

officer & men of Co B, 4th Med Bn

Remarks

~~That record that you have just heard is one in which your company is the 1st unit~~

GENTLEMEN - IT IS FITTING THAT CHARLIE COMPANY IS THE 1ST UNIT OF THE 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THIS PARADE GROUND, AS IT WAS THE FIRST MEDICAL COMPANY TO ARRIVE IN VIETNAM AS PART OF THE 4TH DIVISION.

[I AM HONORED TO BE PRESENT AT THIS TRIBUTE TO YOU TODAY] IN MY POSITION AS ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER-MANEUVER I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE DAILY VISITS TO THE FIELD AND TO TALK TO SOLDIERS AT ALL LEVELS.

I ~~CAN~~ ASSURE YOU THAT THEY SHARE WITH ME AN ADMIRATION FOR THE SKILLFUL TREATMENT AND COMFORT YOU ~~BRING TO INFANTRYMEN WHO DAILY RISK THEIR LIVES ON THE~~ HAVE GIVEN TO THEIR COMRADES WHO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED AND INJURED ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

~~ANY INFANTRYMAN WHO HAS BEEN SICK OR WOUNDED CAN VOUCH FOR YOUR~~ ~~DEPENDABILITY AND SELFLESSNESS.~~ I CAN SAY WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION THAT THE MEN OF CHARLIE COMPANY HAVE ALWAYS PERFORMED THEIR MISSION WITH PROFESSIONALISM AND DETERMINATION. FROM THE SEEMINGLY MUNDANE TASKS OF FIELD SANITATION AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE TO THE PROMPT AND EFFICIENT TREATMENT OF WOUNDED MEN, THE DOCTORS, MEDICS, AMBULANCE DRIVERS, MEDICAL SERVICE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED HIGHLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION'S MISSION IN VIETNAM.

[DUE TO THE ADVANCED MEANS OF EVACUATION IN VIETNAM, THE MEDICAL CLEARING COMPANY IN THE FIELD ~~HAS~~ ^{IS} ~~OFTEN BEEN~~ ^{IN THE EVACUATION CHAIN, RESULTING IN} ~~BYPASSED, WITH THE RESULT THAT THE MORE~~ ^{SEVERE WOUNDS WERE TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL LEVEL} ~~HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT~~ ^{NEARLY AS MANY MORE SERIOUS THAN SUCH} ~~THE CASE IN MAY OF THIS YEAR~~] AT NEW PLEI DJERENG. THERE CHARLIE COMPANY

FULFILLED THE CONVENTIONAL ROLE OF TRIAGE, STABILIZATION, AND EVACUATION - PROVIDING THE MEANS OF PROLONGING THE LIVES OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS. [THIS ~~IS~~ ^{HIGHLIGHT} ~~ONLY ONE~~ ^{IS ALSO} ~~PAGE~~ OF YOUR COMPANY'S ROLE. YOUR SERVICE WAS RECOGNIZED IN OTHER

PLACES FAMILIAR TO THE DIVISION -

^A FAMILIAR PLACES - ENGLISH, UPLIFT, HARDTIMES, BAN ME THUOT, ARMAGEDDON.

ON THESE FORSAKEN MOUNTAIN TOPS YOUR TIRELESS EFFORTS ^{HAVE} DRAMATICALLY
DEMONSTRATED YOUR MOTTO - "CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH."]

ONE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THIS CONFLICT IS TO HELP BETTER THE
LIVES OF THE ^{VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.} ~~CIVILIAN POPULATION.~~ EVEN THOUGH YOUR COMPANY HAS BEEN

TAXED WITH COMBAT OPERATIONS, YOU HAVE PROMOTED THIS AIM WITH MEDICAL
SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS. THIS ^{IS} ~~WAS~~ DRAMATICALLY
^{ACHIEVEMENTS} EVIDENCED BY YOUR ~~EFFORTS~~ AT THE AN TUC DISPENSARY. ~~BOTH OFFICERS AND~~

~~ENLISTED PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CONGRATULATED FOR THE UNSELFISH INTEREST~~

~~DISPLAYED WHILE TREATING THE CIVILIAN POPULATION.~~ YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT ALTHOUGH

~~you will soon depart,~~ ^{BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND} THAT THOUGH YOU LEAVE, YOU WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED ^A FOR THE HELP YOU PROVIDED

THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND.

YOU MEN CAN BE PROUD TO HAVE SERVED WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT ^{HAS} PERFORMED
SO NOBLE A TASK FOR YOUR COMRADES. NO ONE CAN OVEREMPHASIZE THE GOOD

THAT IS DONE IN PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES TO OTHERS - YOU HAVE PROVIDED

THESE SERVICES. ^{When you go, to other units in VN or back to} WHEN YOU LEAVE HERE, MANY OF YOU ~~MEN~~ ^{RETURN TO CIVILIAN} WILL SOON BE REUNITED
^{LIFE.} IT ^{WILL BE A GREAT GAIN FOR THE COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH YOU CAME,} WILL BE A GREAT GAIN FOR THE COMMUNITIES FROM WHICH YOU CAME,
^{civilian life, I'm sure you will continue to serve} WITH YOUR LOVED ONES; IT WILL BE A HAPPY MOMENT PERSONALLY. BUT FOR THE
^{your unit, community and return our country in the} ARMY IT WILL BE A LOSS DIFFICULT TO REPLACE - A HIGHLY SKILLED AND DEDICATED
^{some skilled and dedicated men.} GROUP OF MEN.

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL BURKE AND ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE 4TH DIVISION,

I SAY THANK YOU - GOOD LUCK AND GOD SPEED.