



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 7th INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT ORD  
FORT ORD, CALIFORNIA 93941-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AFZW-AG-PC

23 September 1987

SUBJECT: STATUS report on service member per your inquiry  
CORPORAL South, Torey Tuesday  
322-64-9318

Congressman Leon E. Panetta  
16th District, California  
339 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Panetta;

1. Per the order of the 82nd Airborne Division Adjutant General, Corporal South is now assigned to Ft. Ord, California. South had sustained an injury when she was exposed to hostile sniper fire and was shot in the back. The geographic location where South was in duty was not expected to be combative, at that time. South was medivaced within two hours from the occurrence to an American hospital site.
2. At the time, South was attached from the 82nd Abn. Div. to the 5th Special Forces Group, (both units) in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; in the capacity of Advisor, as a trainer of indigenous forces, outside U.S. territory, in the region of The Sudan, Africa.
3. South's convalescent recuperation occurred initially at Walter Reed Medical Center where she was received upon return into the continental U.S., was transferred to Letterman Army Medical Center and last, Silas B. Hays Medical Center, located at Ft. Ord, California.
3. The extent of South's injury prohibits her from any further field and advisory duty. As a result of South's injury, she had suffered complete paralysis of the legs for just over eight months. And since, suffers from occasional partial paralysis and/or pain with difficulty of pivotal and twisting movement of her mid lumbar region of her back. South's x-rays did not reveal any notable disturbance whereas her M.R.I. did, pertaining to the location of the injury laterally upon her spine.

AFZW-AG-PC

SUBJECT: Status report on service member

4. South's primary M.O.S. is field combat medic and secondary, field cryptographer. South is no longer able to maintain any further field duty as a result of her injury. Any repetitive physical activity involving the general location of her injury may aggravate this injury. This Command considers South's injury permanent based on the findings of U.S. Army Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC) Ft. Ord.

Consequently, South would be a hazard to herself and field team if she were to resume duty as an Advisor or within Airborne operations. Therefore, South's request to remain with her parent unit must be denied.

5. In fact, Department of the Army policy would have been to proceed with a medical discharge in light of South's limitations. Notwithstanding, though, is the additional complication of South's (birth) medical condition, Congenital Intersex Condition; birth with anatomical and/or internal development of both genders.

This unusual birth condition was not initially disclosed by Ms. South to the Department of the Army when she had enlisted; and was uncovered during surgery when treating South for her gunshot wound. This condition alone, renders South incompatible with field and potential combat duty; in matter of South's predominant gender being female (XX chromosome).

6. However, in consideration of South's favorable service record, Command has elected to keep South for the remainder of her enlistment and retrain her in the duty slot of Tactical Army Computer Systems operation; which is administrative support, non-field duty.
7. Corporal South's last convalescent leave occurred at Silas B. Hays Medical Center, located at Ft. Ord. Per assignment orders, South is now assigned to Ft. Ord's Rapid Deployment Force Support Administration and is not tasked with any field and combat duty.

South is no longer eligible for jump pay status nor hazardous duty pay. Since South is now in a support services slot, her enlistment rank is Specialist-4 and no longer Corporal. Both are the same E-4 rating.

AFZW-AG-PC

SUBJECT: Status report on service member

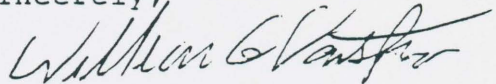
8. The Department of the Army and 82nd Airborne Command had offered South a retirement Medium Class B Package and she did not accept this offer. The 82nd Abn. Div. Command has recommended that Corporal South be awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and, the Order of the Silver Star in matter of the circumstances concerning her injury.

Because of South's effort, despite this injury as well as further risk to herself; managed cover-fire for the remainder of the team and, indigenous Sudanese personnel and; encrypt a communication distress call for an Extraction & Recovery Unit which assisted in the survival of the remainder of the team and Sudanese soldiers.

The information in this record of review was prepared in the order of the concerns as you presented them in your inquiry. The specifics of the information in this review has been declassified. Hopefully, this should satisfy any further concerns you may have in the issues that Corporal South has brought to your office.

23 September 1987

Sincerely,



WILLIAM G. VANSTINE  
LTC, JAGC  
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate  
Ft. Ord California