

ANNEX L (Unit History) to 242d Transportation Helicopter Company (MED) Admin SOP

1. GENERAL:

a. The purpose of this SOP is to outline the procedures to be followed in maintaining historical files of the 242d Avn Co (ASH).

b. Unit historical records are maintained in order to present a clear, accurate and historically cumulative record of this unit's activities and accomplishments. This information can, at a later date, be utilized, according to its content, either for factual information intended for presentation or timely guides for tactical manuevers.

2. REFERENCES:

- a. AR 870-5
- b. DA PAM 20-200
- c. DA PAM 360-509

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. The unit Historian is responsible to the commander to maintain the unit historical files in accordance with AR 870-5. This will include all photographs and unclassified information. The unit Historian will be appointed by the Commanding Officer.

4. PROCEDURES:

a. The Unit History Files will be maintained by Unit Historical Officer.

b. All material considered for the History files will be submitted to the unit historian as soon as possible after the event has taken place. Final approval for an entry will rest with the Unit Historian pending concurrence of the Commander.

c. The following criteria will apply when determining whether or not material is appropriate:

- 1. Directly involved this unit or portion there of.
- 2. Is of historical value, i.e. change of command.
- 3. Is of tactical historical reference value, i.e. tactical field problem of major consequence.
- 4. Establishes status of the unit, such as first to accomplish a task in USARAL, etc.
- 5. Established precedent in individual or team efforts such as special individual awards of athletic accomplishment.
- 6. Any other information deemed appropriate be the Unit historian or the commander.

a. An annual Unit history supplement will be prepared by the unit Historian and forwarded as required by AR 870-5 and other applicable directives.



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# Faces and Places



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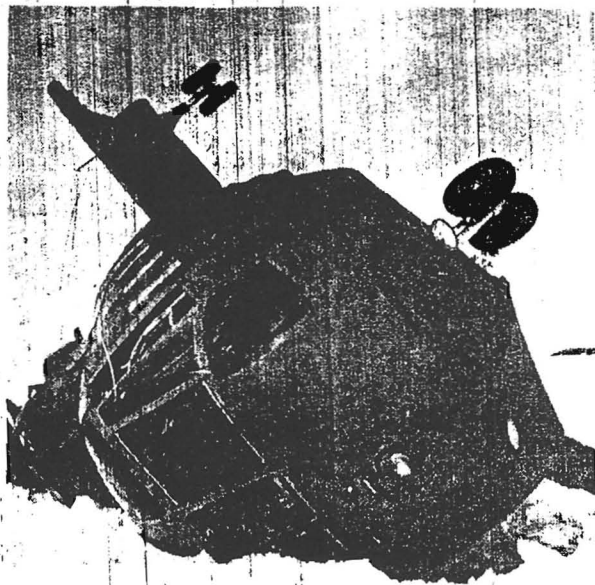
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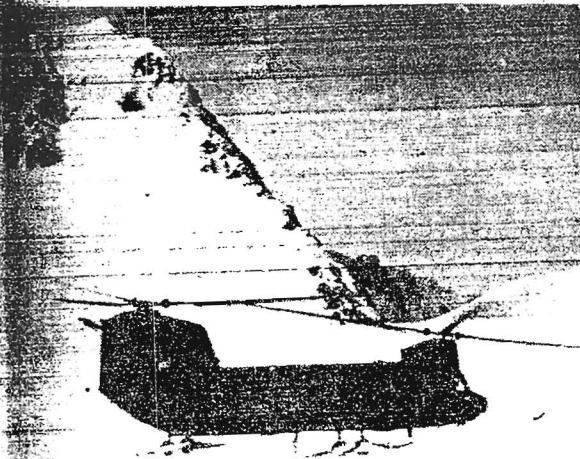
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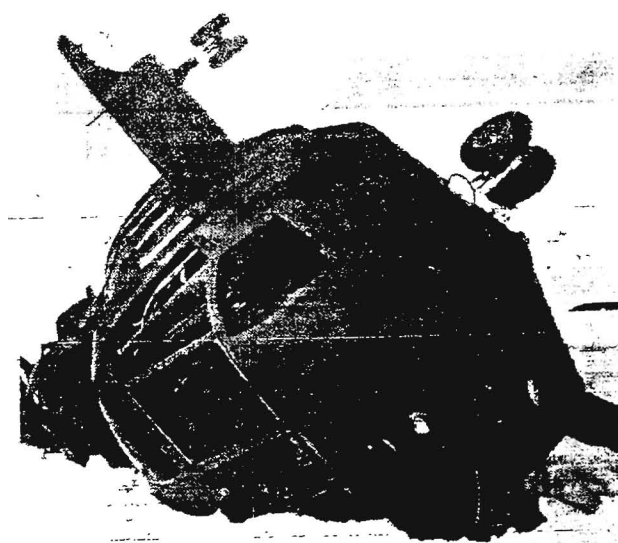
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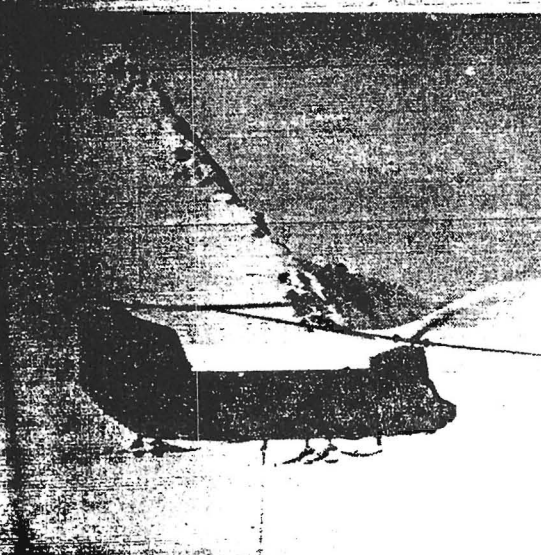
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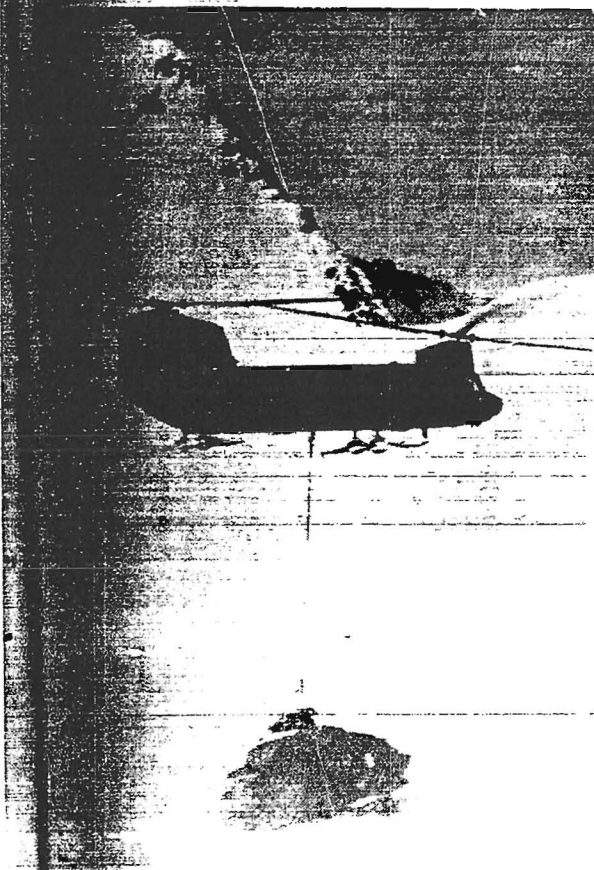
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(U.S. Army photos by Dave Baugh, 222nd Avn. Bn.)

