

Decorated . . .

You cannot be saved by valor and devotion to your ancestors. To each generation comes its patriotic duty, and upon your willingness to sacrifice and endure, as those before you have sacrificed and endured, rests the national hope.
Charles Evans Hughes

Bronze Star (Valor)

CPT Allen A. Hinman, HHC, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SGT George A. Holladay, Co A, 2d Bn (Mech), 22d Inf

Bronze Star (Merit)

CPT Ernest W. Sanders, D Trp, 3d Sqdn, 4th Cav
CPT Leonard G. Marcum, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SSG David A. Friedline, Co B, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SSG Jerry D. Mantooth, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SSG Devon T. Quirk, HHC, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SSG Charles I. Turner, Co C, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SSG Billy J. Anderson, HHC, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf.
SSG Roland N. Trudeau, Co C, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SSG Thomas A. Gonzalez-Rivera, Co C, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SGT Ivory Baker, HHC, 3d Bde
SGT Gene A. Yohn, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SGT Reginald H. Duncan, Co C, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
SGT Darrell J. Russell, Co C, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
SGT Franklin Short, Co A, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
SP5 Juan Rangel, HHC
SP5 Dennis Augustine, HHC, 3d Bde
SP5 Clifford W. Silvia, HQ & Co A, 25th Med Bn
SP4 Larry A. Grisci, Co B, 2d Bn (Mech), 22d Inf
SP4 Andrew J. Short III, Co B, 2d Bn (Mech), 22d Inf
SP4 Jerome G. McGovern, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SP4 Joseph White, Co C, 65th Engr Bn
SP4 Clyde D. Shelton, HHC, 65th Engr Bn
SP4 Clarence F. Gipson, Co A, 4th Bn, 9th Inf
SP4 Alva N. Myrick, Co C, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
SP4 John A. Sickles, Co C, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
PFC Frank Jamison, Co A, 2d Bn, 14th Inf
PFC James E. Coleman, Co A, 2d Bn, 14th Inf
PFC Shelton Morgan, Co A, 2d Bn, 14th Inf
PFC Ralph W. Crytzer, HHC, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
PFC Antonio Flores Jr., Co B, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
PFC Larry V. Sayers, Co A, 1st Bn, Bn, 27th Inf
PFC Elbert T. Williams, Co C, 3d Bn, 22d Inf
PFC Harold E. Southard, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
PFC Daniel R. Hoffman, Co A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf
PFC Albert Johnson, 38th Inf Plt (Scout Dog)

Army Commendation Medal (Valor)

SGT William C. Sketo, Co A, 65th Engr Bn

Army Commendation Medal (Merit)

SSG William Bodrick, B Btry, 2d Bn, 77th Arty
SSG Billie D. Kiewer, Co E, 725th Maint Bn
SSG Ronald D. Watkins, Co A, 25th S&T Bn
SP5 Frank S. Walker III, 25th Admin
SP5 Rocco T. Penna, Della, HHC, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SP5 Roy L. Roach, Co A, 65th Engr Bn
SP5 Elvin B. Pedersen, 25th Admin Co
SP4 Philip R. Brinegar, 25th Admin Co
SP4 Lauren Daberkow, Co C, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SP4 Darrel Davis HHC, 25th S&T Bn
SP4 Donley D. Granstra, Co C, 65th Engr Bn
SP4 Glenn E. Hawkins, Co E, 65th Engr Bn
SP4 John Hess, Co A, 125th Sig Bn
SP4 Ralph E. Hoffman, 25th Admin Co
SP4 William M. Strawn, Co A, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SP4 William P. Moyer Co E, 725th Maint Bn
SP4 Reubin L. McClatchey, Co A, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SP4 Bobby W. Shettles, Co B, 2d Bn, 12th Inf
SP4 Kenneth A. White, Co C, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf
SP4 Norman J.K. Waiholua, Co B, 2d Bn, 14th Inf
SP4 Peter Klaus, 25th Admin Co
SP4 Dan V. Briscoe, HQ & Co A, 725th Maint Bn
SP4 Paul F. Koogler, HHC, 2d Bn, 14th Inf
SP4 Walton R. Mathews, HHC, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
SP4 Raymond D. Stroup, HHC, 4th Bn, 9th Inf
SP4 Kerry W. Hensley, HHC, 1st Bn (Mech), 5th Inf
SP4 Walter M. Swierski, HHC, 1st Bn, (Mech), 5th Inf
SP4 Max E. Haeber, HHC & Band, 25th Inf Div Spt Comd
SP4 George L. Bingel, Co B, 4th Bn, 9th Inf

Emergency Leave Program Details, Steps Spelled Out

Every soldier has, at one time or another, heard of the Red Cross Emergency Leave Program. But except for those who have actually been through the process, the complete details and benefits are mostly unknown.

The following is a case history involving a 25th Inf Div soldier. It illustrates in detail all the steps in obtaining, taking and returning from emergency leave.

