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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Air and Space Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Vietnam War and Air Assault School Color Slides [Scott]
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<b>Creator:</b>	Scott, James
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<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	James Scott served in the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War/ Following his tour in Vietnam, Scott was transferred to the 173rd Airborne Brigade (later deactivated and redesignated as the 3rd Brigade (Airborne), 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile)) and went with that unit to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Scott was an infantry captain on the team which created the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School in 1973. This collection consists of thirty-one 35mm color slides documenting James Scott's service with the US Army.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

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### Processing Information

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## Biographical / Historical

James Scott served in the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. On January 30, 1971, Scott's Battalion was the lead unit to move into the abandoned Khe Sanh Combat Base, while encountering limited enemy contact en route, as part of Operation DEWEY CANYON II. This allowed for an airstrip to be established at Khe Sahn to serve as a support base for Operation LAM SON 719, an offensive campaign to cut enemy supply lines and clear the way for an invasion of Laos by the Republic of Vietnam. Following his tour in Vietnam, Scott was transferred to the 173rd Airborne Brigade (later deactivated and redesignated as the 3rd Brigade (Airborne), 101st Airborne Division (Air Mobile)) and went with that unit to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Scott was an infantry captain on the team which created the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School in 1973. James Scott earned Senior Parachute Wings, was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal, before leaving active duty with the US Army in 1975 at the rank of captain. Following his military career, Scott was a civilian employee with the Department of Defense including work at the US Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama and the Naval Air Systems Command in Arlington, Virginia.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of thirty-one 35mm color slides documenting James Scott's service with the US Army. Nine of the images are from Scott's time with the 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division during the Vietnam War. Five were taken during an assault by the 1/11 infantry on the abandoned Khe Sanh Combat Base at the initiation of Operation DEWEY CANYON II on January 30, 1971. The other four images from Vietnam are views taken from helicopters flying in the region of Khe Sanh. The remaining twenty-two slides in the collection were taken at the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in 1973--1974 and show various training and aircraft familiarization activities. Several show the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Aircraft shown in the photographs include the Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey), Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane), Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook, Bell AH-1 Cobra, and the Bell OH-58 Kiowa.

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## Arrangement

Collection is in original order. It was organized by the donor in two series - images taken in Vietnam and images taken at the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Aeronautics, Military  
Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series  
Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook,  
Vietnam War, 1961-1975

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## Container Listing

### Images taken in Vietnam

NASM-9A19545: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: View of personnel from the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division after occupying Khe Sanh Combat Base as part of Operation DEWEY CANYON II.

NASM-9A19546: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: View of personnel from the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division after occupying Khe Sanh Combat Base as part of Operation DEWEY CANYON II. Helicopters visible in distant flight.

NASM-9A19547: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General; Bell UH-1 Iroquois \(Huey\) Series, 1971](#)

Notes: View Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in the sky above Khe Sanh Combat Base. Personnel from the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division visible on ground.

NASM-9A19548: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General; Bell UH-1 Iroquois \(Huey\) Series, 1971](#)

Notes: View Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) landing at Khe Sanh Combat Base. Personnel from the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division visible on ground.

NASM-9A19549: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: View of personnel from the US Army, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, 1st Brigade (Separate), 5th Infantry Division after occupying Khe Sanh Combat Base as part of Operation DEWEY CANYON II.

NASM-9A19550: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, General; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: View taken from the door gunner's position of a Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey), M-60 machine gun visible at right. Taken en route between Khe Sanh Combat Base and Quang Tri, 1971.

NASM-9A19551: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: View taken from the door gunner's position of a Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey), unidentified service member visible. Taken en route between Khe Sanh Combat Base and Quang Tri, 1971.

NASM-9A19552: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: Aerial view of convoy moving along National Route 9 (QL.9) toward Khe Sanh Combat Base, 1971.

NASM-9A19553: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Wars and Conflicts, Vietnam War, General, 1971](#)

Notes: Aerial view of combat engineers constructing a stream crossing along National Route 9 (QL.9), Vietnam, 1971.

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## Images taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

NASM-9A19554: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974](#)

Notes: View of Sergeant first class (SFC) Kenneth Thebault, US Army 101st Airborne Division, on the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19555: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974](#)

Notes: View of Sergeant first class (SFC) Walker, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, (standing) and SFC Kenneth Thebault (sitting, partially obscured), US Army 101st Airborne Division, on the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19556: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974](#)

Notes: View, from below, of personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division on the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19557: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974](#)

Notes: View, from below, of personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division on the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19558: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois \(Huey\) Series, 1974](#)

Notes: View of Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) approaching experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19559: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974](#)

Notes: View, from below, of personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division on the experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19560: [Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois \(Huey\) Series, 1974](#)

Notes: View of Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in the air above experimental Helicopter Tree Landing Platform (HTLP). Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19561: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: One-half right front view of Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) on the ground surrounded by personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19562: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook; Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series; Bell AH-1 Cobra Series; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: View of aircraft on the ground at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974. Visible from left to right are a Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook, Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey), Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane), and a Bell AH-1 Cobra.

NASM-9A19563: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: Left side view of Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) (A/C No. 18421) on the ground. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19564: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series, 1974

Notes: View of training activities involving personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974. Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) visible in flight.

NASM-9A19565: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division, 1974

Notes: Front view of Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) on the ground surrounded by personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19566: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: View of helicopters in distant flight at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19567: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series, 1974

Notes: View of Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in flight during training activities involving personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.



NASM-9A19568: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: One-half left front view of Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) (A/C No. 18421) on the ground surrounded by personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19569: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Bell AH-1 Cobra Series; Bell OH-58 Kiowa Series, 1974

Notes: View of aircraft on the ground at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974. Visible from left to right are a Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane), Bell AH-1 Cobra, and a Bell OH-58 Kiowa.

NASM-9A19570: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series, 1974

Notes: View of Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in flight during training activities involving personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19571: Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training; Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Series, 1974

Notes: View of Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) in flight during training activities involving personnel from the US Army 101st Airborne Division at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19572: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: One-half left front view of Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) (A/C No. 18421) on the ground. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19573: Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: Left side view of Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook just above the ground. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

NASM-9A19574: Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane); Bell AH-1 Cobra Series; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: View of aircraft on the ground at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974. Visible are a Sikorsky (S-64A) CH-54A Tarhe (Skycrane) (left) and a Bell AH-1 Cobra (right).

NASM-9A19575: Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Units, 101st Airborne Division; Military, USA, Army Aviation, Army, Training, 1974

Notes: Distant left side view of Boeing-Vertol CH-47A Chinook on the ground, yellow flowers in foreground. Taken at Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 1974.

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