

13 JAN 1984

AFZT-PTS-AV (1 Nov 83) 1st Ind

SUBJECT: Army Aviation Mishap Prevention Award of Merit

DA, Headquarters, 172d Infantry Brigade (Alaska), Fort Richardson, Alaska
99505

THRU: Commander, 222d Aviation Battalion (Combat), APTN: AFZT-AV-CO,
Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703

TO: Commander, 242d Aviation Company, Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703

1. You are to be commended for your support of the Army Aviation Mishap Prevention Program. Your eligibility to receive the Award of Merit represents your immeasurable contributions in the field of aviation safety.

2. I urge you to continue your efforts in helping the 172d Infantry Brigade (Alaska) achieve its goal of an accident-free year.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc



DALE M. BELL
Colonel, GS
Deputy Commander, Support



242D Avn. Co. SUGARBEARS

CHANGE OF COMMAND

S E Q U E N C E O F E V E N T S

OPENING REMARKS & UNIT HISTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMAND

READING OF ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND ORDERS

REMARKS BY THE BATTALION COMMANDER

REMARKS BY THE OUTGOING COMMANDER

REMARKS BY THE INCOMING COMMANDER

CLOSING REMARKS

242d AVIATION COMPANY (ASH)

COMMAND AND STAFF STRUCTURE

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Outgoing Commanding Officer | MAJ(P) WALTER R. SULLIVAN |
| Incoming Commanding Officer | MAJ ROBERT G. WILLIAMS |
| First Sergeant | 1SG RONALD EDSON |
| Executive Officer | CPT PETER D. ANZULEWICZ |
| Operations Officer | CPT NORMAN D. KING |
| Operations NCO | MSG MARLYN D. McWATERS |
| Flight Platoon Commander | CPT RUBEN MERCADO |
| 1st Flight Platoon Leader | CW3 THOMAS L. BOLLAERT |
| 1st Flight Platoon Sergeant | SFC GARY L. MOORE |
| 2nd Flight Platoon Leader | CW2 JOSEPH M. KREZELAK |
| 2nd Flight Platoon Sergeant | SFC JOHN T. GREENE |
| Service Platoon Leader | CW4 JAMES L. SHIRELEY |
| Service Platoon Sergeant | SFC JOHN E. LAWRENCE |

OUTGOING COMMANDER
MAJOR(P) WALTER R. SULLIVAN

Major(P) Walter R. Sullivan received his commission as a Field Artillery Officer in 1968 at the University of Southern Mississippi. Following attendance at the Field Artillery Basic Course, Flight School, and CH-47 transition he served in the 147th Aviation Company (ASH) "Hillclimbers" in Vietnam during 1970/71. His following assignments from 1971 to 1974 were in Schwaevisch Hall, Germany as Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in the 4th Aviation Company (ASH) and Assistant Adjutant, 11th Aviation Group. Following graduation from the Field Artillery Advanced Course in 1975, Major(P) Sullivan commanded B Battery, 1st Battalion, 35th Field Artillery and served as Assistant S3 and Aviation Officer, 24th Infantry Division Artillery at Hunter Army Airfield. He served as Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Richmond from 1978 to 1980. Following graduation from the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, he served as S3 and Executive Officer, 222d Aviation Battalion prior to assuming command of the 242d Aviation Company.

Major(P) Sullivan's civilian education includes a B.S. Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and a M.S. degree from Longwood College. Major(P) Sullivan has been decorated with the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with "V" Device and 11 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal and Senior Army Aviator Badge.

Major(P) Sullivan, his wife, Pat, and their son, Brian, are being reassigned to Fort Monroe, Virginia where Major(P) Sullivan will serve in the Combat Development Directorate of the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command.

