



**The Official Distinctive Unit Insignia of the 301st Army Security Agency Battalion
According to the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry**

Description: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/8 inches (2.86 cm) in height overall consisting of a yellow disc encircled by a silver band the lower portion inscribed with the motto "THROUGH THE NIGHT" in teal blue letters and superimposed across the upper half a black bat with wings outstretched and extending outside the circle.

Symbolism: The bat, a night flying mammal whose activities are shrouded in mystery and secrecy, is used to allude to those aspects that apply to the surveillance function of the Army Security Agency Battalion.

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 20 May 1966.

Comments: There are numerous stories concerning the origin of the Distinctive Unit Insignia, with some suggesting that it was never officially adopted and that it was created as a joke to perpetuate a rumor concerning an embarrassing moment for one of the officers assigned to the battalion in 1966. They point to the inscription in English rather than the customary use of Latin. The DUI is in fact an official insignia and can be found in numerous official publications and documents including those of the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry. Credit for its design is most often given to Darrell Arena, the Battalion Commander in the 1966-67 timeframe while the Battalion was stationed at Ft Bragg, NC.

The 265th Army Security Agency (ASA) Company (Airborne) was activated on 21 April, 1967 at Fort Campbell, KY in accordance with General Order #25 issued by HQ USASA, and activated under TO&E 32-57F as a subordinate unit of the 301st ASA Battalion (Corps). Authorized strength was 9 Commissioned Officers (CO), 4 Warrant Officers (WO) and 281 Enlisted (EM). As of the date of activation there was 1 CO, 1 WO and 2 EM assigned. Two EM were the only personnel present for duty when the unit was activated. They were 1SG Robert Shorter, and SFC Kenneth W. Farmer, a Morse Intercept Operator (05H).



The current rendering, about 2003 to present



First Unit Commander, Captain Tyrone M. Trbovich,
Fort Campbell, KY, July, 1967.



CPT Trbovich, Commander, and First Sergeant
1SG Robert Shorter, Bien Hoa, RVN, December, 1967

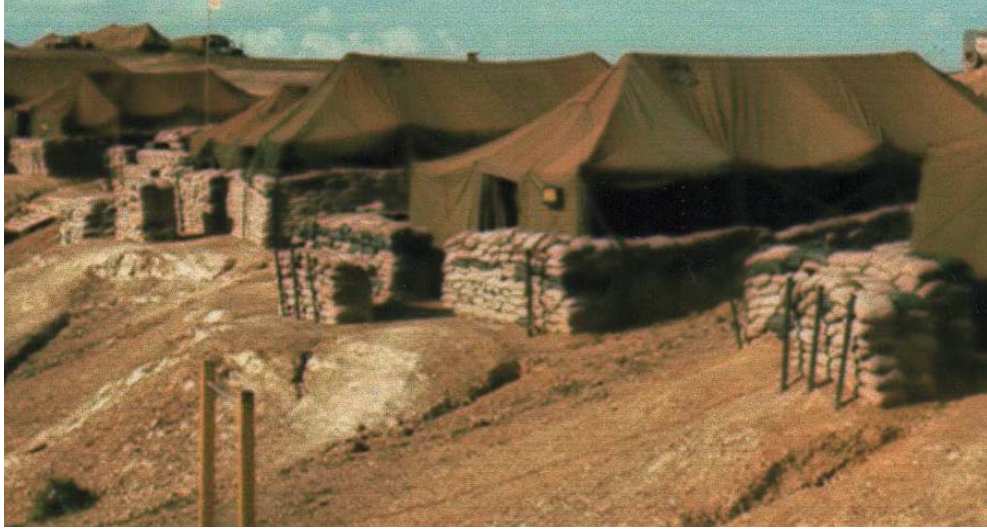


The 265th RRC (ABN) Commander's Jeep with bat Logo. Load out was in preparation for the movement from Bien Hoa to Camp Eagle, near Hue. The bat symbol was painted on all unit vehicles prior to deployment from Fort Campbell as an aid to identification. Some were flown to Cam Rhan Bay, others were flown to Than Son Nhut Air Base. When the unit vehicles were offloaded from various aircraft, they were parked wherever there was available space. Rather than compare vehicle serial number or bumper markings, the Yellow Bat was visible from a greater distance and allowed quick and positive identification simplifying the assembly of all unit equipment.

The unit continued to use the Yellow Bat Logo on equipment. When the company headquarters redeployed from Bien Hoa to Camp Eagle in response to the Tet '68 battles in and around the old imperial capital of Hue, their quarters and operations areas were tents. As construction of SEAHuts were completed, even buildings were marked with the Yellow Bat.



The BatRoom
One of the early 'permanent' buildings



Billets, Camp Eagle, RVN, April 1968

The Yellow Bat goes on first

Construction of the permanent billets August, 1968





Company Headquarters, Camp Eagle, RVN, 1970



Company Operations Center, G-Row, 101st Airborne Division Headquarters
Camp Eagle RVN, 1969



Restricted Area Sign
1st Platoon Operations Center, 1st Brigade area, Gia Le, RVN



265th RRC (ABN) Signal Maintenance Section with Bat on roof
Company Main, Camp Eagle, RVN, 1969



