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MEMORANDUM THRU

Commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division Mechanized, Tikrit, Iraq

Commander, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq

Commander, Company D, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq

FOR Commander, 502d Personnel Service Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit Iraq

SUBJECT: Request for Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial, SPC .

Company D, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq

- 1. The Request for Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial submitted by SPC Company D, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq, UP AR 635-200, Chapter 10, is hereby APPROVED.
- 2. I direct that SPC be discharged from Military Service under the provisions of AR 635-200, Chapter 10, and that his service be characterized as Under Other Than Honorable Conditions.
- 3. The pending court-martial charges against SPC Martino-Poole will be dismissed after SPC receives his DD Form 214.
- 4. I direct that SPC be reduced to the lowest enlisted pay grade, PVT (E-1) IAW 635-200, paragraph 1-13.
- 5. SPC will <u>not</u> be transferred into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) as he clearly has no potential for useful service under conditions of full mobilization. Transfer is not required IAW AR 635-200, paragraph 1-35.
- 6. In accordance with AR 635-200, paragraph 1-20, if the soldier is a bonus recipient, unearned portions of any enlistment/reenlistment bonuses will be recouped.
- 7. I further direct that SPC upon return to CONUS.

be separated from the Army within five working days

RAYMOND T. ODIERNO

Major General, USA

Commanding



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

United States Army Trial Defense
Service
Fort Hood Field Office
Task Force Ironhorse
Forward Operating Base Speicher, Iraq

16 October 2003

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Commander, D Company, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (M), FOB Ironhorse (Tikrit) Iraq APO AE 09323-2628

Commander, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (M), FOB Ironhorse (Tikrit) Iraq APO AE 09323-2628

Commander, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (M), FOB Ironhorse (Tikrit) Iraq APO AE 09323-2628

FOR Commander, 4th Infantry Division (M), FOB Ironhorse (Tikrit) Iraq APO AE 09323-2628

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D Company, 4th Support Battalion, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (M), FOB

Ironhorse (Tikrit) Iraq APO AE 09323-2628

hereby voluntarily request discharge in lieu of trial by court-martial under AR 635-200, chapter 10. I understand that I may request discharge in lieu of trial by court-martial because of the following charges which have been preferred against me under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, one of which or a combination of which authorizes the imposition of a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge:

Article 119-Manslaughter

- 2. I am making this request of my own free will and have not been subjected to any coercion whatsoever by any person. I have been advised of the implications that are attached to it. By submitting this request for discharge, I acknowledge that I understand the elements of the offense(s) charged and am guilty of (one or more of) the charge(s) against me or of (a) lesser included offense(s) therein contained which also authorize the imposition of a bad conduct or dishonorable discharge. Moreover, I hereby state that under no circumstances do I desire further rehabilitation, for I have no desire to perform further military service.
- 3. Prior to completing this form, I have been afforded the opportunity to consult with appointed counsel for consultation. I have consulted with counsel for consultation who has fully advised me of the nature of my rights under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the elements of the offenses with which I am charged, any relevant lesser included offenses thereto, and the facts which must be established by competent evidence beyond a reasonable doubt to sustain a finding

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of guilty; the possible defenses which appear to be available at this time; and the maximum permissible punishment if found guilty. Although he has furnished me legal advice, this decision is my own.

- 4. I understand that, if my request for discharge is accepted, I may be discharged under conditions other than honorable. I have been advised and understand the possible effects of an Under Other Than Honorable Discharge (including but not limited to reduction to the lowest enlisted grade (Private E-1) by operation of law) and that, as a result of the issuance of such a discharge, I will be deprived of many or all Army benefits, that I may be ineligible for many or all benefits administered by the Veterans Administration, and that I may be deprived of my rights and benefits as a veteran under both Federal and State law, as indicated on a copy of DA Poster 635-1, which was provided me). I also understand that I may expect to encounter substantial prejudice in civilian life because of an Under Other Than Honorable Discharge. I further understand that there is neither automatic upgrading nor review by any Government agency of a less than honorable discharge and that I must apply to the Army Discharge Review Board or the Army Board of Corrections of Military Records if I wish review of my discharge. I realize that the act of consideration by either board does not imply that my discharge will be upgraded.
- 5. I understand that, once my request for discharge is submitted, it may be withdrawn only with consent of the commander exercising general court-martial authority, or without that commander's consent, in the event trial results in an acquittal or the sentence does not include a punitive discharge even though one could have been adjudged by the court. Further, I understand that if I depart absent without leave, this request may be processed and I may be discharged even though I am absent. This request is conditioned upon disapproval of the findings and sentence of any court-martial, if applicable in this case.
- 6. I have been advised that I may submit statements I desire in my own behalf, which will accompany my request for discharge. Statements in my own behalf are not submitted with this request.
- 7. I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this request for discharge.

SPC, U.S. Army Accused

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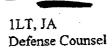
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Having been advised by me of:

- a. The basis for his contemplated trial by court-martial and the maximum permissible punishment authorized under the Uniform Code of Military Justice;
- b. The possible effects of an Under Other Than Honorable Discharge if this request is approved (including but not limited to reduction to the lowest enlisted grade (Private E-1) by operation of law and the loss of benefits administered by both the Army and other Federal agencies as indicated on a copy of DA Poster 635-1, which was provided to the soldier); and
 - c. The procedures and rights available to him/her;

SPC personally made the choices indicated in the foregoing request for discharge in lieu of trial by court-martial.



Data required by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a)

AUTHORITY: Section 301, title 5 USC and section 3013, title 10, USC.

PURPOSE: To be used by the commander-exercising general court-martial jurisdiction over you to determine approval or disapproval of your request for discharge in lieu of trial by court-martial.