INCOMING COMMANDER
MAJOR ROBERT G. WILLIAMS

Major Robert G. Williams enlisted in the Army in December 1966, attended Warrant Officer Flight School and was appointed a warrant officer in November 1967. He was assigned to A Company, "Jayhawks", 9th Aviation Battalion, Vietnam, where he served as Motor Officer and Command Control pilot. Returning from Vietnam in December 1968, he was assigned to the Division Artillery Aviation Section at Fort Riley, Kansas where he served as the Aviation Maintenance Officer. In February 1970, he received a direct commission to 1LT in Artillery. He departed in May 1970 to attend the Artillery Basic Course and the CH-47 Qualification Course enroute to Vietnam. During 1971, Major Williams served with the 147th Aviation Company, "Hillclimbers". Upon returning from his second tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery, Fort Hood, Texas and served as a Brigade Fire Support Officer, Division Artillery S-5, and Commander of HHB, 2/19 Field Artillery. He departed Fort Hood in May 1976 to attend the Artillery Advanced Course, Degree Completion, and the AH-1 Qualification Course. From March 1977 until February 1980 he was assigned to the 120th Aviation Company, Fort Richardson, Alaska and served as Cobra Section Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, Platoon Leader, and Executive Officer. He then served as the 172d Brigade, Alaska Aviation Officer until May 1981. Major Williams then attended the Organizational Effectiveness School at Fort Ord, California and was assigned to the Readiness Group, Fort Douglas, Utah where he served as an Organizational Effectiveness Officer until returning to Alaska in May 1984.

Major Williams' education includes a B.S. degree and Command and General Staff College.

His awards include the Bronze Star Medal First Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with "V" device and 37 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Master Army Aviation Badge.

Major Williams and his wife, Teresa, have two daughters; Dawn and Jo Lynn.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WORLD WAR II-AP

Papua
Leyte
Luzon
New Guinea

VIETNAM

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Streamer Emroidered Papua

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer Emroidered, 17
October 1944 to 4 July 1945.

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Streamer Embroidered Vietnam
1967-68.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

WORLD WAR II-AP

Papua

Leyte

Luzon

New Guinea

VIETNAM

DECORATIONS

Presidential Unit Citation (ARMY), Streamer Embroidered Papua

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, Streamer Embroidered, 17 October 1944 to
4 July 1945

Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm Streamer Embroidered Vietnam 1967-68

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
242d Aviation Company (ASH)
Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703

April 26, 1984

SGT Laymond L. Pierce
810 Harrison Avenue
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

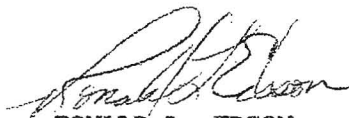
Dear SGT Pierce:

Thank you for your interest in our unit. Enclosed you will find a "Sugar Bear" patch, and our battalion's crest that we wear. Below is a short discription of our unit's history and mission.

MISSION. The primary mission of the 242d Avn Co (ASH) is to provide medium helicopter support for the 172d Infantry Brigade (Alaska), throughout the state of Alaska. In addition, the "Sugar Bears" participate in domestic aid, fire control and high altitude search and rescue missions in support of military, US Government and civilian agencies in Alaska.

HISTORY. The 242d Aviation Company (ASH), the oldest company in the battalion, was originally activated as a transportation company on 1 February 1942 at McClellan Field, California. It served the remainder of World War II in the Pacific theater and was inactivated in March 1946. As part of build up in Vietnam, the 242d was reactivated and sent to Vietnam in August 1967. After serving four years there, setting many unit records and winning several honors the company was transferred to Alaska on 19 November 1971. Since then the 242d has served proudly as a part of the 222d Aviation Battalion and was selected as the Army Aviation Association of America's Aviation Unit of the Year in 1977.

