The 14th Aviation Battalion (Combat), only a little over five years old, has a short but diverse history, having served all but two months of its existence in Vietnam.

The unit was constituted 2 September 1964 and activated the following day at Fort Benning, Georgia for ultimate assignment to Vietnam in October.

Upon arrival in Vietnam the battalion set up headquarters in Nha Trang and was completely operational by 1 November as a fixed wing unit.

Torrential rains hit Vietnam soon thereafter causing one of the worst floods in Vietnamese history. 5000 Vietnamese perished in the floods and hundreds of thousands were left homeless and stranded. The 14th's 18th and 92d Aviation Companies (Fixed Wing), just getting their feet wet in Vietnam, spent the first two weeks of November 1964 flying evacuation and food and medical relief supply missions for the displaced and homeless in I and II Corps.

As a fixed wing unit, with nine companies dispersed throughout Vietnam, from Hue in northern I Corps to Can Tho in the Mekong Delta, the 14th's missions consisted of general aviation support to U.S. and ARVN forces. This support was provided in the form of reconnaissance, airborne communications, aerial surveillance and the airlift of personnel, material and supplies.

Throughout 1965 and into early 1966 the 14th Battalion continued its responsibility of long distance cargo hauling, regular VIP and passenger flights and increased reconnaissance and resupply for the many Special Forces camps throughout I and II Corps.

In April 1966 the 14th entered a transition period exchanging its fixed wing companies for assault helicopter companies and being redesignated a combat aviation battalion.

The 14th left Nha Trang shortly thereafter for new headquarters at Lane Army Heliport west of Qui Nhon with three new assault helicopter companies: The 161st, 174th and 282d. In September 1966 the remaining fixed wing companies were detached.

The 14th's obligation were dispersed from Phan Thiet to the DMZ and from the Cambodia/Laos border to the coast in support of Korean, MACV and various U.S. Army Units.

Both the 161st and the 174th supported Special Forces projects on numerous occasions from June 1966 to late fall of the same year.

In the spring of 1967 the 176th Assault Helicopter Company and the 196th Assault Support Helicopter Company joined the Battalion. The 196th afforded the 14th its first organic CH-47 Chinooks.

The 14th moved to its present location in Chu Lai in mid April 1967 to support Task Force Oregon. At the time the 282d and the 196th Aviation Companies were replaced by the 71st AHC and the 178th ASHC aviation companies respectively.

The year found the 14th supporting operations for armies of three nations. The U.S. forces included separate brigades of the 101st Airborne, 1st Air Cav, 25th Tropical Lightning Division, the 4th Division and the separate brigades composing the newly formed Americal Division. The 14th also supported many operations for the Korean 9th ROK (White Horse) Division, and the 22d ARVN Division. With the addition of the distinction of being the largest aviation battalion operating in Vietnam with close to 1600 personnel and 129 aircraft assigned.

Operations during 1969 and up to the present have centered around the support of the Americal's 196th, 198th and 11th Infantry Brigades and the 2d ARVN Division with the main obligations being: resupply, combat assaults and gunship support.
LTC DEAN G. BOYLE - Battalion Commander
MAJ TIMOTHY SCOBIE * Executive Officer
LT JOHN P. COTTON - Asst. Adjutant
SFC JESSE WILLIS - PSNCO
SP5 DAN BROWN - PIO Clerk
SP4 RICHARD D. FOLEY - Distribution Clerk
SP4 ERNEST PEREIRA - S-2 Clerk
SP4 NORMAN FOWLER - Colonel's Driver
Major TRASK - S-3 Officer
Mr. GRIBBON - Operation Officer
Captain SILVA - Safety Officer
SP4 TOMMY MINTZ & SGT JOHN MINTON
Chaplain BERRY - 14th CAB Chaplain
MAJ. RAY FINEYON
Aviation Maintenance Officer
CW2 RICHARD STEVENS - Motor Officer
JOHN DONAVAN - Lycoming Tech Rep
SGT JOHN FRIE - Commo
LT ALAN C. DELL'ARIO - Exchange Off.
COL SILVER opening PX.
SSG ALVIN A. EMANUEL - Exchange NCO
SP5 ROBERT REED - Medics
CPT LOUIS BLUMEGARTER - Medical Admin. Off. and PHAM THI TAM
SP5 Rice & SP4 Laningham
Medics
SP4 Henning & SP4 McCracken
Medics
CPT JAMES W. McELROY - Commanding
ILT GREGORY E. CLARK - XO
Pathfinder Detachment Commander
SP5 STEVE PARKMAN - Co Clerk
PFC JOHN ROGERS - Clerk Typist
SGT CALVIN UYESONO - Asst. Supply Sgt
SSG EDWARD MORING - Motor Sgt.
SP5 DARRELL GILL - P11 Clerk makes last minute adjustment on water truck.
SP4 LARRY BRUNNER
Dispatcher
earning his keep in
the Motor Pool.
SP4 LENIAL WHITE - Mechanic
SGT THOMAS SOUTHER - XO Driver
SP4 Richard Cavanaugh - Driver
SP4 Stephen Hartman - mechanic
makes last minute check on
Security Platoon's vehicle.
SFC DONALD BROWN
Battalion Food Service Advisor
SSG LAIRD RYBARICK - Mess Steward
SSG Keller - Pathfinder NCOIC
SGT Jenkins - Pathfinder
SP4 Brunner - Motor Pool
SP4 Robinson - S-1 Admin.
SP4 Venegas - Colonel's gunner
SP5 Brown & SP4 Leslie Cook
SP5 Garza - Colonel's Crew Chief
SP4 Fowler - Colonel's Driver
SP4 Brunner - Dispatcher
SP4 Chapman - Mechanic
SP5 Dale Brown & SP4 Harris Cook