

*First Flight Of The Mohawk. The first YAO-1 Mohawk flew on its maiden voyage from Bethpage, L.I., on April 13, 1959. Test pilot Ralph Donnell said of its short takeoff capability "she climbed like water up a straw." A total of 380 of the battlefield surveillance aircraft were produced for the U.S. Army between April 1959 and December 1970. In addition, Grumman modified 111 OV-1B's and C's to OV-1D's and RV-1D's from September 1974 to July 1987. The Mohawk saw extensive service in Vietnam during the entire period of the United States' involvement. In the latter '90s, Joint STARS will perform most of the Army's surveillance mission.*



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