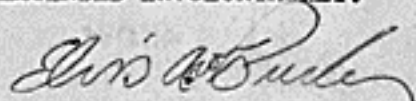


ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE OBLIGATION

I, Elvis Aron Presley, HAVING BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS 24th DAY OF March 19 58, FOR 2 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF MY SERVICE OBLIGATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT UPON COMPLETION OF MY TERM OF ACTIVE DUTY I WILL, IF QUALIFIED, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE RESERVE AND REQUIRED TO SERVE THEREIN FOR A PERIOD WHICH, WHEN ADDED TO MY ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE, TOTALS 6 YEARS, UNLESS SOONER DISCHARGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: THAT I WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE A PERIOD IN THE READY RESERVE WHICH, WHEN ADDED TO MY ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE TOTALS 5 YEARS: THAT I MAY THEN, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, BE TRANSFERRED TO THE STANDBY RESERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF MY OBLIGATED PERIOD OF SERVICE. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT DURING MY SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE READY RESERVE I WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND NOT LESS THAN 48 SCHEDULE DRILLS OR TRAINING PERIODS AND NOT MORE THAN 17 DAYS ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING ANNUALLY, OR THAT IN LIEU THEREOF, WHEN AUTHORIZED, I MAY BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM 30 DAYS ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING ANNUALLY, THAT FAILURE TO PERFORM REQUIRED TRAINING IN ANY YEAR CAN RESULT IN MY BEING ORDERED TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL ACTIVE DUTY FOR TRAINING FOR 45 DAYS FOR THAT YEAR, AND IN HAVING MY SERVICE IN THE READY RESERVE EXTENDED INVOLUNTARILY.


Pvt E-1 Elvis Aron Presley
US- 53 310 761

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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<p>1. The following statement has been released by Fort Hood and is provided to you for guidance.</p> <p>2. "Pvt. Elvis Presley completes Army basic indiv tng May 31, at which time he becomes eligible for two weeks' leave. On June 16 he will begin eight weeks of advanced indiv tng as an Armor crewman. He subsequently will complete his tng with the 2d Armored Division in a six-week basic unit tng cycle, which ends Sep 20. At that time Pvt. Presley will go to Germany as a packet replacement for the 3d Armored Division of the Seventh U.S. Army."</p>						<p>INFO</p> <p>ASSGNT BR</p> <p>PERM REQ BR</p>
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Request for Interview of PFC
Elvis Presley

19 MAY 1959

*** PUBLIC RELATIONS**

DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of this summary sheet is to forward a response to a memorandum from the Under Secretary of the Army to the Vice Chief of Staff concerning a request for the services of Private First Class Elvis Presley.

2. By memorandum (Inclosure 1) the Under Secretary of the Army requested the Vice Chief of Staff's comments concerning a request from OSD that Private First Class Presley be flown back to CONUS to be interviewed at a three-day disc jockey convention 29-31 May 1959.

3. On 4 May the Executive to the Under Secretary asked ODCSPER what the Army Staff position would be if the request described above was received. ODCSPER replied informally that the Army Staff would be opposed to granting such a request. This position was coordinated with OCINFO and was based on the following considerations:

a. The Department of the Army has received and denied numerous similar requests for Private First Class Presley's services. Granting one request opens the door to all others.

b. When Private First Class Presley was first inducted, there was considerable adverse public reaction reflected in letters received at Headquarters, Department of the Army, remarks by TV and radio comics, and letters to the editors in various newspapers, all implying or alleging that he would receive preferential treatment in the Army. This impression has been largely replaced by a public impression of a good soldier serving his military obligation. This latter favorable impression has been created by Presley's record and the manner in which he has been handled by the Army. Prior to his induction, it was established that he would be handled exactly as any other inductee. Private First Class Presley was classified and assigned as a scout driver, Third Armored Division, under routine procedures.

c. It is considered that any indication of unusual treatment would impair this highly favorable public impression. This would be particularly true of a trip to Miami at the height of the Berlin crisis.

d. Many teenagers who look up to and emulate Private First Class Presley will, to a varied degree, follow his example in the performance of their military service.