The Bat Cave, Company Main
A Uni-Grade Club, Camp Eagle, RVN, 1969

Unauthorized Pocket Patches

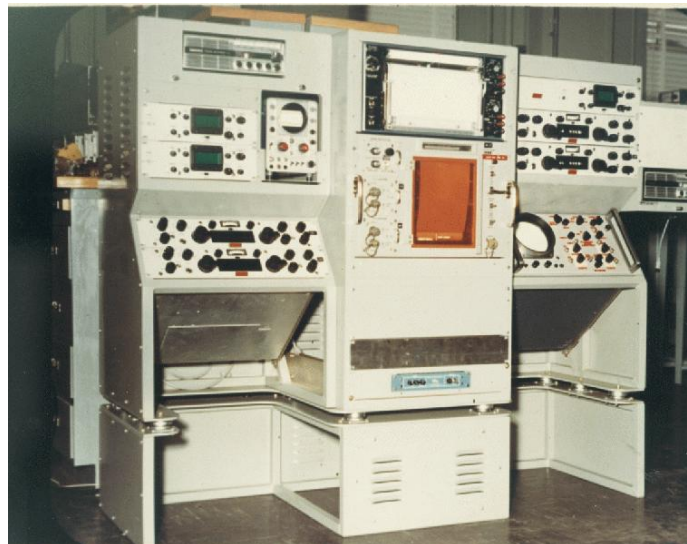


The Left Bank was a Special Electronic Mission Aircraft, configured for airborne radio direction finder operations. The ships were called Elephant Branders because of the unique DF antenna that protruded from the nose of the aircraft.



LEFT BANK

AIRBORNE RADIO DIRECTION FINDER SYSTEM



Left bank Electronic Mission Console before aircraft installation

Our Bat Logos have been used on a variety of items including postage stamps, knives, caps, watches, coins, wreaths and quilts. . . .



. . . even an unauthorized Unit Guidon

**The Last Formation
Retiring The
265th RRC (Abn) Colors
April, 1972**



Captain Frank E. Leftault, the last 265th RRC (ABN) Commander, passes colors to 8th RRFS commander

The 265th Army Security Agency Company, (Airborne), or 265th ASA Co. (ABN) was constituted on 02 March, 1967 and activated on 21 April, 1967 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The advance party deployed to the Republic of Viet Nam on 19 November, 1967. The company followed, with the cover designator 265th Radio Research Company (Airborne) or 265th RRC (ABN), on 03 December, 1967 as part of Operation Eagle Thrust in support of the 101st Airborne Division.

Headquartered at Bien Hoa Air Base the unit was initially assigned subordinate to the 303rd RR Battalion, in support of II Field Force. As elements of the 101st Airborne Division moved north to counter the heavy fighting around the old Imperial Capital of Hue City during the 1968 Tet Offensive, the 265th RRC redeployed to Camp Eagle on the outskirts of Hue and established a permanent base camp near the 101st Airborne Division headquarters. As a result, the company was reassigned subordinate to the 8th Radio Research Field Station, located at Phu Bai some 10 km distant.

After 1552 days in Viet Nam and participation in 13 named campaigns (5-17), the 265th RRC (ABN) was inactivated at ceremonies held at the 8th RRFS, Phu Bai, Republic of Viet Nam, on 01 April, 1972.

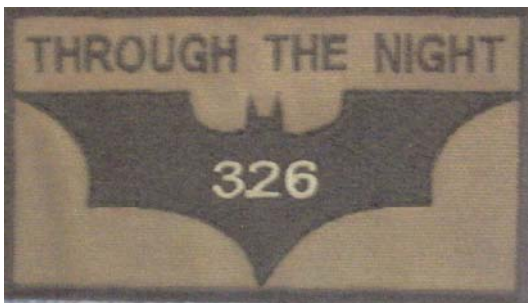
The company was reactivated as 265th ASA Company, 21 June, 1976 as the Army Security Agency was being inactivated. The unit was redesignated as A Company, 311th MI Battalion.

The battalion deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom I (OIF) in 2003 and upon returning went through a series of reorganizations. Alpha Company, 311th MI, the successor to the 265th RRC (ABN), was redesignated Bravo Company, 326 Brigade Troops Battalion, a new battalion formed as part of the Division reorganization into Modular Brigades. Several changes were made during the reorganization and, when finalized just before again deploying to Iraq, in September, 2007 the unit was again redesignated as B Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), or B-1STB/1BCT

Although the unit was aware of its history there was no linkage between the current unit and its Viet Nam veterans until a reunion was held at Fort Campbell in 2003. A follow-on reunion was held at Ft Campbell in 2004 when most of those soldiers that had deployed in support of OIF I were back at Ft Campbell and undergoing reorganization. The unit decided to adopt the bat logo to create a visible linkage to its past. The unit retains the bat logo and the Through The Night motto.



An historical plaque linking the 265th RRC (ABN) with Bravo Company, 326 Brigade Troops Battalion, formerly Alpha Company, 311th MI Battalion, and soon to be redesignated as Bravo Company, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat team



Unauthorized Bat patches and an unauthorized Platoon Guidon. Although the unit wanted the linkage to their Viet Nam Veterans, they wanted an updated, streamlined bat to represent their 'modern' equipment, weapons, and tactics. The spade in the center of the bat establishes the company as part of the Bastogne Brigade from WW II fame.





Members of IEW Platoon, B-1STB/1BCT display unauthorized bat patches on their headgear during training prior to deployment to Iraq 2005-2006



Long Range Reconnaissance Detachment weapons training prior to deployment to Iraq – Bat Logo painted on vehicle



Members of IEW Platoon, 1-STB/1BCT in Iraq – Bat Logo painted on gun shield



The New Bat Cave. In the hangar of a special photo reconnaissance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), part of the B -1STB/1BCT Intelligence collection resources