

24 July 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL KNOWLES

SUBJECT: Sp 5 Karl F. Baranowski, [REDACTED]

1. The following information concerning Sp 5 Baranowski was obtained by Operations Officer, LTC Ozakazi, Army Operations Center:

a. Sp 5 Baranowski is currently located at Pleiku and assigned to the 561 General Support Company (FWD), 88th Direct Support Battalion.

b. He is in good health.

c. Baranowski's DBROS was originally 24 June 1970. He extended for six months. He was to begin a leave on 1 July.

d. Baranowski's leave was cancelled as a result of an Article 32 investigation. The soldier was involved in an incident where he fired a flare. The flare landed and a small Vietnamese boy picked it up. The flare discharged and caused the death of the boy.

e. No charges were filed as a result of the Article 32 investigation. He is now awaiting a decision by his group commander pertaining to a possible Article 15.

2. The company executive officer stated that they hoped the matter would be resolved soonest in order that Baranowski can depart Vietnam on leave.

3. I recommend you restrict your comments to the father to the following:

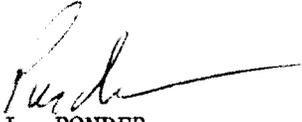
a. Karl is still in Vietnam.

b. He is well and in his unit at Pleiku.

c. He was to depart Vietnam on leave on 1 July but had to delay leave due to his participation in an investigation.

d. He will depart on leave as soon as the investigation is completed.

e. If Mrs. Baranowski's illness warrants your son's presence immediately, you should contact your local Red Cross Chapter and request he return home on emergency leave.


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