CS 201 Presley Elvis (14 May 59)

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SUBJECT: Request for Interview of PFC Elvis Presley

e. Information is not available concerning what role the President's "Youth Fitness Program" will play in the disc jockey's convention. However, it is considered that any connection between Presley's appearances and this program may be very vague.

f. Private First Class Presley and his business manager have firmly opposed any effort to exploit commercially his reputation as an entertainer.

4. This office has prepared a draft memorandum (Inclosure 2) affirming the Army Staff position as stated earlier informally to the Executive to the Under Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Vice Chief of Staff approve the proposed memorandum to the Under Secretary of the Army.

COORDINATION

CHIEF - Concur - Mr. Cottrell - 74359

J. L. Richardson
Major General, GS
Assistant Deputy Chief of
Staff for Personnel

2 Incl

1. USA Memo, 14 May 59
2. Draft prop memo

JAMES F. COLLINS
Lieutenant General, GS
Deputy Chief of Staff
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Request for Interview of Private First Class Elvis Presley

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 14 May concerning a request that Private First Class Elvis Presley be flown to CONUS for a disc jockey convention in Miami.

2. As you know, Private First Class Presley has brought a great deal of favorable publicity to the Army. However, in the period immediately following his induction, there were numerous references on TV and radio comedy shows, in letters addressed to the Department of the Army, and letters to the editors in various newspapers alleging preferential treatment to Private First Class Presley. I am convinced that the present favorable public impression is the result of the impartial way he has been treated in and by the Army and of his own desire to avoid any such efforts to commercialize upon his military service. Private First Class Presley received his basic training and was classified and assigned as a scout driver in the Third Armored Division exactly as any other inductee. Since then, he has performed military duties in his MOS.

3. This public impression of a teenage idol conscientiously fulfilling his obligation as a good soldier in a combat unit is extremely beneficial not only from the recruiting viewpoint, but also because of its effect upon the discipline and morale among youthful inductees and enlistees, many of whom emulate Private First Class Presley. Any evidence of preferential or unusual treatment at this time could, of course, impair this favorable impression.

4. Further, in the past the Army has consistently denied similar requests. Thus, granting one such request in this instance could easily destroy the basis on which these numerous requests have been denied.

5. Finally, Private First Class Presley's own desires should be considered. Toward this end, I am informed that both he and his

business manager are opposed to participating in this type of program during his military service.

6. In view of the foregoing, I recommend that the Army deny this request.

(Sgd) L. L. Lemnitzer

L. L. LEMNITZER
General, United States Army
Vice Chief of Staff

CC:

DCSPER - Gen Collins

ODCSPER - Lt Col McNaught

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KILGALLEN

Elvis Presley May Be Given Army Release by Christmas

BY DOROTHY KILGALLEN

NEW YORK—Christine Jorgensen's romance with Howard Knox has reached a dead end. . . . Elvis Presley, due to be discharged from the army in March, 1960, may get a "good behavior" release around Christmas time.

. . . The Harness Racing commission scandals aren't over yet despite a change in the lineup of commissioners. District Attorney Hogan's office is scanning the testimony with a view to a grand jury presentment in the near future. . . . Ginger Edwards of the Latin Quarter floor show is being wooed by Julio Di Benedetto, who directs the Garry Moore video program.



8 September 1959

Honorable Frank Kowalski
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Kowalski:

This letter is in reply to your inquiry concerning an early release from active duty of Specialist Four Elvis Presley on the basis of good behavior.

You may be assured that there is no provision for early release of Army personnel on the basis of good behavior. The normal expiration of Specialist Presley's term of service is 23 March 1960. In accordance with established rotation policies, he is scheduled to depart the oversea command on or about 3 March 1960 for return to the United States for release from active duty.

