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To: president <president@1stmaw.com>

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Subject: Searching for friends/fellow soldiers of Cprl James E. Lott

Giddy Frank,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Ben Stanley and I am a journalist from New Zealand. I found your email address on the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Association website.

I am contacting you as I am writing a magazine feature about a New Zealander who served in your unit, and sadly died, during the Vietnam War, and wanted to reach out to see if any of your members remembered him.

His name was Cprl James E Lott; who went by 'Jim' or his nickname 'Kiwi'. He served in MACTU-67, MABS-12, MAG-12, 1ST MAW and died of wounds after an enemy rock attack upon Chu Lai on May 8, 1968. J

Cprl Lott was one of only a handful of New Zealanders who served in the US military during the Vietnam conflict. My story on him, for a significant monthly magazine back in New Zealand, will help reanimate their personal journeys for a new generation of Kiwis.

I can be reached via email at bensamuelstanley@gmail.com.

I am currently in the United States on reportage assignment, but I am heading back to New Zealand in November, where I will speak with his brother Garry (who also served in Vietnam).

Thanks for your time Frank - I look forward to hearing back from you.

Warm regards,
Ben

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