



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
18TH AVIATION BRIGADE (CORPS) (AIRBORNE)
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28307-5000

August 15, 1998

The Office of the Commander:

Dick Detra
202 Visitacion Ave #3
Brisbane CA 94005

Dear Mr. Detra

I enjoyed your letter. Enclosed is the lineage and honors for 18th Aviation Brigade. The Brigade is composed of a general support aviation battalion, 1-159th Aviation Regiment (UH-60), two medium lift companies, B/159th Aviation Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield (CH-47), and C/159th Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg (CH-47), an air traffic services battalion, 1-58th ATS Battalion (ATC), and a fixed wing company C/2-228th Aviation Regiment (C-12 and UC-35). In addition, the brigade maintains war trace control over the 229th Attack Helicopter Regiment (AH-64). Overall, the Brigade has 76 aircraft and over 1000 soldiers that provide the XVIII Airborne Corps with the most robust aviation force in the Army.

Our brigade possesses several reserve component units. The reserve component piece includes the 449th Aviation Regiment, three general support aviation battalions (1-126 UH-1), (1-131 UH-60), (1-171 UH-60), a medium lift battalion (1-169 CH-47), two general support aviation companies (E/151, F/130 UH-60), and one target aquisition company (H/185 OH-58D), making this a total Army Aviation Brigade and the largest in the Army.

I hope this information is helpful. I appreciate any information you have regarding the unit history. If you need any further assistance please write or telephone CPT Mackey at (910) 396-8790.

WINGS OF THE DRAGON!

Sincerely,

Michael C. Flowers
Colonel, U.S. Army
Brigade Commander

STATEMENT OF SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 18th AVIATION BRIGADE (THE BLACK BARONS)

Constituted 7 April 1966 in the Regular Army as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 269th Aviation Battalion

Activated 1 July 1966 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Reorganized and redesignated 1 December 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion

Reorganized and redesignated 17 August 1987 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 18th Aviation Brigade

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

Vietnam

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Counteroffensive, Phase III
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Counteroffensive, Phase V
Counteroffensive, Phase VI
Tet 69/Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive, Phase VII

Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait
Cease-Fire

DECORATIONS

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1966-1967

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1968

Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1968

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DECORATIONS (cont.)

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embroidered VIETNAM 1968-1970

Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class,
Streamer embroidered VIETNAM 1967-1970

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Lineage and Honors

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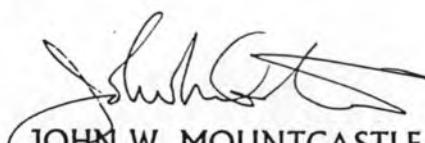
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



JOHN W. MOUNTCASTLE
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