Hi Hal -

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this is really looking good.

Warmest regards -

Dorothy Church

July 29, 1986

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General P.X. Kelley
Commandant of the Marine Corps
Headquarters Marine Corps
Washington, D.C. 20380

Dear Sir:

I am a Korean War veteran, 23rd Infantry, 2nd Division, and a survivor of Heartbreak Ridge.

It is documented fact that no marines participated in the action at Heartbreak Ridge, which resulted in the loss of lives of 800 United States Army and French military personnel.

I therefore strongly object to a film about U.S. Marines being named after that historical event.

This is a gross distortion, and an insult to the men who fought and died there.

Perhaps Clint Eastwood and the executives at Warner Brothers have no sensitivity or understanding of such matters, but you, sir, certainly should.

The Marines over the years have made history, they don't have to change it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

CC: Dean Johnson, Warner Brothers
Clint Eastwood
31 July 1986

Dear Mr. Eastwood,

I have been contacted by several Army veterans' groups asking my support in their efforts to have the title of Heartbreak Ridge changed. I fully share their concern. Had a motion picture about Army operations been entitled, Mt. Suribachi (site of the Iwo Jima flag raising), the reaction among Marine veterans would have been at least as vocal. I've enclosed a copy of a letter from one of the groups which I believe expresses the depth of feeling the name Heartbreak Ridge arouses among those gallant soldiers who fought there.

I am aware that the Korean War is not the setting for the film. But, because the dialogue describes the main character as a Marine who received the Medal of Honor for action in a battle for Heartbreak Ridge, the name given to three hills in Korea taken with many Army casualties, I believe the film's title is grossly misleading. Now that the circumstances surrounding the historical battle for Heartbreak Ridge have been brought to my personal attention, I am convinced that the title is a disservice to the Army veterans who fought there so valiantly. In that regard, I support those groups who have asked for the title change, and strongly urge that you rename the film. There were many Marine battles in Korea from which you might choose a title. "Hagaru" and "Koto-ri," or "Chosin" are a few that come to mind.

With a hope that you will recognize the sincerity and depth of this request, I am

Respectfully,

P. X. Kelley
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Mr. Clint Eastwood
c/o Malpaso Productions
4000 Warner Boulevard
Building 16
Burbank, California 91522
July 26, 1986

General P.X. Kelley
Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Washington, D.C. 20380

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned members of the 23d Infantry Regiment, Korean War Branch, Second Indianhead Division Association, do hereby request that consideration be given to our heartfelt request that the name of the film "Heartbreak Ridge" be changed.

Many members of our regiment paid with their lives on that ridge. We find it hard to believe that a battle so hard won could be involved in a controversy which revolves around the commercial use of two words which stand for so much in our history.

We ask you as a man of honor to make every effort to use your position as Commandant of the Marine Corps to insure that history not be changed.

Words cannot express our feelings about those 30 days of Heartbreak Ridge.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

[Handwritten signatures of members]
July 26, 1986
General F. X. Kelley
Heartbreak Ridge

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