

HEADQUARTERS
21ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT
Advisory Team 51
APO 96402

MACTN-BL-SA

1 June 1967

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Commanding Officer
13th Combat Aviation Battalion
APO 96215

As I depart Vietnam, I wish to express my official and personal appreciation for the outstanding support rendered the 21st Infantry Division/42d DTA and its advisory detachment by the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion during the period October 1966 to June 1967. The complex tasks of counter-insurgency and the battlefield success of the division could not have been performed so successfully had it not been for the aviation support.

The 21st Infantry Division considers the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion as an intimate partner in its war against the Viet Cong insurgents. Your aircraft have airlanded assault troops throughout the division tactical area. The troops then have been protected and fully supported by particularly competent helicopter gunships. The division considers the armed helicopter as its prime fire support means and it depends upon this support day and night alike. The surveillance aircraft coverage also has been magnificent.

Because the 21st Division and its advisory detachment have been so dependent upon aviation support, a number of particularly exemplary aviators have been noted. I would like to cite the following individuals for especial recognition. They have performed above and beyond the normal high standards of the 13th Combat Aviation Battalion. They are:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 13th Combat Aviation Battalion

Leach, Bertram G.	Major	TC	067098
La Monte, Robert S.	Major	ARM	01931080
Stachel, Robert D.	Captain	ALS	04083627

114th Assault Helicopter Company

Feore, Patrick L., Jr.	Major	INF	071082
Gelhardt, William, Jr.	Major	SC	076148
Adams, John B.	Captain	TC	0541361
McFeely, George D.	Captain	INF	05315384

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121st Assault Helicopter Company

Kemp, Freddie L.	Major	ARTY	078384
✓ Kennedy, John D., Jr.	Major	INF	092440
Myers, Jasper L., Jr.	Major	ARTY	04010669
Greene, Robert P.	Captain	INF	085547
Grier, Tommy F.	Captain	INF	0F105685
Walgren, William E.	Captain	INF	096633
Wilson, Donald O.	Captain	ARTY	05405794
Arnold, Jimmy R.	1st Lt	INF	05326182
Kenney, Robert H.	1st Lt	ARM	05230742
Pare, Ronald C.	1st Lt	TC	05710897
Daley, Jerome R.	CWO-W2	AVN	W2215549
Tinker, Michael R.	WO-1	AVN	W3153187

175th Assault Helicopter Company

Moffett, Joseph U.	Captain	INF	092724
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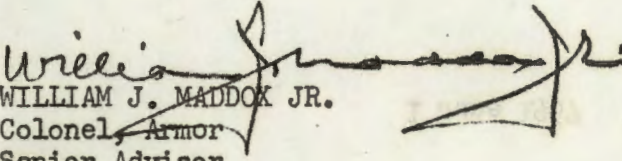
221st Assault Helicopter Company

Christiansen, John E.	Captain	INF	05017921
Dilliard, Gale P.	Captain	ARM	05220721
Ellett, Dan A.	Captain	ARTY	02305195
Montgomery, William O.	Captain	INF	096451

336th Assault Helicopter Company

Allen, Teddy G.	Major	INF	083848
Bauchamp, Thomas E.	Captain	INF	05209908
Bertelkamp, John N.	Captain	TC	05216734
Greenwood, Roger H.	Captain	INF	02307470
Stewart, Robert L.	Captain	ARTY	0F101162
Oslin, Robert I.	1st Lt	ARTY	050154593
Kissling, Gary J.	WO-1	AVN	W3154039
Wilt, Cecil H.	WO-1	AVN	W3154730

Please pass this message of appreciation not only to the cited individuals but to the entire command which has contributed such excellent support.


WILLIAM J. MADDOX JR.
Colonel, Armor
Senior Advisor