

ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT  
HISTORY OF THE  
201 ST AVIATION COMPANY (CORPS)

January 1963 - 31 December

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## Chapter 1: Heraldry

a. Unit Patch: Drawing and explanation attached as Appendix I.

b. Recapitulation of History:

1. Constituted 23 September 1942 in the Army of the United States as the 2043d Quartermaster Truck Company, Aviation.

2. Activated 1 October 1942 at Tonopah Army Air Base, Nevada

3. Inactivated 19 January 1946 in India

4. Converted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as the 2043d Transportation Corps Truck Company (Aviation)

5. Redesignated 27 September 1966 as the 201st Aviation Company and allotted to the Regular Army

6. Activated 25 March 1967 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

7. Campaign Participation Credit:

World War II-EAMA

Maple s-Foggia

Rome-Arno

World War II-AP

India-Burma

Chapter 2. Unit Background: During 1963, the 201st Aviation Company was responsible for providing aviation support for the Commanding General, First Field Forces, Vietnam and his staff. This mission was accomplished with a total of 4 U-21A (UTS) aircraft and 7 UH-1H (Iroquois) helicopters.

The two OH-6A (Cayuse) helicopters assigned were utilized for training and unit missions. Aggregate mission support required 23,147 combat sorties and

10,783 combat flying hours. The total combat load for the year consisted of 62,461 passengers and 536 tons of cargo. A large percentage of these passengers were VIP's. On numerous occasions aircraft of the 201st were selected to transport visiting dignitaries, ranging from Heads of State to famous movie or stage personalities.

The U-21 aircraft possessed an all-weather capability, which proved to be a very valuable asset. The professionalism of the 201st aviators soon earned the unit the reputation of being the finest army passenger service unit in Vietnam. The call sign "Red Baron" became a password which instilled confidence in all who came in contact., either as a passenger or as an air traffic controller.

The General Officers who utilized 201st aircraft consistently offered exuberant praise for the performance of the aviators and aircraft. Many of the helicopter missions of the 201st were for transportation of personnel to Cam Ranh Bay for DEROS, R&R or emergency leave. This service provided a terrific morale boost to all personnel in the Nha Trang area. Other helicopter missions were for site and route reconnaissance. On 21 June 1968 the 58th Aviation Detachment was attached to the 201st and reassigned from Qui Nhon to Nha Trang, This movement provided an additional 2 U-21A airplanes, 1 UH-1H, and 1 UH-1D helicopter.

The additional aircraft and personnel were a valuable asset and greatly increased the unit's capabilities. One UH-1H helicopter and its crew was positioned at Qui Nhon to provide continuing support for the Commanding General of the Qui Nhon Support Command.

See Appendix II Performance Data

the reputation of the 201st Aviation Company spread throughout Vietnam and aviation personnel from other units all over the country extended their tour for reassignment to the 201st. At present, tour extendees comprise approximately 40% of total personnel. The unblemished reputation enjoyed by the unit is indicative of the high spirit and morale of its members. During November 1968 the 201st Aviation Company was presented a safety citation for the *six* month period of January through June 1968.<sup>2</sup>

#### Chapter 3. Command and Control

##### a. Major Commanders and their period of assignment

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Major Thomas L, Williamson | 25 March 1967 - 5 February 1968  |
| 2. Major Louis J, Stadler     | 5 February 1968 - 29 August 1968 |
| 3. Major Ray A.O Young        | 29 August 1968 - Present         |

##### b. Unit organisation: See Appendix IV.

##### c. Major Subordinate Units: The 58th Aviation Detachment (Support) attached.

#### Chapter 4. Reflections

##### a. Unit member killed in action

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2. See Appendix III Safety Citation

APPENDIX 1  
UNIT PATCH: DRAWING AND EXPLANATION



1. The shield represents the unit role in defense of our nation and it's principles. Transportation of key personnel during planning stages permits consummation of effective military actions.
2. The black background serves to highlight the distinctive red, Yellow and white markings.
3. "201st AVN CO." is the common unit designation.
4. "Red Barons" is the adopted nickname and tactical call sign of the unit.
5. The nap of Vietnam indicates the area covered by the 201st during normal operations in support of the Commanding General, First Field Forces, Vietnam.
6. The red and yellow colors represent the national colors of the Republic of Vietnam, in whose defense we participate.
7. "AIR SUPPORT" is the primary mission of the 201st Aviation Company.
8. "VIETNAM" is depicted in an Asiatic style to show our participation in a conflict on Asian soil.

