

WACs in Vietnam



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In the request of the Republic of Vietnam, the members of the United States Armed Forces were transferred to Saigon in January 1968 to act as an advisory team to the newly formed South Vietnamese Army. The mission of the WACs is essentially the same as that of the United States Army in Vietnam, to provide for the satisfaction of the country's military manpower needs in noncombat occupational areas. Prior to the establishment of the WACs, Vietnamese women had served in limited fields as members of the South's Auxiliary Force.

Major Barbara L. Miller of Columbia, Oregon, was designated to assist Major Tom De Bono, Director of the WACs, with the development of occupational and military training programs being done at Hanoi, Lang Son, and Vinh, and to assist in the development of a training program at Phu My, in the establishment of a training program.

A training center site was selected just outside Saigon, barracks and classrooms were set up, occupational specialties were marked and policies and procedures were formulated. Training program and utilization procedures were developed and combined other details were assigned. In March 1968, the first of the new training center was opened.

For the several hundreds of Vietnamese women of the Medical and Military Services of the Women's Auxiliary Corps who were designated members of the WACs about Phu My, a two-week intensive course was established. For the new women recruits, a five-week basic training program was also established. The first of the new women recruits were assigned to the WACs in Vietnam in the latter part of 1968. The first WACs were assigned to the WACs in Vietnam in the latter part of 1968. The first WACs were assigned to the WACs in Vietnam in the latter part of 1968. The first WACs were assigned to the WACs in Vietnam in the latter part of 1968.



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LONG BINH, VIETNAM—“We will not leave the women until the unit is established in a permanent area.”

This is the sentiment of the original cadre of the WAC Detachment, Second Troop, United States Army Vietnam (USARV), USA Department, to complete a mission which started almost a year ago. Four members of the detachment have returned their Vietnam tours for six months.

First Sergeant Martin G. Crawford, Staff Sgt. Marka, Staff Sgt. Marka, and Staff Sgt. Marka, are going home with much but a strong sense of responsibility to the women in their detachment equipped over a skeleton equipment.

“The plan is the detachment are just about,” emphasized Marka. “I don’t intend to leave them until we are permanently settled in our new area.”

Sergeant First Class Betty Beaman, Public, USA, noncombat director member of the detachment, and now the unit’s Public Affairs officer, advised Marka’s sentiment.

“We were sent here to assist the detachment in October 1968,” commented Betty. “As far as I’m concerned, that mission won’t be completed until we are into our new area.”

Sergeant Crawford and Beaman hurriedly advise the appropriate WACs.

