

AVBACB-EA (13 Jun 70) 3rd Ind
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 268TH AVIATION BATTALION (COMBAT), APO 96316 24 Jun 70

TO: Commanding Officer, 196th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel), APO 96226

1. I take great pride in forwarding the inclosed correspondence from Major General Walker, Colonel Powers, and Colonel McDowell.
2. The high degree of professionalism and willingness to put forth that extra effort required by a truly outstanding organization is evidenced by these letters of appreciation. Performance of duty in this manner is a sterling example for all aviation units to emulate in giving support to the ground tactical unit.
3. I wish to add my commendation to you and your men for the praiseworthy support you have given to the 4th Infantry Division. Please convey my appreciation to your command.

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY (IVY) DIVISION
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96262

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THRU: Commanding General
I Field Force Vietnam
APO 96350 *WDCS*

Commanding Officer
17th Combat Aviation Group
APO 96240

TO: Commanding Officer
196th Aviation Company (Assault Support Helicopter)
APO 96226

1. A few days ago I was discussing the air assets required for a projected operation with one of our commanders. He stated, "If we get Flipper support, we can get by with three hooks; if we don't get Flipper, we will need four." This morning one of our brigade commanders commented to me, "A few months ago we had problems with hook support, but we have had some changes--this Flipper outfit is amazing--they want to help and they never leave until the job is done." These are only examples of many comments that I have heard about the outstanding performance of the 196th Aviation Company (Assault Support Helicopter). In fact, to learn that a particularly difficult task has been completed because the Flipper birds did an outstanding job is getting to be routine.
2. Obviously the motivation, skill, dedication, and leadership of your company is truly outstanding. It is quite clear that the members of your command have a real sense of mission accomplishment.

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3. On behalf of all the men of the 4th Infantry Division who have been fed, supplied, and protected because of the willingness of your people to give a little something extra, I want to express our sincere appreciation. Your entire command is commended for the outstanding manner in which you are doing your job every day.


GLENN D. WALKER
Major General, USA
Commanding

AVFA-AV (13 Jun 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

DA, Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, APO San Francisco
96350 16 June 1970

THRU: CO, 17th Aviation Group (Combat), APO 96240

TO: CO, 196th Aviation Company (ASH), APO 96226

The ultimate compliment paid to a combat support unit is to have the professional respect of the supported unit. The strong desire for successful mission accomplishment exhibited by the 196th Aviation Company (ASH) has enabled that unit to achieve this respect. The motivation and skill of the flight crews cited by General Walker is indicative of the positive and effective leadership provided by the commander. On behalf of the Commanding General, I Field Force Vietnam, I congratulate the officers and men of the 196th Aviation Company (ASH) on a job well done.


PATRICK W. POWERS
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

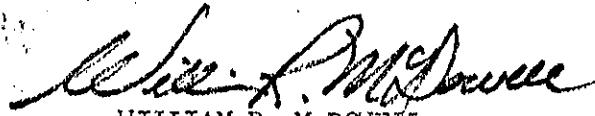
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DA, HEADQUARTERS, 17TH AVIATION GROUP (COMBAT), APO 96240 18 Jun 70

THRU: Commanding Officer, 268th Aviation Battalion (Combat), APO 96316

TO: Commanding Officer, 196th Aviation Company (Aslt Hel), APO 96226

1. It is a distinct pleasure to forward the comments of Major General Walker and Colonel Powers concerning the support your unit has provided the 4th Infantry Division.
2. The willingness to devote that extra measure of effort to obtain outstanding results indicates the highest degree of professionalism and Esprit de Corps in a unit. You can take great pride in your superlative reputation.
3. This outstanding performance is a tribute to your leadership and I commend you, your officers and men for your skill, dedication and hard work.



WILLIAM R. McDOWELL
Colonel, Armor
Commanding