Sincerely,

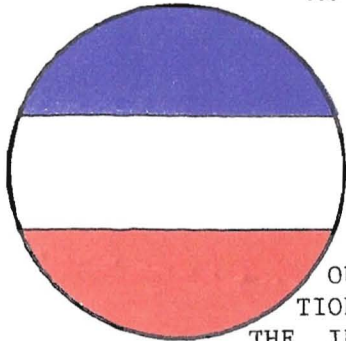


RONALD L. EDSON
1SG, USA
First Sergeant

172D INFANTRY BRIGADE (ALASKA)

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

is awarded on this Twenty-fifth day of May, 19 84

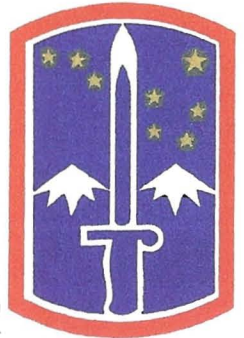


to


242d AVIATION COMPANY MOTOR POOL
ALL SECTIONS

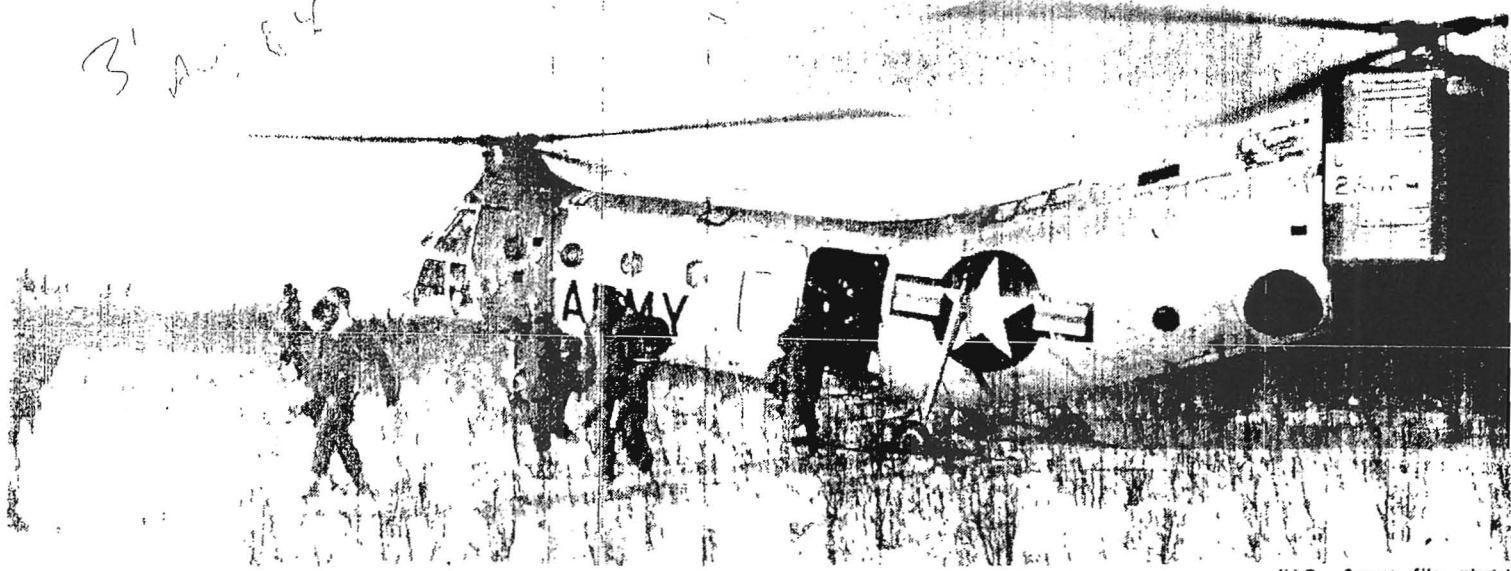
for

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS INDICATED BY THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL INSPECTION CONDUCTED DURING MARCH 1984. ALL AREAS INSPECTED WERE RATED SATISFACTORY AND THE INSPECTORS POINTED OUT SEVERAL VERY STRONG AREAS THAT COULD BE USED AS EXAMPLES BY OTHER UNITS IN THE 222D AVIATION BATTALION. SUCH RESULTS CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH DEDICATION AND MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK. ALL MEMBERS OF THE 242D AVIATION COMPANY MOTOR POOL ARE COMMENDED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND FOR ACHIEVING SUCH FINE RESULTS DURING THIS TRUELY DEMANDING INSPECTION. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



