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210th Combat Aviation Battalion
15 August 1968

AVOC-DJ

SUBJECT: Operation mode of Combat Aviation Battalion for the period ending September 1968

1. (3) Section 1. Description:

   a. There have been no changes in the structure.

   b. There have been no changes in the organization and

   c. Changes in section:

      (1) The following changes:

         a. Combat Aviation Battalion has

            (a) LTC Lea.

            (b) LTC Ewell L. Jones, 076459, on 11 May 1968.

            (c) LTC Neal W. Dobbs Jr.

         b. S-2 from Major Bobby B. Huben

         c. Major Faust

         (2) Subordinate units have

         a. Major A. L. assumed command of the

         16th Reconnaissance Airplane Company from Ralph V. Naumann, 076459, on 19 June 1968.

         b. Major Terry S. et al. assumed command of the 73rd

         Surveillance Airplane Company from Jim G. Rupee, 087904, on 25 June 1968.

         c. Major Dennis Z. assumed command of the

         25th Aviation Company from Major D. R. C. 10477, on 21 June 1968.

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(d) LTC Neal W. Sanders Jr., O67978, assumed command of the 120th Assault Helicopter Company from LTC Richard F. Beck, O1925150 on 6 May 1968.

(e) LTC William H. Cox, 0839068, assumed command of the Command Airplane Company (Provisional) from LTC Pelham G. Heiton, O948733 on 1 July 1968.

(f) Major James E. Lybrand, O5301534, assumed command of the 514th Utility Airplane Company from LTC Merrill T. Peterson, O4005926, on 1 July 1968.

(g) Major Joseph Turner, 0F 106855, assumed command of the Headquarters and Headquarters Company from Major Arthur R. Vaughn, 0L063955, on 13 July 1968.

d. Unit Strengths as of 31 July 1968:

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(3) Information

(a) Information reported by this report the S-2 section validated 29 Oct 1967, 21密, 10密, 21密 and 29密 Confidential clearances.

(b) A representative of each company throughout the Battalion due to changes in procedures and regulations, a representative of the S-2 section to visit companies and detachments on a monthly basis. This has become effective 1 June 1968.

(c) Due to the increased emphasis placed on the Escape and Evasion Program, this Battalion requires 5 to 6 allocations per month to the new Sea Survival School.
(4) (C) Personnel Management

(a) Reclassification: Administrative MOS reclassification during the quarter totalled 39.

(b) Assignments: Personnel assigned during the quarter were as follows:

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(c) Promotions during the quarter were as follows:

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(d) Rotation to CONUS during the quarter was as follows:

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(e) Leaves during the quarter were as follows:

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(f) R & R's for the quarter:

- Requested: 378
- Received: 300

(g) Casualties during the quarter were as follows:

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(1) Summary of Gains and Losses for Next 90 Days

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e. Aircraft Status as of 31 July 1968 (See Inclosure 2).
f. Operational Results as of 31 July 1968 (See Inclosure 3).

2. (U) Section 2 - Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and Recommendations

b. Operations:
(1) Photo confirmation of Visual Sightings:

(a) Observation: During the conduct of visual reconnaissance missions, pilots were reporting many individual sightings. A study was conducted to determine how many of these reports were of previously identified items. It was found that there were numerous recurring sightings and varying descriptions.

(b) Evaluation: Due to the size and number of missions the Visual Platoon is required to fly, a pilot cannot learn the III Corps Tactical Zone area well enough to avoid reporting previously sighted items. A policy requiring pilots to take confirming photography of any significant sightings was initiated. Validity of sightings was improved and the random photographic coverage revealed many significant items that had not been sighted by the pilots.

(c) Recommendation: That the importance of photography be emphasized at OV-1 Aviator's Qualification Course (F-14) at Fort Huachuca, Arizona and in all unit level training programs.

c. Training:

(1) Observation: Airborne Radar Repair Personnel (MOS 26M20) have not been fully qualified to use test equipment AN/GPM-42 and AN GPM-52.

(2) Evaluation: Personnel with MOS 26M20 assigned to this unit have apparently not received adequate school training for use of available test equipment. OJT conducted by the manufacturer's technical representative has proven effective.

(3) Recommendation: More extensive training be given in the operation of AN/GPM-42 and AN/GPM-52 test equipment during the Airborne Radar Repairman Course (MOS 26M20) at Fort Huachuca.

d. Intelligence: None.

e. Logistics:

(1) Quality of Differential in Film:

(a) Observation: A comparison was made under similar conditions using Kodak and Ansco film with the same FSN and expiration date to determine the relative quality of the two films.

(b) Evaluation: Ansco film produces less desirable imagery than does Kodak, even when the film is outdated. When expired, only the Kodak film produces satisfactory results.

(c) Recommendation: That Kodak film be used exclusively in sensor imagery systems.
(2) Doppler Navigational System entering "memory" mode.

(a) Observation: On several occasions, the CV-1 Doppler system would enter the "memory" mode for no apparent reason. All components of the system had been tested and found to be in good operating condition.

(b) Evaluation: Further examination of the system showed that fluid had seeped from the hydraulic system lines onto the cannon plug and radar in the Doppler unit.

(c) Recommendation: That cleaning of the Doppler antenna and fittings of all foreign matter and the inspection of nearby hydraulic lines be affected if the system fails for no other apparent reason.

