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File Mail

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
April 5, 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR MARSHA SCOTT

DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: KELLY H. CARNES
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE
FOR THE FIRST LADY

SUBJECT: MAIL VOLUME FOR PERIOD FROM MARCH 27 THROUGH
APRIL 3, 1993

CC: JOHN DWYER
ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Following is a chart showing the mail received and processed daily by the First Lady's Correspondence Unit during the period beginning on March 27, 1993 and ending on April 3, 1993:

DATE	MAIL RECEIVED	*FORWARDED TO HEALTH	RESPONSES COMPLETED	BACKLOG
Mar. 27	4,100	2,050	0	2,050
Mar. 29	2,960	1,480	71	1,409
Mar. 30	3,115	1,557	99	1,459
Mar. 31.	1,118	559	91	<u>468</u>
April 1	2,873	1,436	257	1,180
April 2	2,476	1,238	470	768
April 3	2,329	1,164	**165	1,000
Total	18,971	9,484	1,153	8,334

Total backlog through April 3: 92,411

The productivity of the First Lady's Unit has increased significantly since March 26. Excluding the items processed by Steve Horn's group, the average daily output increased from 50 to 141 responses. This is about 30% of our projected maximum capacity.

*The volume of mail forwarded to the Health Care Task Force is estimated.

** Data entry function was performed by Steve Horn's group.

DATE	MAIL RECEIVED	*FORWARDED TO HEALTH	RESPONSES COMPLETED	BACKLOG
Mar. 1	1,806	1,903	95	1,808
Mar. 2	2,066	1,033	116	917
Mar. 3	1,052	526	51	475
Mar. 4	1,399	1,699	88	1,612
Mar. 5	2,262	1,131	139	992
Mar. 6	1,943	1,972	0	1,971
سید (Mar. 7	0	0	0	0
Mar. 8	1,839	1,919	48	1,872
Mar. 9	2,633	1,316	11	1,306
Mar. 10	2,272	1,136	33	1,103
Mar. 11	4,449	2,224	186	2,039
Mar. 12	1,077	538	184	355
Mar. 13	0	0	0	0
سید. Mar. 14	0	0	0	0
Mar. 15	6,487	3,243	0	3,244
Mar. 16	4,195	2,097	0	2,098
Mar. 17	2,094	1,047	0	1,047
Mar. 18	2,367	1,183	92	1,092
Mar. 19	5,158	2,579	186	2,393
Mar. 20	2,330	1,166	39	1,128
سید Mar. 21	0	0	0	0
Mar. 22	1,418	0	35	1,383
Mar. 23	748	0	56	712
Mar. 24	9,165	0	0	9,165
Mar. 25	3,695	0	62	3,633
Mar. 26	2,429	0	0	2,429
March Total	70,907	26,712	1,421	42,774
GRAND TOTAL	132,801	46,387	2,337	84,077

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Washington, D.C. 20400
Attn.: Dr. Diana Zuckerman

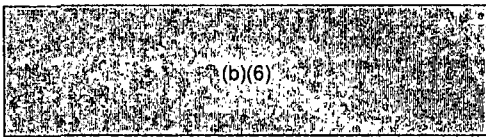
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Cleveland, Ohio 44199

From:



Reference: Letter in support of Vocational Rehabilitation claim
to Veterans Administration.

May 23, 1995

My name is [REDACTED] (b)(6). I am a 32 year old honorably discharged Marine veteran with 11 and 1/2 years of service that includes two combat tours, in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983 and Saudi Arabia - Kuwait 1990-1991. At present I receive 10% service connected compensation for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that resulted from the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut on October 23, 1983. On May 10, 1995 I had surgery at Wade Park Veterans Medical Center to replace my right hip that had deteriorated. I had put in a claim for service connected disability for my hip condition but it was denied due to the fact that over one year had passed since my discharge and my first doctors visit.

A few days after my surgery a Veterans Administration counselor visited me in the hospital to go over benefits and said that due to my hip replacement and service connected disability I could be a candidate for the Vocational Rehabilitation program the VA offers. He filled out the necessary paper work for me and as far as I know has submitted it to the VA.