At midnight on July 15, a car carrying the parents of Private First Class Mike O'Brien skids on a rain-swept highway in Arizona, and bangs into a tree. Mike's father is unhurt, but his mother is critically injured and is taken to the County Hospital.

The doctors inform Mike's father of the seriousness of the injury and suggest that all immediate members of the family be notified. Mike's dad tells the doctor that his son is in Vietnam. At 1 a.m. the doctor notifies the local chapter of the Red Cross and verifies the seriousness of the situation.

The local chapter representative obtains Mike's full name, rank, service number, and unit designation, then relays the message via the teletype to the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The message is logged in, then turned over to the Armed Forces Communication Service for overseas relay to Vietnam.

At 5 a.m., just four hours after the Red Cross is notified, the message is received by wire at the 25th Div Communication Center, who in turn deliver it to the Div Red Cross Field Office.

Usually the Red Cross field director delivers the message in person, but Mike is in the field, so the message is transmitted to his Unit Commander, who personally informs Mike of the accident, then arranges for immediate transportation back to base camp.

While Mike is making his way in from the field, the Red Cross informs the division Adjutant General Personnel Action Branch, who after verifying the fact that it is an immediate family member who is seriously injured, cut travel orders for Mike.

As soon as they get the OK from AG, the Red Cross sends a message back to the states, informing Mike's family that he is on the way.

Mike cleans up and packs, then reports to AG to receive 30 day emergency leave orders. If he needs money, he draws a maximum partial pay from finance and or an Emergency

Leave Loan from the Red Cross. He then goes to G-1 who have already arranged for helicopter transportation to Bien Hoa and the 90th Repl Det there. At seven a.m. Mike is boarding the first available plane for the states. He travels on a priority space-required basis.

At 3 a.m. the following morning, Mike arrives at Travis AFB in California. He checks in with the Army Transportation Coordinator in the terminal, at which time his 30 day leave officially begins.

Mike is now on his own. He can try to get a military flight to the AFB nearest his home town. If none are available, he can make reserved-seat reservations on any commercial airlines at military rates (1/3 off regular price).

There are no military flights available so Mike uses the funds from the Red Cross loan to purchase a commercial airlines ticket.

Mike arrives home two hours later, just 30 hours after the accident. He stays home while his mother is recuperating, but just as his leave is about over, she takes a turn for the worse. The doctor recommends that Mike stay another week, and makes that request through the local Red Cross chapter. Following the same procedure as the first message, the request for leave extension is relayed to the 25th Inf Div AG. They approve Mike's extension, and air-mail his new orders to him. During the next few days Mike's mother improves a great deal, and the doctor says she'll be OK. Mike now prepares to return to duty, but doesn't have enough money for the plane

fare to Travis.

He reports to the nearest military installation, and receives a casual pay that allows him to buy the ticket.

The next day he reports to Travis, and his leave ends. Because he is traveling TDY, he is booked on the next available flight to Vietnam. A day later he arrives at Tan Son Nhut and reports to the 90th Repl Det, who arrange military transportation for him back to his unit.

An hour later Mike returns to Cu Chi, and prepares to return to duty.

This story is typical, and shows exactly how the Red Cross Emergency Leave Program works. The emergency leave that Mike took DOES count against regular leave time. However, if he had already used up his leave, he could still go on emergency leave, but must either make up the days, or if his ETS is too close, pay the Army for the month he took off.

Remember, before departing from your unit on emergency leave, you MUST have the following items in your possession:

1. Authorized Emergency Leave Orders
 2. Army Identification Card
 3. Up-to-date Army Shot Record
 4. DD Form 1580 (Authorization for Military Standby on Commercial Airlines)
 5. DA Form 2467 (Casual Pay Records)
- If you have any questions concerning the Emergency Leave Program, contact the 25th Inf Div Red Cross Field Office.

Overall Promotional Opportunities Has Best Outlook In DOD History

Overall enlisted promotion opportunities today in the armed forces are the best in the history of the Defense Department, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D. Morris testified Aug. 2 before the House Armed Services Committee.

He said 970,300 promotions in grades E-4 through E-9 are projected for FY68, with more than 85 per cent earmarked for E-4 and E-5 grades. These hikes are slated, he said, within the all-service FY68 force structure of 1,760,000 non-commissioned officers and NCO-grade technicians.

Secretary Morris forecasts 568,800 promotions ranging from E-4 to E-9 for the Army; 192,500 Navy, 149,900 Air Force and

59,100 Marine Corps.

The brightening EM promotion picture was only part of the testimony, which covered the entire spectrum of enlisted promotion policies and thinking. These equally important points were brought out:

★ DOD believes it best for each service to determine its own annual promotion requirements and capability.

★ DOD plans, however, a future objective for each service to forecast annually its own promotion picture for five years.

Army's rapid Vietnam buildup and draft dependence forces Army to train and promote faster, particularly to E-4 and E-5.



CODE OF CONDUCT NO. 5

When questioned, should I become a prisoner of war, I am bound to give only name, rank, service number, and date of birth. I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause.

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