

Mike Law

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 15, 1998 8:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter/request from John Plaster author of SOG

Hi Mike,

Go straight to the end first. You got a compliment from Sloniker!

Gary

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>Date: Sun, 14 Jun 1998 13:37:30 -0400
>From: Michael E Sloniker [REDACTED]
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>Subject: Letter/request from John Plaster author of SOG

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>I sent the following note to John Plaster, his response follows, and I
>need Helivet help at the end.

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>Freeman, please forward to Holley.

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>Roush, FYI.

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>Michael E Sloniker wrote:

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>> Last year I cowrote a book, "Primer of the Helicopter War" with Charles
>> Holley. On page 114 of that book Holley provides full accounting of the
>> Marine Helo unit that flew the mission.
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>> Units were MHM-463(CH-46) and HMH-361(CH-53D) and 4 USMC AH-1Gs, unit
>> not listed, all from Marble Mountain. Dates listed were 7-14 Sept 70.
>> Source was pilot that flew it USMC Capt Bill Beardall. Two 46s were
>> lost with 6 crew members wounded.

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>> No Sarin is mentioned. Just the horrific fight of inserting 200 folks
>> from SOG.

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>> John, I have sent you pictures in the past and you have acknowledged. I
>> got your email from a trusted friend of yours in Richmond and wanted to
>> get his information to you soonest.

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>> This URL has information concerning Tailwind:

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>> <http://www.WorldNetDaily.com/btlines/980612.btl.cnn.deceipt.nam.html>

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>> I have a lot of data concerning the flight crews, should you ever want
>> to pursue that side.

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>> I also just got an audio tape of a 1970 Prairie Fire with CCC. Tape was
> made in 57 AHC "Gladiator" slick with 361 AWC "Pink Panthers" providing
cover. Successful recovery

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>> I think I sent you the Loren Hagen (RT Kansas) team recovery on 07 Aug
>> 71. We are now learning who the crews were.

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>> Mike Sloniker

>Mike,
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>Excuse my slow response, but ever since that CNN garbage last Sunday
>I've been swept up -- turns out, I knew more about who did what, the
>kinds of gas (CBU-19), U.S. policies on CS employment, etc -- and
>everyone from DoD to Newsweek have called me for help. The CNN claims
>are 100% untrue -- no nerve gas, no defectors. Their primary source,
>the lieutenant, has some enormous credibility problems, and the story is
>just plain untrue. In the past week, I've averaged 30-50 e-mails per
>day and 50+ phone calls -- just incredible. Plus I've done radio
>interviews for CBS and the lead station in LA.
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>All that said, I truly and deeply appreciate your help. It is indeed my
>intent to give genuine recognition to some gallant air crews and units
>that often saved our lives -- the line between those of us on the ground
>and you who flew to our aid is indistinguishable. It was a cohesive
>effort and SOG could not have achieved half of what it did without the
>willingness of men such as you to risk your lives for us. I don't know
>an honest former recon man who thinks differently. Incidentally, thank
>you for the unit designations of the Marines who flew for Tailwind -- I
>want to make sure they're cited in my upcoming pictorial history.
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>And now, I have yet two more requests to make of you.
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>1. To ensure I give full credit in the picture history to units that
>flew for SOG, I'd appreciate a roster of every unit you know (for sure)
>that flew in support of SOG == Army, Marine, USAF, whatever. I'm asking
>the same for some other aviation contacts, and hopefully I'll be able to
>sort them all out.
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>2. And MORE IMMEDIATELY (ASAP!), I'd appreciate you xeroxing and FAXing
>me the pages in your jointly-authored book which tells of the aviation
>support to Tailwind. This is really important right now, because the
>Special Forces Association and Special Operations Association is trying
>to assemble a ton of first-hand accounts to rebutt the CNN trash, and we
>need to get our hands on every possible bit of info. Just FAX it to me
>(with the cover, for sourcing), and I'll relay it to the organizations.
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>Again, thanks for the help in the past, and now.
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>Best Regards,
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>John L. Plaster
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>Sloniker Sendz:
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>I have pictures, audio, or old notes of CCN and CCC missions from the
>following:
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>174th at Khe Sanh in 67-68, as a detachment
>281st in III Corps with Omega? Also in the book, Vietnam at the treetops
>by the FAC Flanagan
>C/158
>D/158
>A/101
>B/4-77 ARA
>C/4-77 ARA
>57 AHC
>170 AHC
>155 AHC...message traffic between Grow and Westbrook
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>AF 20th SOS
>21st SOS
>I think the C/101 is the lift unit on the 07 Aug 71 hot recovery of RT
>Kansas, but need help
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>I need any info possible, BC or if you want FC, that gives any insight
>to you unit, when, which FOB (forward operating base, i.e. Quang Tri,
>Kontum, Dak To, etc. I think the 281st did some out of Kham Duc in

>66-67.

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>I also think there was some 119th AHC work in II Corps in addition to
>189th AHC and am digging it out.

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>I have nothing on CCS.

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>If you are concerned about the stuff still being classified, tell me the
>date, and I will forward to Plaster. He is in the data, and knows what
>is classified, still. If you read his book, and Jay Veith's Code Name
>Bright Light, it looks as if all is unclassified.

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>Mike Law wants to dedicate the VHPA directory in 98 to the cross border
>crews. I will talk to him at the reunion, and share what I have with
>him. He and I worked together on the 1994 directory. He does good
>work.

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>Mike Sloniker

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