242D AVIATION COMPANY (ASSAULT)
FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA 99703


W. R. SULLIVAN
MAJ(P), AV
Commanding



ops disembark from a C-21 Shawnee "Flying Banana" during an arctic exercise in 1965. (U.S. Army file photo)

's birthday celebrated

ng progress of aviation, from balloons to 'bananas,' recounted

ation celebrated its
ugh Army Aviation
d, the Army has
ical tool since the
1861 when Thaddeus
Alexandria, Va. in
'Enterprise' and
ies of Confederate
r. Lowe's success, the
Balloon Corps" was
d in 1863.
Corps' junior officers,
ied to reorganize the
when the newly
neral was named to
. Five years later, Army
the air. Brig. Gen.
own arctic explorer and
is efforts to build a
n between Alaska and
It is he whom Fort
eely who got congress
or research and
mary objective was to
h was not a balloon
wanted was an airplane.
Greely's hand picked
ames Allen continued
military aircraft. Brig.
the bid of the Wright
aircraft in 1908. On
al Corps accepted
irst
my Aviation made
agge to had European
y in other countries
ize the potential of The
e main problem facing
ie disagreement between
and the Department of

Korea the helicopter was used as cargo transports, troop carriers and medical evacuation. The helicopters use as an attack and assault weapon came during the Vietnam conflict.

The helicopter, however, became the Army's means of transporting troops and materials. The CH-21 "Shawnee" commonly known as the "Flying Banana" was the first helicopter to arrive in Alaska in 1958. The "Flying Banana" was the predecessor to the CH-47 "Chinook" and was withdrawn from use in late 1968 and early 1969.

The 19th Aviation Battalion (now the 222nd Avn. Bn.) received their first UH-1A "Iroquois" (the battle-proven "Huey") in 1963.

By the end of the Vietnam era, the helicopter was the primary aircraft in use by the Army. The "Hueys" had been modified and were used for transporting combat troops.

The first CH-47A "Chinook" arrived in Alaska in July 1970. Also, that year, Alaska received two more OV-1 "Mohawk" reconnaissance aircrafts.

Three CH-54B Sikorsky TARHE ("Flying Crane") helicopters arrived in April 1971. This aircraft, the free world's largest

helicopter at that time, could carry up to 10 tons, either by sling suspension or in its detachable "pod" cargo container. In September of that year the air mobility of the brigade was enhanced with the receipt of the OH-58 "Kiowa."

On Jan. 28, 1972 the 19th Avn. Bn. was redesignated the 222nd Avn. Bn (Combat). The 222nd "born" in combat in Vietnam in 1966, had been reduced to zero strength in 1971 phase-down of American forces in the combat area. Known as the "Skymasters," the various elements of the 222nd, had earned many awards, decorations and commendations during its 67 fighting months in Vietnam.

Today, there are no fixed wing aircraft on Wainwright. The 222nd and E Troop, 1st Air Cavalry provide air support with UH-1 "Hueys," OH-58s and the AH-1S Cobra attack helicopters and "Chinooks"

The modern Army aviation branch has capabilities for combat assault, combat support and attack campaigns. As technology improves, Army aviation improves as new designs are quickly incorporated into new models of aircraft. Army aviation is important to the crucial mission of the Army and will play an important role in the future of the United States Army.



