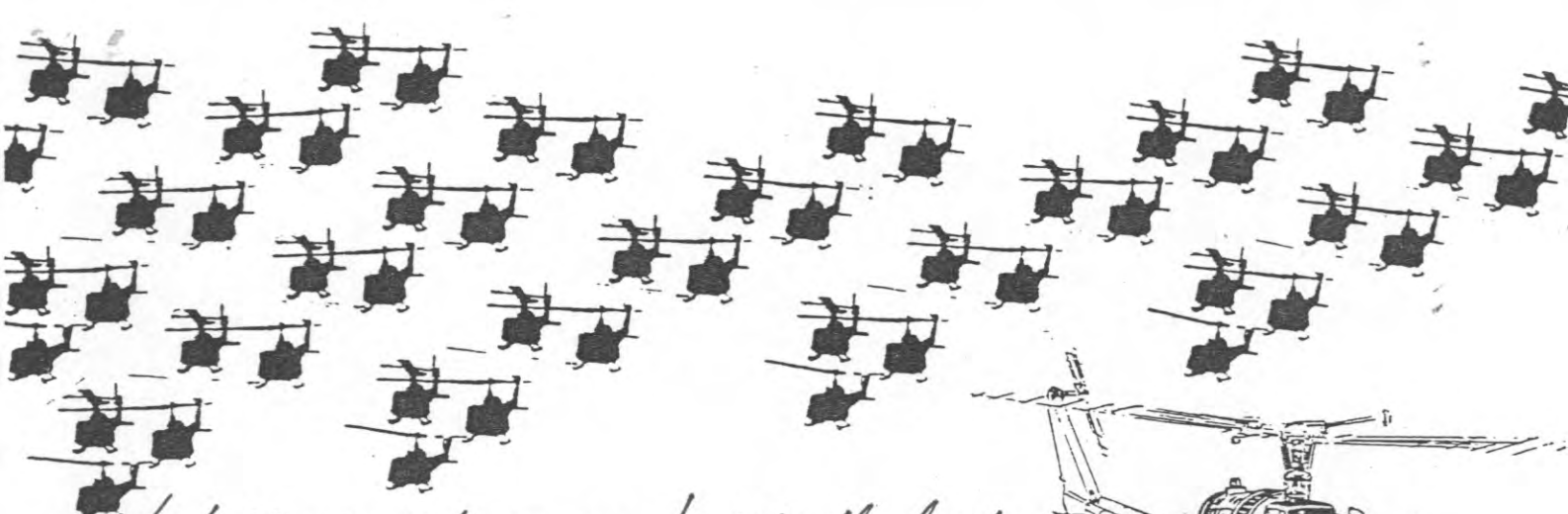


June 27, 1995



Bob - Thank God
I finally got hold
of the right guy!
I've mailed one of
these histories to Cra-
nnati and after
2 other follow up
letters haven't
heard diddley! That
address is just a
holding company?
I sent in \$20 for Vol
2 history 66-67. I
will want to get hold
of 68 at some point.

Any way I'm the co-ordinator for the 188th. I'm in contact
with Bob Cron up in Tacoma Washington. He's your guy and
is working on the unit history from mid 68 - 69. We're
trying to get some one to work on the history up until Feb.
1972 when the C/1st Black Widows left Country. I'm still gathering
info from the Archives & St. Louis. I've already received
Lessons Learned for the 269th C.A.B. I have received copies
of personnel files for all my KIA's with the 188th (16) except
for 2 people killed before I got to Da Nang (June 67). One
guy was crushed by a 2 1/2 truck while sleeping under it
during the monsoons in April or May '67. The other guy was
a door gunner on guard duty (May - June 67). We took a
shot down from our base Artillery directly into the
bunker. They found out later, the Artillery unit was using
old ammo. Can you help me out with those two guys?
I was talking to Charlie Rains last night and we've been
working together. He told me to get in touch with you.
I wanted to get whatever you have from April 67 - July 68
on the 188th. I got hold of the small unit history on the 188th



but it was only vague to say the least.
We added to it. We'll be working on the second
draft at the end of this year or early '96.
I want our history to be correct and in detail.
We're having trouble getting hold of Mourning Reports & After Action
Reports. We've written St Louis a few times! Any comment? Or
help? help!!!



I have a whole bunch of photos - We already sent a lot
to Dick Green and have all 4 tapes on the 188th/4/01 B.W.s.
I'm keeping a roster on our E.M. and A.C.O.s. It's being
updated as we correspond. I'd love to hear from you and
hopefully I'll get a response. We always enjoyed history
so I'd like to learn to be patient (I never have been) I'll get
the best history together for your use also. Charlie Rains & the VHC.M.A.
will be storing that info also. I plan on getting it into the
history books too! Please add my name & address as the
co-ordinator for the 188th - Even if it was only a door gunner
and kept those Mini guns Roche & Rollin! Well we probably
gave you enough food for thought so we'll be going now

Wishing you the best with my material
and all the rest that you deal

with - I want to be
acknowledged for any
publication

of this
history
Clear Right
Derek

