



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY

May 6, 1998

Organizational History Branch

Mr. Dick Detra
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Detra:

This is in response to your letter to Brigadier General Mountcastle of April 23, 1998, for information concerning awards to the 188th Aviation Company in Vietnam.

In order to be awarded a decoration, the unit itself must be cited in Department of the Army general orders (DA GO). Enclosed is a statement of service for the 188th Aviation Company, which shows that it is authorized two decorations for its service in Vietnam: the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for the period May 4 to December 31, 1967 (cited in DA GO 48, 1968); and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for the period May 4, 1967, to May 17, 1968 (DA GO 21, 1969, as amended by DA GO 46, 1969). Although the company was cited in DA GO 22, 1968, for the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for the period March 1, 1966, to March 26, 1967, it was not awarded credit for the decoration because the company did not arrive in Vietnam until May 4, 1967.

If the company were active, streamers would be authorized for the two unit decorations. Campaigns, however, are displayed by companies by means of silver bands on the unit guidon rather than by streamers.

I hope this information is useful to you; best wishes on your reunion.

Sincerely,


Janice E. McKenney
Chief, Organizational
History Branch

Enclosure



REPLY TO
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THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY

February 17, 1998



Office of the Director

Mr. Dick Detra

Dear Mr. Detra:

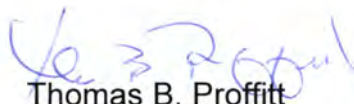
This replies to your letter dated February 5, 1998, requesting information on unit colors.

Companies are not authorized shoulder sleeve insignia (SSI) in their own right. They wear the patch of their next higher command. Distinguishing flags are authorized for organizations, to include, Major Army Commands and other organizations authorized SSI. Guidons are authorized for the following types of units: companies, batteries, troops, detachments, etc. Therefore, the 188th Assault Helicopter Company would not have been authorized an SSI or a distinguishing flag.

Unauthorized flags are used for the same reason that unauthorized patches are worn. The commander approves use of these items to increase the esprit or camaraderie of the unit.

We hope this information will be helpful. If you need additional assistance, please contact Mrs. Henning at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


Thomas B. Proffitt
Director



REPLY TO
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE INSTITUTE OF HERALDRY

[REDACTED]
January 27, 1998



Office of the Director

Mr. Dick Detra
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Detra:


This replies to your letter dated January 15, 1998, concerning a guidon for the 188th Assault Helicopter Company.

The guidon would have an ultramarine blue background with the aviator badge device centered above the unit number (both the device and numerals being golden orange).

The manufacturing drawings for the guidon and aviator badge are enclosed. Also enclosed for your use, is a list of suggested flag manufacturers.

We hope this information will be helpful. If you need further assistance, please contact Mrs. Henning at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,


Thomas B. Proffitt
Director

Enclosures

Handwritten note:
revised letter 2/5/98



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THE CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY

JAN 79 1998

Organizational History Branch

Mr. Dick Detra
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Dear Mr. Detra,

This is in response to your letter of December 28, 1997,
concerning the 188th Aviation Company and 269th Aviation Battalion.

I regret that I am unable to assist you in having the
battalion's records copied for you. You must realize that the
Center of Military History would be charged the same \$525 and that
if the records are copied for you, other veterans would want the
same service. Because of resource constraints, the Center cannot
afford such expenses.

Guidons used in Vietnam were normally disposed of upon the
units' inactivation, since it was considered cheaper to make a new
one than to store it. For a description, however, you should write
to the Director of The Institute of Heraldry, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Institute can
also recommend a company that could make a guidon to the correct
specifications.

I hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

John W. Mountcastle
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Military History

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THE CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY

[REDACTED]

11 DEC 1987

Organizational History Branch

Mr. Dick Detra

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Dear Mr. Detra,

This is in response to a request from Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. Votel, made on your behalf, for information concerning the 188th Aviation Company in Vietnam.

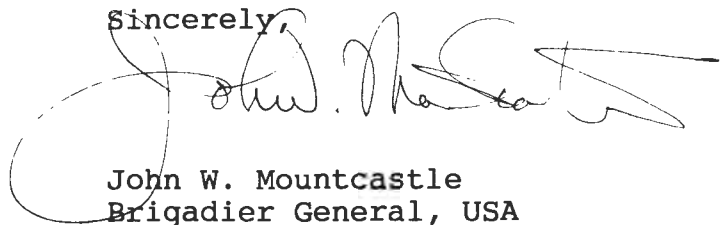
Enclosed is a statement of service for the company, which includes the campaign participation credit and decorations awarded to the unit in Vietnam. The only history we have on record is one written by you about four years ago.

Unit rosters are in the custody of the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: NCPMA-O, [REDACTED]. Morning reports are located at the same address. Official U.S. Army photographs are in the custody of the Still Pictures Branch, National Archives and Records Administration, [REDACTED].

Operational records are located in the Textual Reference Branch at the same address. Additional information may also be available from the U.S. Army Military History Institute, [REDACTED].

I hope one of the sources listed above will be useful in your research.

Sincerely,



John W. Mountcastle
Brigadier General, USA
Chief of Military History

Copy Furnished:

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph L. Votel, 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry,
[REDACTED]

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12/28/87*