Yukon Sentinel

Vol. 25, No. 42

Fort Wainwright, Alaska 99703

Oct. 26, 1984



New birds

The 242nd Avn. Co. recently flew one CH-47C Chinook to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for overhauling and updating. The 242nd then received three more Chinooks, flight tested them and brought these newer models back to Fort Wainwright on an Air Force C-5A Galaxy. Members of the 242nd and 568th Trans. Co. unloaded the aircraft Friday; two will be assembled by the 242nd Avn. Co. and the third by the 568th. (U.S. Army photo by PFC David Baugh)

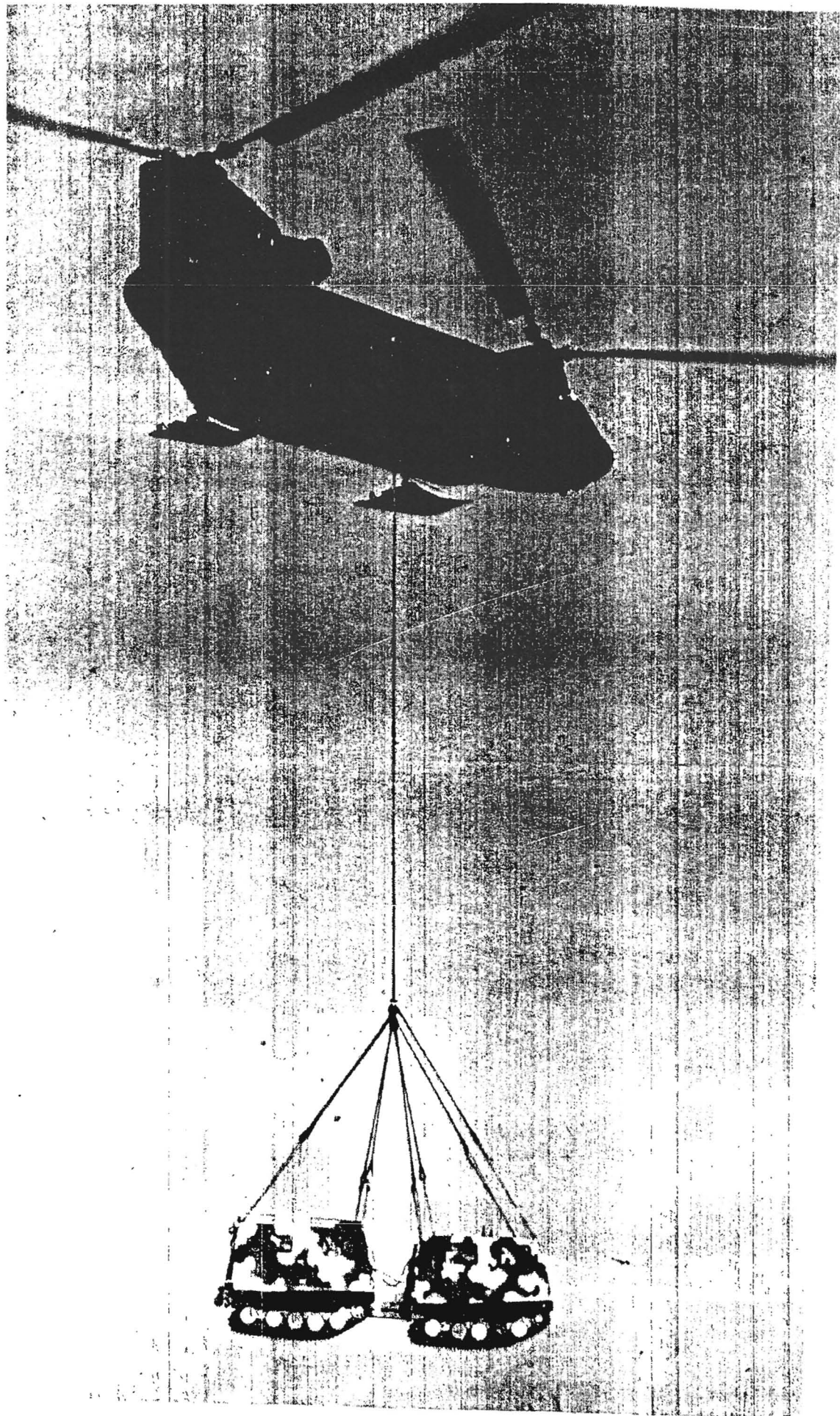
Presidential election starts on Tuesday

The president of the United States for the next four years will be decided on election day Tuesday. As citizens of the United States we have the privilege of choosing who will be the leader of our country. Voting is not only a privilege but a duty.

