



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY COMBAT DEVELOPMENTS COMMAND
EXPERIMENTATION COMMAND
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA 93941

IN REPLY REFER TO
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30 June 1965

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Sergeant Major Lester Edgar, RA 38 506 482
Headquarters Company
US Army Combat Developments Command
Experimentation Command
Fort Ord, California 93941

1. On the occasion of my departure from the United States Army Combat Developments Command Experimentation Command, I wish to express to you my appreciation for the outstanding job you did during my assignment here as Commanding General.

2. As Sergeant Major for an organization comprised of nearly 4,000 personnel, you not only demonstrated uniquely superior professional knowledge, initiative and military competence but continuously placed the objectives of the command ahead of any personal considerations. Such performance of duty contributed significantly to the successful accomplishment of the USACDCEC mission and serves to reflect only the highest credit upon you, the Noncommissioned Officers Corps and the United States Army.

3. Again, thank you for your cooperation and support and best wishes for continued success.

4. A copy of this correspondence will be made a permanent part of your official 201 File.


CHARLES J. GIRARD
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding



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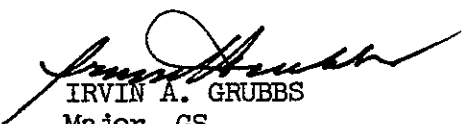
TO: Sergeant Major Lester Edgar
Headquarters Company
U.S. Army Combat Developments Command
Experimentation Command
Fort Ord, California 93941

1. On the eve of my departure from this command, the Office of the Secretary General Staff, and my retirement from active military service, I would like to express my appreciation for the support you have given me personally in accomplishing my duties as Assistant Secretary General Staff.

2. In all honesty, I can say with complete sincerity and without reservation, that my tour with SGS has been the most pleasant of my entire Army career. Individually, the variety of tasks have at times proven arduous, however, each task has been made considerably more pleasant, and a good deal less tedious, through your spirit of friendly cooperation and your devotion to duty. The United States Army and USACDCEC are indeed fortunate to have the services of such dedicated, intelligent and devoted personnel.

3. Please accept this letter as a token of my appreciation and personal thanks. I trust that someday we may renew our pleasant acquaintance. Until then I wish you success, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,


IRVIN A. GRUBBS
Major, GS
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HEADQUARTERS
194th ARMORED BRIGADE
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA



ABDE-CO

28 April 1964

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Sergeant Major Lester Edgar
Headquarters & Headquarters Company
4th Battalion, 41st Infantry
Fort Ord, California

1. Upon my departure from the 194th Armored Brigade, I wish to express my appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you performed your duties as Sergeant Major, 4th Battalion, 41st Infantry.

2. Although an assignment to this command involved unusual requirements of duty in more than one location and quick response to changing situations, you were able to understand the necessity of those changes and rendered a cheerful and efficient performance.

3. Your attitude, conduct, and attention to duty were greatly appreciated by your superiors and set a fine example for your subordinates. By your exemplary performance, you have enhanced the prestige of the Non-commissioned Officers Corps while contributing materially to the accomplishment of the mission of this command.

4. I congratulate you for your performance, express appreciation for myself and the 194th Armored Brigade and wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

CARL C. EDMONDSON
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
4TH BATTALION (M), 41ST INFANTRY
Fort Ord, California

10 May 1963

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding Officer
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
4th Battalion (M), 41st Infantry
Fort Ord, California

TO: Sgt Maj Lester Edgar, RA 38 506 482
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
4th Battalion (M), 41st Infantry
Fort Ord, California

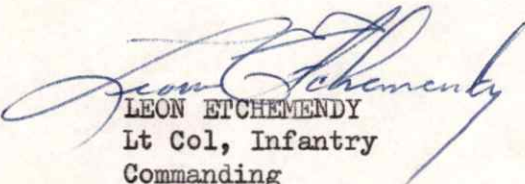
1. Upon my departure from this command I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you performed the duties of Sergeant Major of the 4th Battalion (M), 41st Infantry.

2. You arrived at a time when this unit was undergoing a reorganization, preparing for its Annual General and Command Maintenance Inspections and conducting training for the then forthcoming USACDCEC Toxic Experiment.