APPENDIX II: Performance Data

		SORTIES	PAX	CARGO	TIME
January -	R/W	2228	8892	89tons	1063hrs
	F/W	<u>577</u>	<u>1327</u>	<u>15tons</u>	<u>562hrs</u>
	Total	2805	10219	104tons	1625hrs
February-	R/W	1696	8246	84tons	508hrs
	F/W	<u>546</u>	<u>1481</u>	<u>18tons</u>	<u>356hrs</u>
	Total	2242	9727	102tons	864hrs
March -	R/W	2087	9168	78tons	708hrs
	F/W	<u>627</u>	<u>1378</u>	<u>19tons</u>	<u>425hrs</u>
	Total	2714	10546	97tons	1133hrs
April -	R/W	1370	5565	38tons	504hrs
	F/W	<u>637</u>	<u>1654</u>	<u>26tons</u>	<u>447hrs</u>
	Total	2007	7219	64tons	951hrs
May -	R/W	1348	2622	16tons	455hrs
	F/W	<u>795</u>	<u>1735</u>	<u>21tons</u>	<u>467hrs</u>
	Total	2143	4357	37tons	922hrs
June -	R/W	1098	2186	11tons	490hrs
	F/W	<u>487</u>	<u>1196</u>	<u>14tons</u>	<u>289hrs</u>
	Total	1585	3382	25tons	779hrs
July -	R/W	1468	2080	8tons	603hrs
	F/W	<u>347</u>	<u>1038</u>	<u>13tons</u>	<u>303hrs</u>
	Total	1815	3118	21tons	906hrs
August -	R/W	1173	1480	5tons	456hrs
	F/W	<u>691</u>	<u>1384</u>	<u>24tons</u>	<u>421hrs</u>
	Total	1864	2864	29tons	877hrs
September	R/W	862	1163	6tons	456hrs
	F/W	<u>637</u>	<u>1411</u>	<u>13tons</u>	<u>392hrs</u>
	Total	1499	2574	19tons	756hrs
October -	R/W	1110	878	3tons	349hrs
	F/W	<u>512</u>	<u>1284</u>	<u>8tons</u>	<u>364hrs</u>
	Total	1622	2162	12tons	713hrs
November-	R/W	679	652	0tons	195hrs
	F/W	<u>489</u>	<u>1413</u>	<u>6tons</u>	<u>333hrs</u>
	Total	1168	1765	6tons	528hrs
December-	R/W	1172	3052	8tons	412hrs
	F/W	<u>511</u>	<u>1476</u>	<u>12tons</u>	<u>317hrs</u>
	Total	1683	4528	20tons	729hrs
1968 TOTAL		23,147	62,461	536tons	10,783hrs
MONTHLY AVERAGE		1,928.9	5,205	44.6tons	898.5hrs

APPENDIX III  
SAFETY CITATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96384

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TO

201ST CORPS AVIATION COMPANY

IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION

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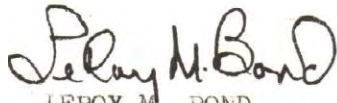
1 JANUARY 1968 — 30 JUNE 1968

DURING THE PERIOD CITED ABOVE, THE 201ST CORPS AVIATION COMPANY HAS ACCOMPLISHED A TOTAL OF EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY ONE HOURS OF ACCIDENT FREE COMBAT AVIATION OPERATIONS. THIS CITED ACHIEVEMENT IS INDICATIVE OF CONSISTENTLY SUPERIOR APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF SOUND MANAGEMENT AND COMMAND EMPHASIS. THIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY THIS UNIT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARMY AVIATION EFFORT IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM THROUGH THE EFFICACIOUS CONSERVATION OF COMBAT MANPOWER AND MATERIEL.

15 Nov 68  
PRESENTED

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MAJOR GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMMANDING

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APPENDIX IV  
UNIT ORGANIZATION