Chinook from the 242nd lifts the downed Piper off the glacier east of Anchorage.

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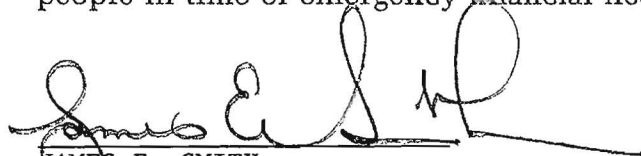
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## EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

242d Aviation Company, 222d Aviation Battalion

The President and the Board of Managers of Army Emergency Relief have expressed their appreciation for our 1985 Annual Fund Campaign for Army Emergency Relief.

I add my appreciation to you and the members of your organization for your meaningful support and contributions which allowed this campaign, for our own organization, to again be successful. Together, we increased the awareness of our soldiers and their families about Army Emergency Relief. In addition, our important contributions enable Army Emergency Relief to continue to help the Army care for its own through the funds made available to us to assist Army people in time of emergency financial need.



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242114 helps u your ...  
By Chuck Hook

The good deed of the week award goes to the 222nd Aviation Battalion and the 242nd Aviation Company.

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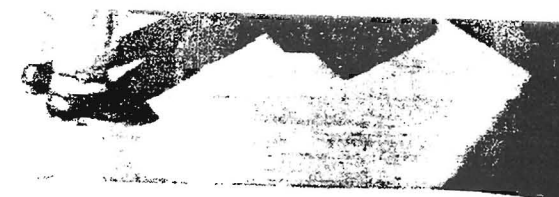
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Ian was too small to let himself in, she related, and she was busy for those few crucial seconds.

So they took Ian to counselors at the Fairbanks Health Center and they had two suggestions: Buy him a toy helicopter and see if Fort Wainwright would give him a tour of a helicopter so he could become more familiar with helicopters.

So Ian got a new toy and the 222nd Aviation Battalion got a one-of-a-kind request.

Last Friday Sgt. Grier Walker met Ian, his mother, his 15-month-old sister, Amy, his grandmother, Mary Bone of Fairbanks, and his great grandmother, Virginia Powers of Houston, Texas, and escorted them to the 242nd flight line. Pilot and platoon leader Chief Warrant Officer 3 Tom Slaughter met them and showed Ian around. A little reluctantly he approached the helicopter. He gave it a good hard look over, and he even summoned the courage for a quick touch or two.



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Then, with oversized ear muffs to cut noise and a firm grip on his mother's grandmother's hand, he watched a crew one of the Chinooks and take off.

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Best Mailroom of the Quarter in the 172nd Light Infantry Brigade was won by Cpl. Terry Allen, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 6th Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment.

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