

ATTACHED UNITS

Because of this Company's relative isolation from higher US administrative and logistical support facilities, a number of units had been attached to Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion as well as the other companies at Soc Trang to lend support to the personnel of this installation. The units attached to the "Warriors" during this period of history were as follows:

111ST MEDICAL DETACHMENT

The detachment was commanded by a medical doctor who was also trained in aviation medicine. He was the flight surgeon for all aviation units at Soc Trang and as well was the medical officer for the installation. A ten bed hospital provided medical service for the personnel at Soc Trang and US advisory personnel located within this area. This detachment was prepared to perform limited surgery, dental care, laboratory analysis and X rays. They also treated indigenous personnel employed at the Soc Trang installation.

167TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT

The 167th Transportation Detachment provided aircraft field maintenance support to the "Warriors". All aircraft maintenance above 2nd echelon went through this detachment. Their duties included periodic inspections of aircraft, repair of battle damage, replacement of major components and field recovery of downed aircraft. "Red Devil 6" was the maintenance aircraft and "he" never let the "Warriors" down. The rapid recovery of a downed aircraft while in close proximity to enemy activity is an art in itself. Whether it was an engine change or replacement of another major or minor component, "Red Devil 6" was always there to "come get you". They remained on call 24 hours a day. Perhaps the most

significant factor that can be attributed to the 167th is the high rate of aircraft availability they continuously provided the "Warriors". This contributed greatly to the outstanding performance of the "Warriors" while in Vietnam. (See Chart III, Monthly Flying Statistics)

277TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT

This detachment with one lieutenant and nine enlisted men provided avionics support to the "Warriors". These individuals put long hours and hard work into their jobs by keeping all radio gear and navigational aids of the aircraft in tip-top shape. In order to provide the fastest and most efficient support possible, a two shift operation was used. The purpose of the night shift was to provide on-site airborne equipment repair and direct exchange while the day shift accomplished bench work and more complicated avionics repairs.

13TH SECURITY PLATOON

The 13th Security Platoon provided interior guard for the installation to include patrolling the airfield. They also monitored the indigenous personnel employed on the installation. This unit utilized the watch dogs that are stationed at Soc Trang.