

## ORGANIZATION

Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion was formed under TO&S 1-77E. This TO&S authorized a major as commander and a captain as executive officer.

There were five platoons within the company; a company headquarters platoon, one airlift platoon (armed), two airlift platoons (troop carrying) and one service platoon.

Company headquarters contained a commanding officer, executive officer, first sergeant, and administrative personnel. It also contained an operations section with a captain as operations officer and a lieutenant as intelligence officer (authorized under USARV General Order 318). Further, it contained an awards and decorations section, a supply section and arms room.

The airlift platoon (armed) was commanded by a captain and was further subdivided into two airlift sections or fire teams with a lieutenant as fire team leader. Each of the two airlift platoons (troop carrying) were commanded by a captain and subdivided into two airlift sections, each with lieutenants as section leaders. The service platoon was commanded by a captain assisted by a warrant officer. The mission of the service platoon was to provide second echelon aircraft maintenance to the company's aircraft. Other duties normally assigned to the service platoon were assumed by units attached to the company or handled through a consolidated facility with some of the unit's assigned personnel participating.

The aircraft of the company were 16 UH-1B troop carrying helicopters and 9 UH-1B armed helicopters.

The 52 officers and 115 enlisted men of the company were not always balanced in rank according to the TO&E, especially among the officers. Because of the requirements for aviators in Vietnam and the relative shortage of junior aviators within the Army, TO&E positions were frequently held by officers one grade higher than authorized.