3. Never, during my tour of command, was it more necessary to have an excellent example and a capable enlisted leader for the men of this battalion.

4. You fulfilled all my expectations by your strong leadership qualities, diligent efforts and professional competence. Your performance of duty and personal conduct were consistent with the highest standards of the Armed Forces.

5. A copy of this letter will be placed in your 201 file.


LEON ETCHEMENDY
Lt Col, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
4TH BATTALION (M), 41ST INFANTRY
Fort Ord, California

1 March 1963

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding Officer
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
4th Battalion (M), 41st Infantry
Fort Ord, California

TO: Sergeant Major, Lester Edgar, RA 38 506 482
Headquarters and Headquarters Company
4th Battalion (M), 41st Infantry
Fort Ord, California

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties as Sergeant Major.
2. During the short period of time that I have observed you performance, you have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and professional competence which has had a direct bearing on the administrative functions throughout the Battalion. Your ability to organize and supervise has resulted in considerable savings in man hours and increased efficiency.
3. Your diligent efforts, professional knowledge and keen interest has been a constant source of gratification to me and your associates. The fine example set by you as Sergeant Major has had extremely favorable results on the men of this Battalion, especially the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers.
4. Your loyalty, devotion to duty and willingness to get the job done has assisted me immensely in the performance of my duties as Adjutant.
5. Request that a copy of this letter be placed in your 201 file.

Clinton M. Davenport
CLINTON M. DAVENPORT
Captain, Infantry
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY BERLIN BRIGADE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 742 US FORCES

AEBCG

14 December 1961

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commanding Officer
2d Battle Group, 6th Infantry
APO 742, US Forces

TO: Sergeant Major Lester Edgar
2d Battle Group, 6th Infantry
APO 742, US Forces

1. I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your contribution to the unparalleled success of Operation Look-See. This operation, directed by the Commander in Chief, US Army Europe, was designed to give all of the Sergeants Major of US Army Europe a one-day tour that would familiarize them with the Berlin situation. Due to the extremely crowded schedule of the tour, great attention to detail and timing was essential. The fact that you did an outstanding job as escort Sergeant Major was brought to my attention time and time again by the many comment sheets submitted by the visiting non-commissioned officers.

2. Your initiative, judgement and diplomacy in handling this very important task is further evidence of your professional competence and devotion to duty. Many thanks for a difficult job exceptionally well done.


FREDERICK O. HARTEL
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

Headquarters, 2d Battle Group, 6th Infantry, APO 742, US Forces

TO: Sergeant Major Lester Edgar, Headquarters, 2d Battle Group, 6th
Infantry, APO 742, US Forces

1. It is a pleasure to forward to you the attached Letter of Appreciation from Brigadier General Frederick O. Hartel, Commanding General, Berlin Brigade.

2. I have noted the comments and I am certain that your personal efforts were instrumental in the outstanding success of Operation "Look-See". You not only insured that the one day tour of Berlin of the visiting Sergeant Major's was complete and informative, but you also showed them the high state of discipline, training, and military courtesy of the 2d "GO GO Guardian" Battle Group.

3. By your personal attention and efforts you presented first hand information of the Berlin Crisis, you enhanced the prestige of the 2d Battle Group, 6th United States Infantry and you left a lasting impression on the Sergeant Major's, United States Army, Europe that we are ready and capable of coping with any challenge that may confront us.

4. A copy of this correspondence will be placed in your permanent 201 file.


JOHN R. DEANE JR
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
1ST BATTALION
2D TRAINING REGIMENT, BASIC
THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING CENTER, ENGINEER
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

ALWTB-A

14 February 1959

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Master Sergeant Lester Edgar, RA 38 506 482
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment
1st Battalion, 2d Training Regiment, Basic
The United States Army Training Center, Engineer
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

1. Upon my departure from the 1st Battalion I desire to express my sincere appreciation to you for the outstanding manner in which you have performed your duties as Battalion Sergeant Major throughout the period of my assignment from 1 May 1958 to 16 February 1959.