The polls on Fort Wainwright will be in the basement of the Army Community Services, building 4061 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Not just a nice place to visit, it's also a nice place to live

Sometimes it takes a visitor to make us salute, all the people make you feel welcome and appreciate what we often take for granted. and glad that you are here.”
Capt. Richard Brown and his wife Judy



David Baugh

ROTC soldier saves two from Chena

ROTC cadet member SSgt. Martin performed an act of heroism that earned him the Soldier's Medal. One of the eye witnesses stated that the award was taken from the award ceremony. The Soldier's Medal is the Army's highest award for heroism given during peacetime. SSgt. Martin was assigned to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He has since moved to Texas.

On June 25, 1983, SSgt. Martin risked his life to rescue a family who had capsized in a canoe on the Chena River, northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The family was new to Alaska and did not fully comprehend the danger of the river. They had exposed themselves.

Water temperatures in the area during this time ranged between 40 and 47 degrees Fahrenheit.

Loss of strength due to the cold water at this temperature occurred within minutes, and was compounded by the necessity of fighting the six-foot current.

The family was in the water for at least five minutes. Two adults and five children, including an infant, were struggling to escape the water on an outside bend of the river.

As two members of the rescue team went to the aid of the mother and her entangled child, SSgt. Martin and his canoe-mate entered the water in an attempt to reach the two boys (ages estimated at 7 years), clinging to the partially submerged log.

Finding the water very strong and turbulent, SSgt. Martin and his canoe partner had difficulty breathing as the cold water pressed against his chest, and began to tire.

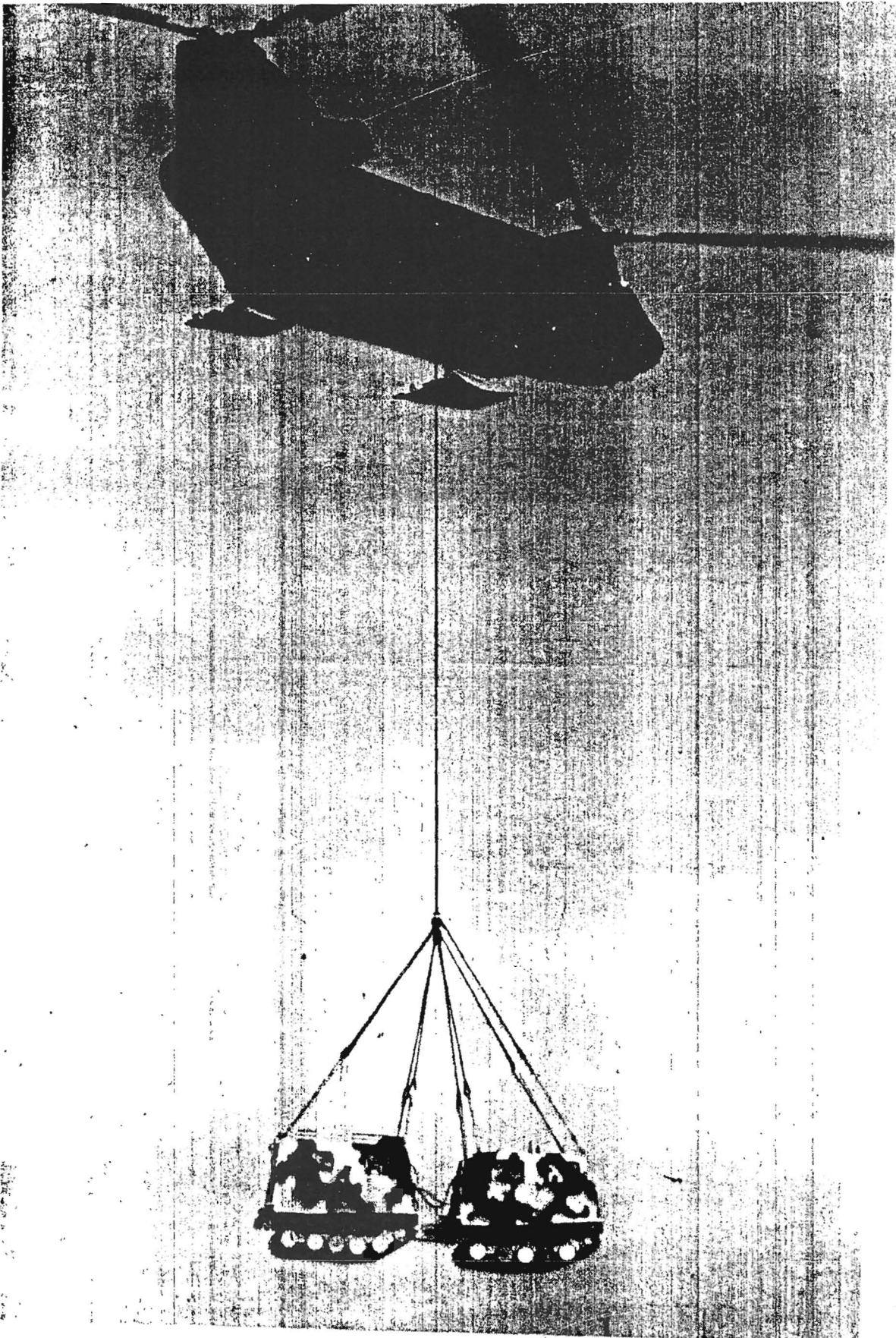
As this partner turned back toward the shoreline, SSgt. Martin went into the deep water along the submerged log with the children clinging to it off shore.

