

Dear Bill;

I received your letter about half a year ago and am just getting off my butt to write back to you. I started to do some thing with this but never got back to it.

The first thing that I want to do is ask you for a copy of some orders that you apparantly have. In the awards and decorations section you show my name along with several others as recieving the Distinguished Flying Cross. I got the medal but I never had the paperwork catch up to me as I had left the unit and the army. I would really appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the orders or anything at all that you have that documents my having recievied the DFC.

On the copy of unit gains and losses I have added some corrections, a few call signs, and a story or two that I can recall. I will also enclose copies of orders that I have in the garage that may be of interest to you or to someone else who is looking for information.

I did write to Mike Law several months ago in time for that information to be included in the latest directory, but I will write a few things to you as well that I can recall about my time with the 61st. I landed in Vietnam 1 May 70 and derosed 1 May 71 so that is the time I am familiar with. I spent my entire tour with the 61st AHC (assault helicopter company) which was at Lane heliport about 7 klicks west of Qui Nhon. The third platoon which were the gunships was housed and operated out of L.Z. English which was about 60 klicks north of Qui Nhon. We primarily supported the 173rd airborne until approx. 1Jan71 and then we started to support many more units and fly over a much larger area, which was from the South China Sea into Cambodia and from the I Corp. line down to Phan Rang. On or about the first of January we lost four pilots and two or three E.M. between Qui Nhon and Ban Me Thout and these people are still MIA. I can provide details if you are interested.

I'm not sure exactly how detailed you want information to be, so before I type an encyclopedia I would like to hear from you either by phone or letter and if you want more information I will either type more or perhaps send you an audio tape with whatever I can remember. I have a fairly good memory so I may be able to help a lot with regard to the 61st.