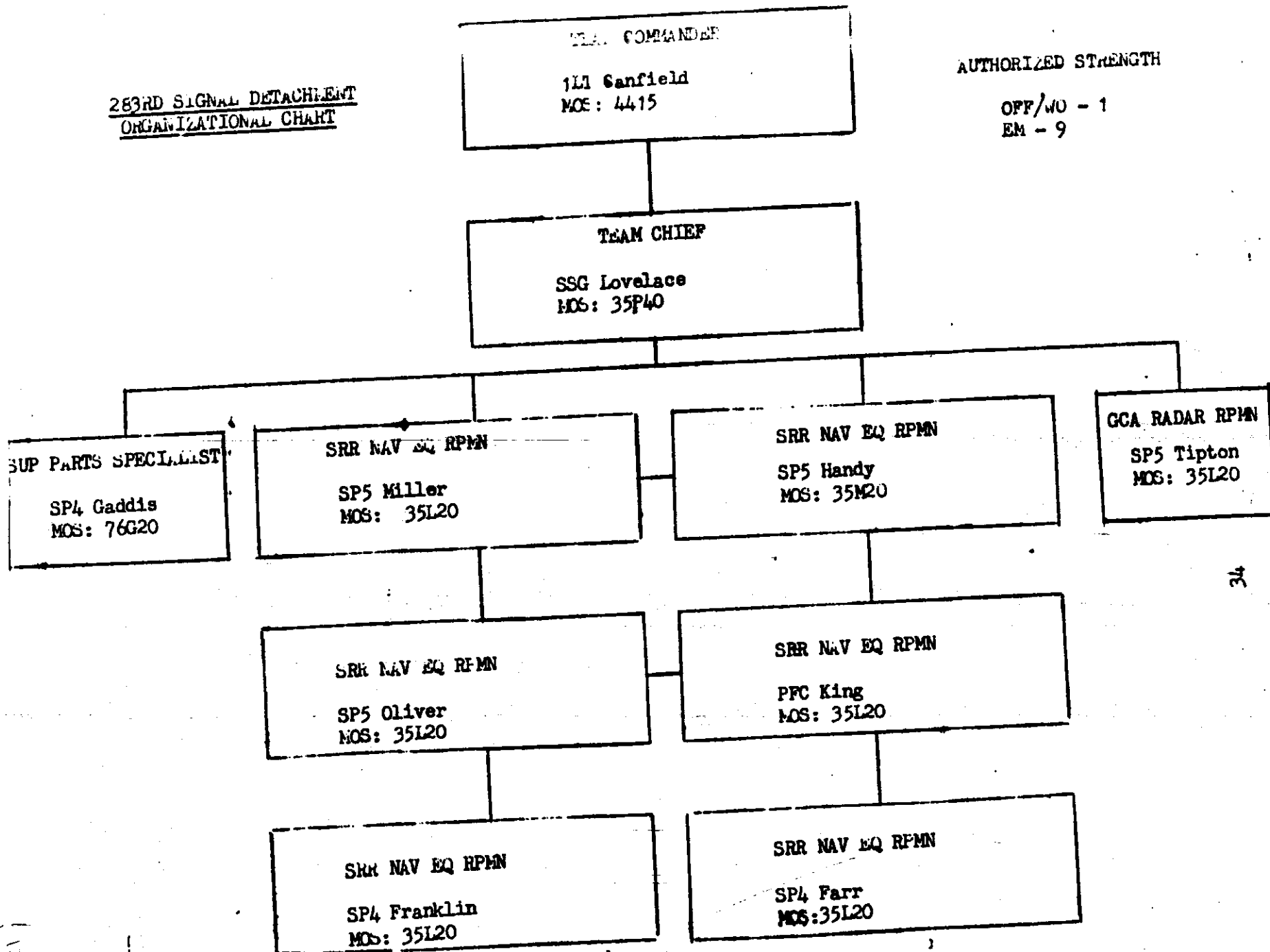
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2. Aircraft lost to combat	(3Ds)
3. Total sorties flown	27680
4. Total hours flown	79503
5. Total troops carried	47910
6. Total cargo carried (tons)	1441.5
7. Ammunition expended ———	7.62mm 1197359
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	40mm 7267
8. Total VCKBAA (body count)	168