ROUTINE USES: Request, with appropriate documentation, including the decision of the discharge authority, will be filed in the MPRJ as permanent material and disposed of in accordance with AR 640-10, and may be used by other appropriate Federal agencies and State and local governmental activities where use of the information is compatible with the purpose for which the information was collected.

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Submission of a request for discharge is voluntary. Failure to provide all or a portion of the requested information may result in your request being disapproved.

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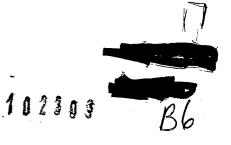
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MEMORANDUM THRU

Commander, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division Mechanized, Tikrit, Iraq Commander, 319th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq

Commander, Delta Battery, 319th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq

FOR Commander, 502d Personnel Service Battalion, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit Iraq

SUBJECT: Request for Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial, SSG
Delta Battery, 319th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized),
Tikrit, Iraq

- 1. The Request for Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial submitted by SSG
 Delta Battery, 319th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
 (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq, UP AR 635-200, Chapter 10, is hereby APPROVED.
- 2. I direct that SSG be discharged from Military Service under the provisions of AR 635-200, Chapter 10, and that his service be characterized as Under Other Than Honorable Conditions.
- 3. The pending court-martial charges against SSG will be dismissed after SSG receives his DD Form 214.
- 4. I direct that SSG be reduced to the lowest enlisted pay grade, PVT (E-1) IAW 635-200, paragraph 1-13.
- 5. SSG will <u>not</u> be transferred into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) as he clearly has no potential for useful service under conditions of full mobilization. Transfer is not required IAW AR 635-200, paragraph 1-35.
- 6. In accordance with AR 635-200, paragraph 1-20, if the soldier is a bonus recipient, unearned portions of any enlistment/reenlistment bonuses will be recouped.
- 7. I further direct that SSG be separated from the Army within five working days upon return to CONUS.

RAYMOND T. ODIERNO

Major General, USA

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

United States Army Trial Defense Service
Fort Hood Field Office
Task Force Ironhorse
Police station Speicher, Iraq

AFZF-JA-TDS 4 October 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Taskforce Ironhorse, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq.

SUBJECT: Letter in Support of Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial -- SSG
D Battery, 319th AFAR, 173rd Airbirne Brigade, Iraq

- 1. I am writing this letter to help explain the circumstances that led to this entire situation. I am not writing this to excuse my actions but to shed some light on the day that led up to the incident.
- 2. On 1 August 2003 a soldier in my unit, SPC was killed by an RPG round. All of us were upset and nervous about the death. The following day was probably the worst day of my life. Early on 2 August 2003, some local Iraqi's brought a dead body to our police station. They told us that they had found the man in the river and that he had been strangled. Until this moment I had never seen a dead man before. The sight of this was very upsetting. This first event of the morning set the mood for the day.
- 3. About an hour after the body was brought to the police station we had reports of some Iraqi's stealing pipes in town. We went to investigate the incident and actually found the men. We detained fourteen men and began to transport them to our police station. As we left we noticed that another car was following us. The two men in the car were with the pipe stealers earlier. We had a few local Iraqi police in the vehicle with us and they began shooting at the car. We looked back at the car to see why they were shooting. We saw that one of the men in the car was holding a grenade. He was holding the grenade as if he were about to throw it at us. The driver of our vehicle stomped on the brakes and this forced the car behind us to abruptly stop. We detained the two men and their grenade.
- 4. About thirty minutes after dropping these detainees at the police station we were made aware of shots being fired at the market. We immediately left for the market area. The two men that we found were local Kirkuk police and they were carrying AK-47's. They were not suppose to be carrying weapons outside of their city as that was the law. We searched the men and found fuses and full magazines for the AK-47's. We asked the artillery guys about the fuses and were told that they were either mortar or RPG fuses. We took them to the police station.
- 5. By the time we arrived to the police station all of our emotions were high and we were all on the edge. We called our commander and asked what to do with the two police that

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had the AK's. We found out moments earlier that the local Iraqi judge had ordered that they be released. The commander told us to question them anyway.

- 6. After questioning the two for awhile the translator told me that one of the men had stated that he would kill me and the others that had questioned him. He also stated that he would blow up the police station with an RPG. We all took them seriously.
- 7. The day had started with me seeing a dead mans body and it ended with threats on mine. I am not making excuses for my actions but hope to put that day in perspective. I have been in the Army for twelve and a half years. My MOS is not in police work or law enforcement. I am a communications sergeant. I have never been trained in police work and have no training in handling prisoners or detainees. I say this not to make excuses but to try and make sense of the situation.
- 8. I regret many things in my life and I hope that I can come to terms with the actions I have taken. I realize that you have the power to discharge me from service. My only request is that you discharge me with a General discharge. Very respectfully.

SSG, U.S. Army Accused

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY COMBAT SUPPORT COMPANY, 1ST BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 508TH INFANTRY 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) TIKRIT, IRAQ 09323

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MEMORANDUM THRU
Commander, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4 th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Kirkuk, Iraq 09347 Commander, 1 st Battalion (Airborne), 508 th Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4 th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq 09323
FOR Commander, 4 th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq
SUBJECT: Request for Discharge under Chapter 10, Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial, pertaining to SSG, 319 th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4 th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq
1. The attached recommendation for elimination under provisions of AR 635-200, Chapter 10, Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-Martial, pertaining to SSG 319 th AFAR, 173d Airborne Brigade, 4 th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Tikrit, Iraq, is forwarded for your action. I recommend:
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2. Furthermore, I recommend that his service be characterized as
() under other than honorable conditions
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/Original Signed/

CPT, FA Commanding

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, 2ND BATTALION (AIRBORNE), 503RD INFANTRY 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECHANIZED) TIKRIT, IRAQ 09323

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