I am requesting Vocational Rehabilitation because I have a serious employment handicap and I feel furthering my education or getting technical training is the only way that I will be able to provide for my family and become self sufficient. The VA is the only source of help I have so I am writing you as well as some other people I feel could help me in a effort to secure the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

I would like to submit the following items in support of my claim.

a.) I am no longer able to perform the occupation I was trained for while in the military (combat engineer). This job requires heavy lifting, squatting, bending, climbing ladders, etc. and all of these activities not only wear out the ceramic head of my replacement hip in less time but also increase the chance that dislocation will occur.

b.) I have no type of job training that will be conducive to my hip replacement. My doctor and physical therapist told me that I will have to restrict and change my activities and life style in order to maximize the life of my hip and also to decrease the chance for dislocation.

c.) Due to my young age I need to get as many years as possible out of my new hip because every time I have to undergo a replacement surgery I will lose more mobility and have problems. Vocational training in a less physically strenuous career will help extend the life of the hip.

d.) I have been unable to work due to the pain since October, 1994 and this unemployment has resulted in the loss of my 1992 pick up truck. I am homeless which resulted in moving in with

friends and my in laws who have put themselves near bankruptcy providing support for my family and me, this was due to my inability to work.

e.) I spent 11 and 1/2 years in service to my country doing anything asked of me. I was wounded when the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon was blown up on October 23, 1983. The following 18 Marines in my platoon died.

1st Lt Hukill, M.	SSGT Bohnet, J.
Cpl. Held, D	Cpl. Scott, G
Cpl. Forrester, S	LCpl Ciznik, R
LCpl Gangur, G	LCpl Copeland, J
LCpl Garcia, R	LCpl Gratton, H
LCpl Fluegel, R	LCpl Pulliam, E
LCpl Ingall, J	LCpl Sliwinski, S
LCpl Trahan, D	LCpl Estler, S
LCpl Ellison, J	LCpl Decker, S

The bombing left many scars and many sleepless nights in my life that is still is a daily part of my life. All the Marines who slept in my room died except for me and I still feel guilt for living. No attempt was made to counsel the survivors after the bombing and I feel strongly that in future traumatic events counseling should be a part of the recovery.

f.) I was a platoon guide during the Gulf War and was in charge of 37 Marines and 6 armored vehicles. My unit breached 2 Iraqi minefields to open up a path for the tank heavy "Tiger" Brigade into Kuwait. During the breach of the first minefield our "Fox" chemical detection vehicle detected a chemical and sounded the gas alarm. We went into MOPP condition 4 until the all clear was sounded. The next morning a decontamination team came by our position to check out our equipment for contamination and found our gear to be contaminated and we had to bury our chemical protective outer garments. One of our Marines exhibited symptoms of massive swelling in the face and hands (b)(6)).

A lot of Marines in my company were exhibiting unusual symptoms after the war so I documented them and that report is a enclosure to this letter.

g.) Our unit also had to take some pills that were suppose to help protect us. We had to take CIFRO 500 twice a day and Pryridostigmine Bromide 3 times a day starting on February 22, 1991 till the end of the ground war. Side effects like dizziness, rashes, headaches and stomach aches were common in our platoon.

h.) Our unit was in dense oil fire smoke for the ground war. In fact we used burning oil head fires to help guide us during the early hours the first day of the war. The smoke mixed with the light rain and left a oily film on our hands and face.

i.) I have problems with memory loss, heavy sweating and sore throats that I never had before the Gulf War. Because of stresses from Beirut and the Gulf War I was trying to use alcohol to self medicate my feelings. I found this just caused more problems so I quite drinking 8 months ago and even under went a 28 day inpatient program at the Brecksville VA.

I may never know what caused the blood supply to get cut off from my hip which resulted in a hip replacement. I am not attempting to place blame I am just trying to get my life back in order. I feel that my only chance to get back on my feet and become self sufficient is for the VA to approve Vocational Rehabilitation for me and I am requesting any help you can provide in this matter. Please help me and my family.

I would also like to volunteer to be seen before any special White House panels as I feel there is a lot that still needs to be examined from the Gulf War.