2. Your initiative, alertness, loyalty and high devotion to duty, all merged with your fine personal relations, aided in your superior performance of duty. Your mature judgment, thoroughness in your planning, professional skill and superior administrative knowledge contributed immeasurably to the efficient operation of the Battalion. I would further like to cite as especially praiseworthy, your splendid attitude in executing your assigned duties in that you have always carried out your assignments with little or no supervision. You have been voluntarily helpful beyond the ordinary requirements of your duty assignment, giving freely of your time in a cheerful, uncomplaining manner. Your conduct and manner of performance was characterized by courtesy, sincerity and attention to detail of your assignment. This standard has been continuous throughout your entire assignment as Sergeant Major.

3. You may take just pride in your performance of duty and I hope that I may again have the pleasure of having you serve as a member of my command.

4. A copy of this correspondence will be filed in your filed military 201 file.


DONALD M MUNRO
Major, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
1ST BATTALION
2D TRAINING REGIMENT, BASIC
THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING CENTER, ENGINEER
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

ALWTB-A

30 April 1958

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

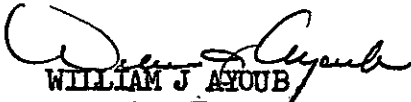
THRU: Commanding Officer
2d Training Regiment, Basic
The USA Training Center, Engineer
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

TO: Master Sergeant Lester Edgar, RA 38506482
Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment
1st Battalion, 2d Training Regiment, Basic
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

1. As a token of my appreciation and in recognition of your praiseworthy performance of duties as Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 2d Training Regiment, Basic, during the period of 1 November 1957 to 30 April 1958, I present you with this citation, as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, upon my departure from the command.

2. The duties you performed, by virtue of the position you held, carried a high degree of responsibility for the successful operation of the command and required the exercise of intelligent judgement and decisions affecting the plans, policies, operations, morale, health and welfare of the personnel of the command.

3. I would consider it an honor and privilege to serve with you again, and I am sure that your future performance of duties will continue to reflect credit upon the military service, yourself, and your unit.


WILLIAM J. AYOUB
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

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1st Ind

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

HEADQUARTERS 2d Tng Regt, Basic, USA TC, Engr, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
30 Apr 58

TO: Master Sergeant Lester Edgar, Hqs & Hqs Det, 1st Bn, 2d Tng Regt, Basic,
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

It is with pleasure that I forward this evidence of duty well performed.



FRANKLIN R SIBERT
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
6TH BATTALION
2D BASIC TRAINING REGIMENT
THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING CENTER, ENGINEER
FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI

10 October 1956

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO: Whom It May Concern

1. M/Sgt LESTER EDGAR, RA 38 506 482, Headquarters Company, 6th Battalion, 2d Basic Training Regiment, The USA Training Center, Engineer, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, has worked for and with me as Battalion Sergeant Major since 14 October 1954. During this entire period he has always performed his numerous duties in an outstanding manner, being a distinct credit to the Military Service.

2. During the period 10 May 1956 to 10 September 1956 while I was on Temporary Duty at the Adjutant General School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, no Battalion Adjutant was assigned this organization. M/Sgt Edgar proved capable of carrying on smooth relationships with higher and lower echelons of command during this time.

3. During the two year period mentioned in paragraph 1 above, M/Sgt Edgar has constantly displayed outstanding qualities of leadership and soldierly bearing. He has always shown exceptional tact and ability to induce subordinate commanders to accept and place into effect recommendations and suggestions from this Headquarters.

4. I can state without qualification that M/Sgt Edgar has been the most outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer that I have had the privilege to work with. I would be pleased to have him serve with me in any capacity in any future assignment.

Clarence E. Hasley
CLARENCE E. HASLEY
CWO, W-2, USA
Battalion Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
THE ENGINEER REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER
THE ENGINEER CENTER, U.S. ARMY
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

23 January 1953

SUBJECT: Letter of Recommendation

1. M/Sgt Lester Edgar, RA38506482, served in Fourth Training Company, First Engineer Training Battalion, Engineer Replacement Training Center, for eight months, while I was Company Commander. During that time he served as the non-commissioned officer in charge of a rifle instruction committee for four months and as field first sergeant for four months.