Pressed hard against the log and in increasing danger, SSgt. Martin managed to pull the children to safety.

Alaskan first

(U.S. Army photo by PFC David Baugh)

SSgt. Martin from the 242nd Avn. Co. conducts the first rescue of Fort Richardson was airlifted as part of the USV (Small Unit Support Vehicle) in Alaska. brigade's Exercise Evaluation (EXEVAL) in November.



Alaskan first

(U.S. Army photo by PFC David Baugh)

nook from the 242nd Avn. Co. conducts the first
a SUSV (Small Unit Support Vehicle) in Alaska.
3,000-pound track vehicle of the 4/327th Inf.

of Fort Richardson was airlifted as part of the
brigade's Exercise Evaluation (EXEVAL) in November.

saves two from Ch

ROTC cadre member,
Martin performed an ac
received the Soldier's Med
one of the eye witnesses
was taken from the awar
Soldier's Medal is the
award for heroism given d
SSgt. Martin was assigned
the University of Alaska,
has since moved to Texa

On June 25, 1983, S
Martin risked his life to res
of a family who had capsiz
the Chena River, northeas
Alaska. The family was new
not fully comprehend the d
had exposed themselves.

Water temperatures in
during this time ranged
degrees and 47 degrees F

Loss of strength due to th
of water at this temperature
of minutes, and was comp
necessity of fighting the six
current.

The fa
the water for at least five
two adults and five childre
infant, were struggling to escap
water on an outside bend of

As two members of the
to the aid of the mo
entangled child, SSgt. M
canoe-mate entered the water
reach the two boys (ages est
7 years), clinging to the
partially submerged log.

Finding the water very s
through the submerged tree,
canoe partner
difficulty breathing as the col
against his chest, and began to

As this partner turned b
shoreline, SSgt. Martin went
deep water along the submerge
children clinging to its off-sh

Pressed hard against the l
current and in increasing
pulled underneath it as the
SSgt. Martin worked his w
strength-sapping current until
two youngsters, shouting en
them as he went.