The Army endeavors to be completely impartial to all its personnel. Accordingly, the Army tries neither to discriminate against individuals on the basis of their status as public figures nor to grant them special privileges.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

cc: ✓TAG

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VERNE L. BOWERS
Lt Colonel, GS
Office, Chief of
Legislative Liaison

M/R: Reply based on ltr to Rep Monagan, 26 Aug 59.
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HEADQUARTERS
3D ARMORED DIVISION (Spearhead)
APO 39 US Forces

AETPAG-PA 265/78 PRESLEY, Elvis A
US 53 310 761
SUBJECT: Certificate of Achievement

24 FEB 1960

THRU: Commanding Officer
Combat Command "C"
APO 39, US Forces

TO: Commanding Officer
1st Medium Tank Battalion
32d Armor
APO 39, US Forces

1. Transmitted herewith is the 3d Armored Division (Spearhead) Certificate of Achievement awarded to Sergeant (E-5) Elvis A. Presley, US 53 310 761, 1st Medium Tank Battalion, 32d Armor.

2. This certificate is in recognition for achievements surpassing those recognized by a letter of commendation.

3. Request that the certificate be presented to the recipient at an appropriate ceremony and the copy be placed in the enlisted man's field military 201 file, in accordance with paragraph 48e, AR 672-5-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Clyde C. Tilly, Jr.
CLYDE C. TILLY, JR.
1st Lt, AGC
Asst AG

Tel: Drake Mil 883/787

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(Spearhead)

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from 1 October 1958 to 15 February 1960

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this 24th day of February

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Frederic J. Brown
Major General, USA
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
US ARMY PERSONNEL CENTER FORT DIX
Fort Dix, New Jersey

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NUMBER 63

3 March 1960

EXTRACT

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83. PFC(E-3) LIGA SANTO A US51417733	130-10 120th St S Ozone Park Queens NY PE: NY NY	310.00	II
84. SP4(E-4) MOORE ALEX E US53310760	1 yr svc 4157 Mill Branch Rd Memphis Tenn	130.00	XII
85. PFC(E-3) PARKER JAMES C US53306397	Rt #8 % Carolina Inn Statesville NC PE: Charlotte NC	140.00	XII
86. PFC(E-3) PETOSA CARMINE P US51417874	42 Pine St Staten Island NY PE: NY NY	053.10	II
87. SGT(E-5) PRESLEY ELVIS A US53310761	3764 Highway 51 So Memphis Tenn	133.60	XII
88. SP4(E-4) WIGGISON NATHANIEL US53310764	1 yr svc 2989 Peggy Rd Memphis Tenn	131.00	XII
89. SP4(E-4) WOLNIAK DONALD J US51423223	1 yr svc 8 E Kupsch St Sayreville NJ PE: Newark NJ	112.10	II
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90. PFC(E-3) HORSWILL MERLYN A US55622541	Box 615 Deer Lodge Mont PE: Fargo ND	179.10	X
91. SP4(E-4) SQUADRITO JAMES L JR US51413455	2 yrs svc 511 Kenwick Dr Syracuse NY	122.10	II
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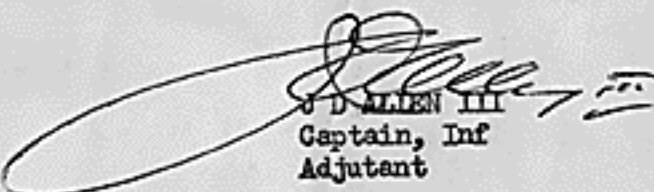
SUBJECT: Assignment of Mandatory Participants to USAR Units

MEMPHIS SUBSECTOR COMMAND, TENNESSEE SECTOR, XII UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS,
P. O. Box 9713, Kennedy VA Hospital, Memphis 15, Tennessee, 8 June 1960

TO: Commanding General, XII United States Army Corps, Atlanta 6, Georgia
ATTN: AJTAG-R-3

- () 1. Request for assignment to an active USAR unit is attached.
- () 2. Request retention in the Annual Training Control Group due to remote residence of approximately _____ miles to the nearest USAR unit.
- () 3. Request retention in the Annual Training Control Group for reason indicated in attached letter from EM's employer.
- () 4. EM cannot be located at address shown in basic communication. Request name of wife and/or parents, address of Selective Service Board and date of birth be furnished this command with a new suspense date.
- (X) 5. OTHER: Request Sgt Presley be retained in the Annual Training Control Group due to his occupation as a professional entertainer. EM has been interviewed by this command and will submit a request for this retention upon his return to Memphis, Tennessee from Hollywood, California.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



J. D. ALLEN III
Captain, Inf
Adjutant