(3) Field fabricated replacement for plastic insulating sheet in the A2A1 circuit board.

(a) Observation: The plastic insulating sheet under the A2A1 board (not available through supply channels) in the TQ-78/A5M-12 and TQ-80/A5M-12 electro-mechanical actuator was found to be unserviceable in several units.

(b) Evaluation: The sheet was melted due to R2 and R-5 burning when Q, Q-2, Q-3 or Q-4 developed a short circuit. The sheet is a required installation to prevent further short circuits on the A2A1 board.

(c) Recommendation: That a photographic film negative, cut to proper size, be used as a replacement for the original sheet.

(4) Inadvertent inverter shutdown:

(a) Observation: Occasionally on nighttime flights, a pilot would intentionally turn off the inverter switch, instead of the drop tank transfer switch.

(b) Evaluation: The probable reason for this error is the location of the inverter switch, less than an inch from the drop tank transfer switch.

(c) Recommendation: That a locally fabricated ground partition be placed between the two switches to prevent unintentional shutdown of the inverter.

(5) Deterioration of the wiring harness to the Video Signal Monitor Scope and Radar Set Control.

(a) Observation: Deterioration of the wiring harness was discovered during removal of the Video Signal Monitor Scope and the Radar Set Control from the aircraft.

(b) Evaluation: Developing fluid from the RD-166 had seeped onto the floor of the aircraft at location of the harness.
(c) Recommendation: That the harness be modified or treated to protect against the corrosive effects of the developing fluid. Plastic tubing has been found satisfactory for this purpose.

f. Organization: None.

g. Other: None.
3 Inclosures *Withdrawn, HQ, DA
1. Organisational Chart
2. Aircraft Status
3. Operational Results

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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 12TH COMBAT AVIATION GROUP, APO 96266 21 August 1968

TO: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFBC-RB-H, APO San Francisco 96266

AGSs for Force Development, DA (AGSfor, DA), Washington, D.C. 20310

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2. This headquarters has reviewed subject report and the following comments are made:

   a. The title of this report should be Unclassified.

   b. Reference page 7, item (4)(a): This observation pertains to the OV-1 Mohawk. The word "intentionally" should be changed to read "unintentionally".

   c. Reference Inclosure 2, Aircraft Status: Authorization should read:

      (1) HHD - 3 OH-6A, 1 U-6A
      (2) CAC - 1 U-6A, 26 U-21
      (3) 74th RAC - 1 U-6A, 32 O-1
      (4) 184th RAC - 1 U-6A, 24 O-1
      (5) 54th UAC - 18 U-1A
      (6) 73d SAC - 18 OV-1, 1 U-6A
      (7) 120th AHC - 6 OH-6A, 8 UH-1B/C, 30 UH-1D/H
      (8) 25th Avn Co - 6 OH-6A, 0 U-1C, 7 UH-1D/H, 1 U-21

   d. Reference Inclosure 3, Operational Statistics: The enemy KIA, Structures and Sampans destroyed and damaged by the 74th RAC and 184th RAC were the result of adjustment of artillery fire and not KaA.

3. Concur with all other comments and recommendations.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

[Signature]

ROBERT A. WITCHER
Major, Armor
Asst Adjutant

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4. Operational Report of 210th Combat Aviation Battalion
AVFBC-RE-H (15 Aug 68) 2nd Ind
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DA, HQ II PPORCEV, APO San Francisco 96266 4 SEP 1968

THRU: Commanding General, 1st Aviation Brigade, ATTN: AVBA-C, APO 96307
Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHC-DH, APO 96375
Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-OT, APO 96558

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. Subject report is forwarded.

2. This headquarters has reviewed and concurs with the Operational Report—Lessons Learned of the 210th Combat Aviation Battalion for the period ending 31 July 1968, as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE, AFDI 96384 SEP 12 1968

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Commander-In-Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN.: OIF-OT,
AFD 96528

R.: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. This headquarters has reviewed this report, considers it to be
adequate, and concurs with the contents as endorsed.

2. The following additional comment is considered pertinent:

Para 2c, page 6. Further study of this problem is being
conducted by this headquarters. If this problem is universal, this
headquarters will investigate the possibility of an in-country training
program to be conducted by the 34th General Support Group.

RPT UTH GUARDIAN:

[Signature]

J. D. SEGAL
1LT, AGC
ASST ADJUTANT GENERAL

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TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATT: GPP-67, H 97558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 July 1968 from Headquarters, 210th Combat Aviation Battalion.

2. Reference item concerning training, page 6, paragraph 2c; and 3d. Arrangements are being made by the 1st Aviation Brigade to have the 3rd General Support Group provide required training on the AH/GPA-42 and AH/GPA-52.
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GPOP-DT (15 Aug 68) 5th Ind (C)
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   a. HHID - 3 LOH (OH-6A)
   b. CAC - None*
   c. 74th RAC - 32 0-1
   d. 184th RAC - 24 0-1
   e. 54th UAC - 16 U-1A
   f. 73d SAC - 18 OV-1
   g. 120th AHC - 8 UH-1B/C, 29 UH-1D/H
   h. 25th Avn Co - 4 OH-6A, 7 UH-1D/H, 1 U-21

*Command Avn Co (CAC) is a USARV grouping of detachment-size units
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