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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
EIGHTH UNITED STATES ARMY  
55TH AVIATION COMPANY (ARMY)  
APO 96301

12 April 1968

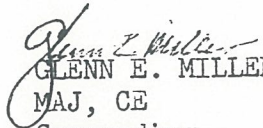
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1. References:

- a. AR 870-5
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2. Attached as inclosure 1 is the annual supplement to unit history for the 55th Aviation Company (Army), K-16, Korea.

  
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## UNIT HISTORY

12 April 1968

During the period of 1 January 1967 to 31 December 1967 this unit accomplished its' organic mission of providing aviation support to Headquarters UNC, EUSA, KMAG, US Embassy and governmental agencies of the Republic of Korea as requested. The unit commenced the year with the following rotary wing aircraft assets: 9 OH-23's, 3 UH-1B's; however shortly four of the OH-23's were transferred to Vietnam and one additional UH-1B was added to the units' inventory. The fixed wing assets initially were 9 U-6A aircraft, subsequently reduced to 5 U-6 aircraft, four U-8 aircraft, and three OV-1B aircraft.

Early in 1967 the unit supported the visit of Chris Noel by flying her throughout the Republic of Korea; as she visited the troops. As past history will reflect this unit has habitually departed Yoido Island during the normal flood season each summer; and moved to a temporary location. This year the unit moved to Camp Eiler; and the aircraft were based at Kimpo Air Force Base just adjacent to Camp Eiler. The unit remained at Camp Eiler until 15 September 1967 at which time it returned to K-16 on Yoido Island. Throughout displacement from the home station this unit continued to render general aviation support to Headquarters UNC, EUSA, KMAG, US Embassy, and governmental agencies of the Republic of Korea.

One of the highlights of the year was the support this unit rendered during the visit of Vice President Humphrey to the Republic of Korea. Aircraft and members of this unit extensively participated in the support of the Vice President and his party. Along with the Vice President, the unit also supported the visits of Ambassador Goldberg, former Australian Prime Minister Holt, and the USARPAC Commander.

During the fall of this year the unit rendered effective aviation support to the annual Eighth Army field exercise, Strongfield II. During this exercise aircrews of the unit supported the command group and various headquarters throughout EUSA.

The month of November 1967 saw the replacement of the three (3) OV-1B aircraft with the new modified OV-1B aircraft. The new aircraft is equipped with an inflight processor which materially adds to the aerial surveillance potential of this unit. Commanders during 1967 were as follows:

LTC Robert H. Burris--20 May 1966 thru 12 June 1967

LTC Donald R. Jordan--12 June 1967 thru 11 December  
1967

MAJ Glenn E. Miller--11 December 1967 to Present