SERVICE PLATOON ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

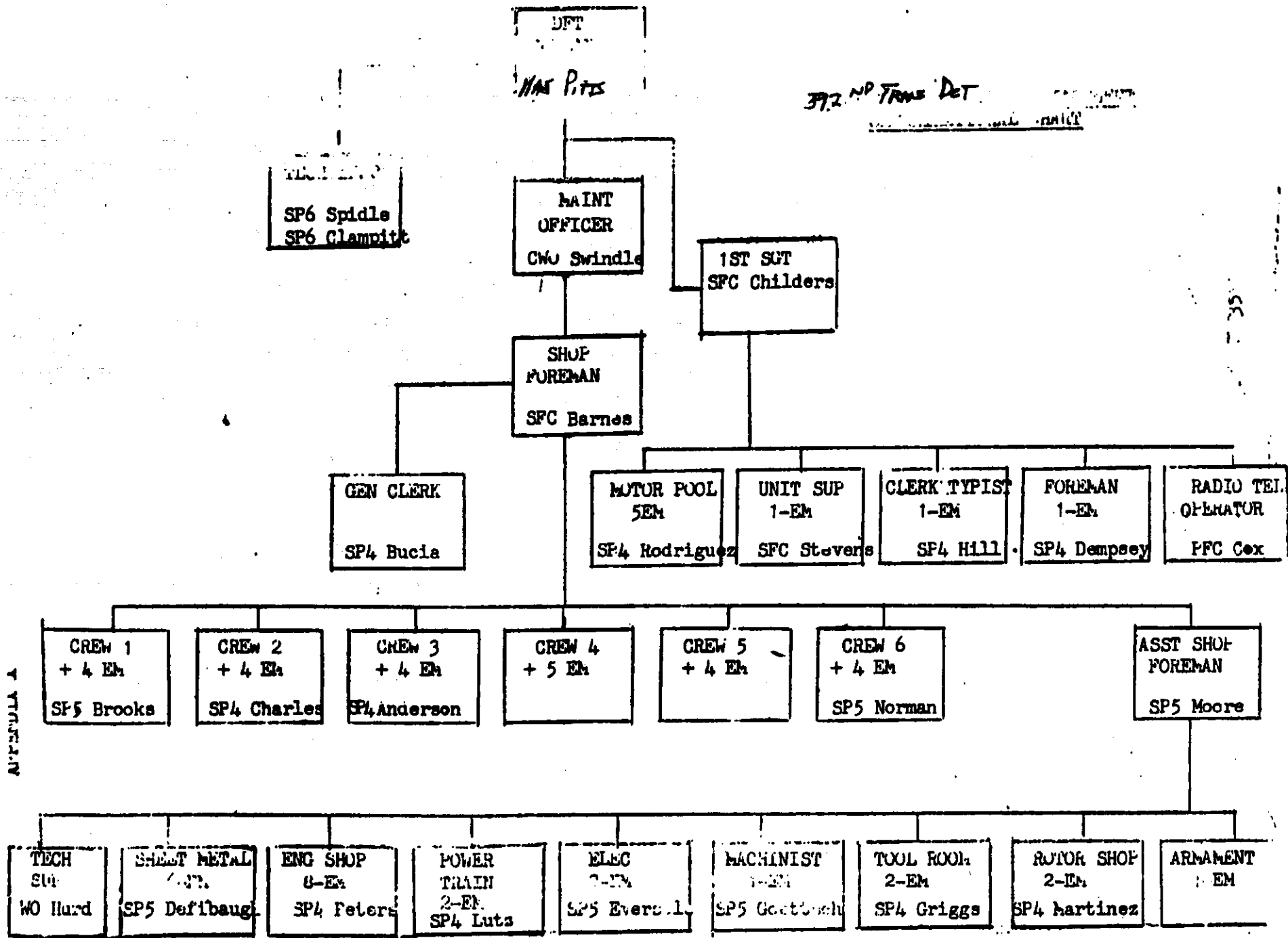


283RD SIGNAL DETACHMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

OFF/NO - 1
EM - 9



431st MEDICAL DETACHMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH:
Officers - 1
Enlisted Men - 8

APPENDIX XI

