



NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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18 June 1974

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation-1974 High Water Emergency Support

Commanding General
First Cavalry Division
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

1. I would like to express my appreciation to the First Cavalry Division for outstanding support provided New Orleans District, US Army Corps of Engineers, during the 1974 high water emergency in Louisiana.
2. Service support provided by the First Cavalry Division consisted of two OH 58 helicopters with crews. The pilots and crews tirelessly flew many continuous hours to complete a total of 124 missions during the period 6 February to 3 May 1974. The quick response and support provided by the Division contributed directly to the district and the United States Army mission during the high water emergency. The missions flown by the crews were vital links in the success of the overall flood fight effort.
3. I would like to express particular appreciation to each of the pilots and crew members listed below:

WO Davin McLaughlin - 7th Sqd, 17th Cav, 1st Cav Div
WO Daniel Osborne - " " "
WO Dennis Johnson - " " "
WO Thomas Waldron - " " "
WO John Roden - " " "
WO Dave McPherson - " " "
WO Paul Crowe - 1st Sqd, 9th Cav, 1st Cav Div
WO Larry Patton - " " "
WO Larry Solano - " " "
WO James Strahan - " " "

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4. All of the men listed above performed their duties in an outstanding manner. The dedication and skill of these men reflect great credit on the First Cavalry Division and the United States Army.



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District Engineer