

173D SUPPORT BATTALION RIGGERS CHECK AIRDROP LOADS AT BIEN HOA AIRFIELD AS 845 "SKY SOLDIERS" OF THE 173D INFANTRY BRIGADE (AIRBORNE) PREPARE FOR THEIR COMBAT JUMP INTO WAR ZONE "C" AS PART OF OPERATION JUNCTION CITY, 22 FEBRUARY 1967.

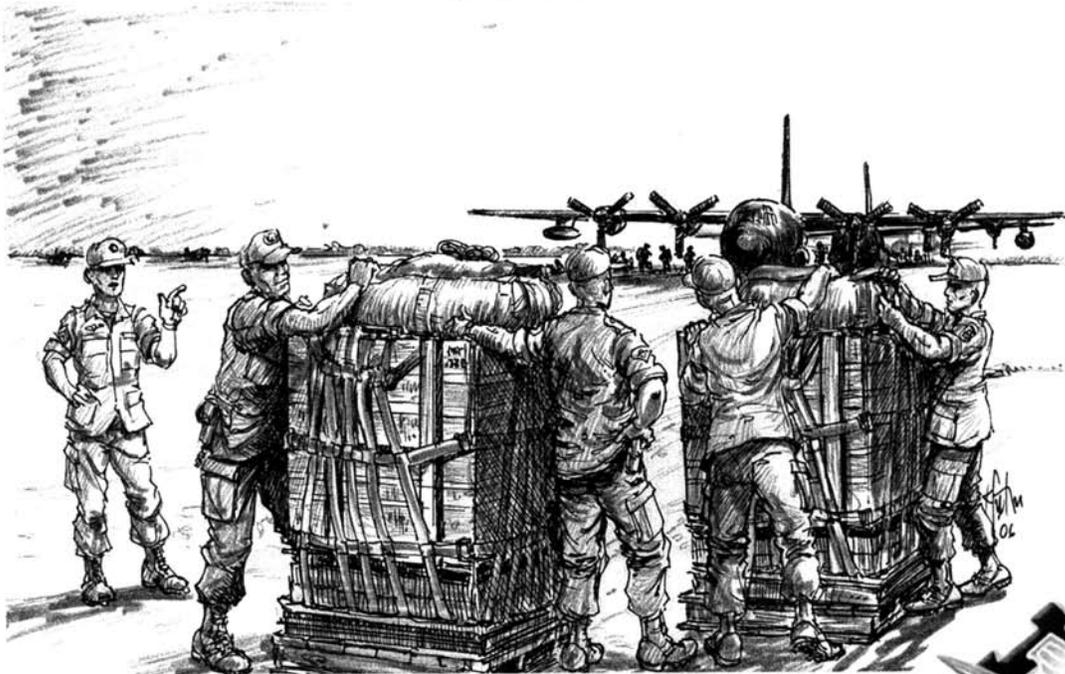


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THE 173D SUPPORT BATTALION (AIRBORNE)

**CONSTITUTED 26 MARCH 1963 IN THE REGULAR ARMY AS THE 173D SUPPORT BATTALION,
AND ASSIGNED TO THE 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE ON OKINAWA**

ACTIVATED 25 JUNE 1963 ON OKINAWA

RELIEVED 14 JANUARY 1972 FROM ASSIGNMENT TO THE 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE

INACTIVATED 21 OCTOBER 1972 AT FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

ACTIVATED 16 MARCH 2005 IN VINCENZA, ITALY

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