Thank You for taking the time to read this letter and for any help you may be able to provide for Americas veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,

(b)(6)

Enclosures:

Navy Achievement Medal Citation
Purple Heart Certificate
Symptoms study August 27, 1992



FOLLOW ME

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (Gold Star in lieu of the second award) to

STAFF SERGEANT (b)(6)
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For heroic achievement while assigned as Platoon Guide, 1st Platoon, Company B, 2d Combat Engineer Battalion, 2d Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force from 17 December 1990 to 1 March 1991. During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Staff Sergeant (b)(6) was assigned operational control of obstacle breaching team Diamond Bravo, which consisted of four assault amphibian vehicles, two M60A1 tanks and 35 personnel. On 24 February 1991, while in mission-oriented protective posture level 4 and under direct and indirect Iraqi artillery fire, his team proofed two minefields and used demolition charges to cut a water pipe, thereby preparing breach lane Red-1 for 6th Marines. Later, when two vehicles were disabled by mines and blocked the breach lane, Staff Sergeant (b)(6) supervised the re-opening of the lane by instructing his Marines to probe for mines manually. Through his technical skill, tactical expertise and courageous actions under fire, the breach was re-opened. Staff Sergeant (b)(6) exceptional professional ability, initiative and loyal dedication to duty throughout reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

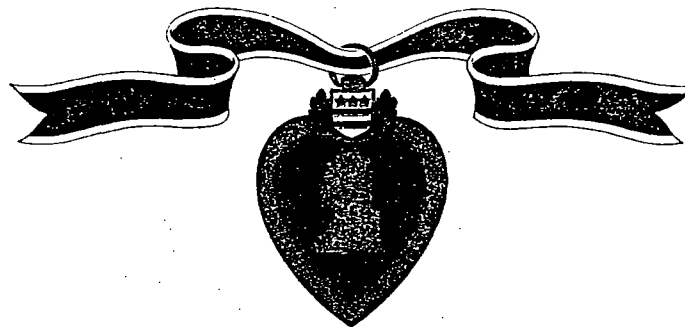
The Combat Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Secretary of the Navy,

Paul K. Van Riper

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Commanding General, 2d Marine Division, FMF



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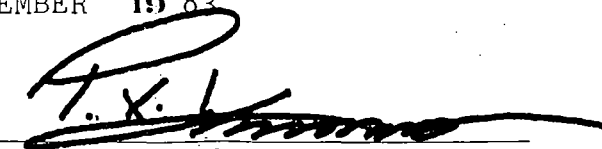
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This is a report of a internal study I did into "B" Company 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion 2nd Marine Division I MEF which was deployed to SWA region of Saudi Arabia/Kuwait from December 1990 to April 1991. "B" Company was part of Task Force Alpha which combined parts of our Battalion, 1st Bn 6th Marines, 8th Tanks, 4th CEB, 4th AAV backed up by the Army Tiger Brigade. Our Task Force was tasked with breaching the far left 2 lanes into Kuwait for 2nd Marine Division.

There are 3 areas I looked into.

"1. The oil smoke that we breathed in or was soaked in by our skin.

"2. We hit a gas land mine that put us in Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP 4) after breaching the first mine field, on the first day of the ground war. On the 2nd morning of the ground war a NBC Decon Team came by to check our vehicles and packs with a meter which they said registered chemicals.

"3. We were ordered to take pills that were said to be untested but said the pills would do us more good than harm.

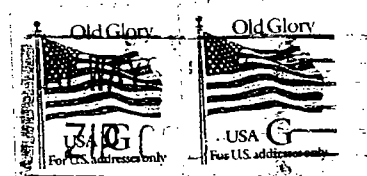
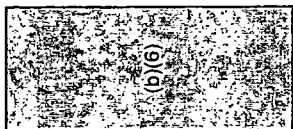
1. CIPRO (Ciprofloxacin HCI) 500 tablets, made by Miles Inc. Taken 2 times a day. Used for Anti-Anthrax. Taken for 9 days.

2. PYRIDOSTIGMINE BROMIDE Pre-Nerve Agent Treatment, made by Duphar Bv Amsterdam, Holland. Taken 3 times a day. Used for nerve agent treatment. Taken for at least 7 Days.