2. M/Sgt Edgar at all times demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership, military courtesy, initiative, and military discipline. He always maintained the highest standards of personal appearance and actions. M/Sgt Edgar constantly strove to improve the functioning of the company cadre and set the example in all phases of company duty. He sought and was able to accept responsibility and could be counted upon to use his initiative in any cases not covered by previous instructions. His actions under unusual or emergency situations were quiet and calm and invariably resulted in smooth action despite the circumstances.

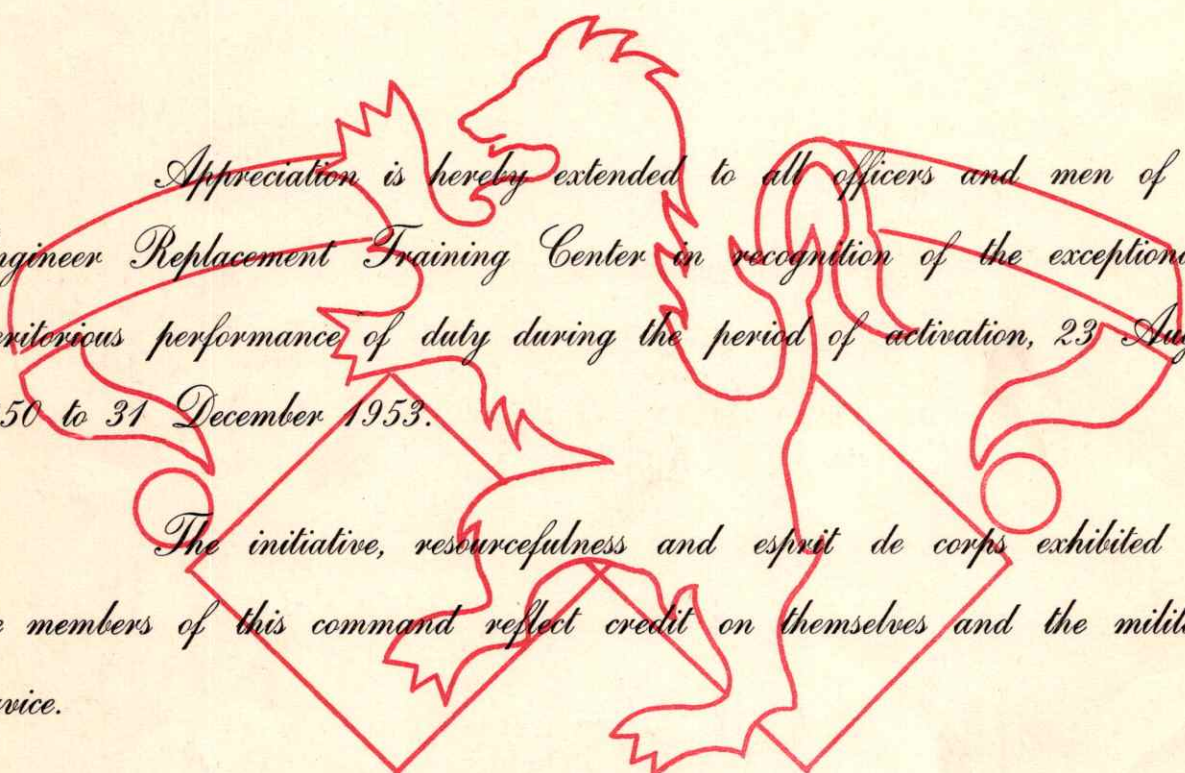
3. M/Sgt Edgar's actions and appearances are typical of the ideal non-commissioned officer, and he would be a credit to the service in any duty, whether military or civilian, to which he could be assigned. I would particularly desire to, have him serve in any capacity in any unit I command.

Arthur H Blair
1st Lt CE

Headquarters
The Engineer Replacement Training Center
The Engineer Center, U. S. Army
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

25 September 1953

M/Sgt Lester Edgar
RA 38 506 482



Appreciation is hereby extended to all officers and men of the Engineer Replacement Training Center in recognition of the exceptionally meritorious performance of duty during the period of activation, 23 August 1950 to 31 December 1953.

The initiative, resourcefulness and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this command reflect credit on themselves and the military service.



Colonel, CE
Commanding