I kept a dairy while in SWA and this is the entry for the day we started taking the pills.

Day 37 (Air War) 22nd February Friday, Day 67 (In Country) we started taking Cipro 500 tablets. It's suppose to build up against Anthrax, we take it 2 times a day. Also Pyridostigmine Bromide which is a pre-nerve agent treatment pill 3 times a day. There is a chance we will leave tomorrow to our attack position....That is the only thing I wrote in my diary about the pills we took.

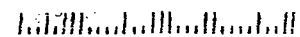
The reason I started looking into this is because of some strange symptoms of the Marines in my platoon and also our company are experiencing lately. I started investigating this on the 14 August 1992. I've talked to 14 Marines plus myself as of today 27 August 1992. My plans are to give each person I talked to a copy of this report which is totally unofficial, but I did asked each person for permission to use their name and SSN. I will make recommendations on what we should do in the report. My intent is not to put claim against the govt. or VA but just to give each person something to have in writing just in case the symptoms persist. I started off asking each person some questions, I want them to honest and not to exaggerate anything. To be honest and not to bullshit me or throw in anything that



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TELEPHONE MESSAGE
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3:30pm

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Mr. Betz called to inform the First Lady's Press Office that he wrote a letter to Mr. Sam Stanton [(916)-321-1091]. He wrote the letter about Debbie Judd [(916)-684-1693], a woman who was to be a Representative to the Council Mrs. Clinton addressed on Monday concerning the Gulf War Syndrome.

Mr. Betz read the letter he wrote to Mr. Stanton over the phone. In the letter, he stated that he believes a bad regular preventative flu shot is what is causing the Gulf War Syndrome.

Mr. Betz is a World War II Veteran who had received a flu shot in Nov. 1992 at Kaiser Permanente. Later, he became ill--showing signs of the flu. After the second day of his illness, he knew he was sick with something other than the flu. He believes he had the same symptoms as those suffering from the Gulf War Syndrome.

He feels that because all people going to the Gulf War had a flu shot, they all may be suffering from a regular preventative flu shot that was bad.

Currently he is taking an antibiotic called KEFLEX in capsule form. He also named another drug by the name of Cephalex. Mr. Betz said that these drugs are helping him recover, and they may help others who are suffering from the Gulf War Syndrome.

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I am a 22 year old "Desert Storm" veteran, married with 2 children, and served on active duty from 4-24-90 through 1-30-93. I was honorable discharged early from the Marine Corps because of medical reasons. Since the war I have been experiencing several problems, chronic liver disease, severe intestinal cramping, a skin rash that covers most of my body, joint aches, diarrhea, lower abdominal pain, mania, nervousness, and memory loss, since early February 1991.

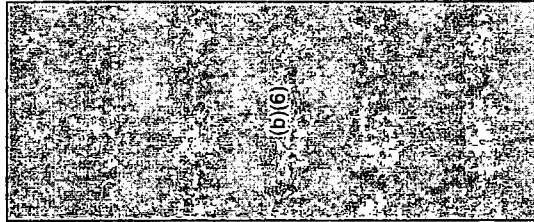
These symptoms affect my ability to maintain a job, and even father my children. In fact, this has a traumatic impact on my families future.

I have continued to see VA Doctors since my discharge date and still my situation worsens each and every day. Still have yet to be administered a cure or suggestion. I have even been denied help in the VA Medical Center Phoenix, and for Gulf War Veterans having priority, it still takes at least a month to see a Doctor.

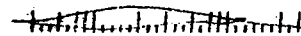
The pain I have no choice but to tolerate, but the ignorance I do not.

I have been rated a twenty percent disability, that I have appealed in expectation of evaluation under the law, without the disrespect of my daughters, and my personal hopes and dreams that were lost by supporting our country.

I ask of you to speed up this process of appeal, and help me get the compensation that I deserve, and medical help, not fallacy.



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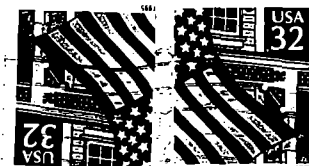
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