August 28, 1989

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Hal Barker, who is currently writing a book concerning the Korean War Veterans' Memorial. As the names and addresses of contributors to the memorial fund are protected by the Privacy Act of 1976, Mr. Barker's letter is being forwarded to you through this Commission. The letter is self-explanatory.

If you wish to respond to Mr. Barker's letter, please do so by using the self-addressed stamped envelope which he provided.

Information concerning the current status of the memorial project may be found in the enclosed brochure.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. RYAN, JR.
Colonel, AD
Director of Operations
and Finance

Encls.
July 27, 1989

RE: Korean War Memorial

To Whom It May Concern:

In December, 1984, I made a $10 contribution to the American Battle Monuments Commission, and started the Korean War Veterans Memorial Fund. Much has happened since then.

Your own early donation to the Memorial Fund is a private matter, so I have asked the American Battle Monuments Commission to forward this letter to you, with the hope that you might consider contacting me.

I am attempting to contact the first 50 contributors to the Memorial Fund in preparation for a future book about the early contributors to the Fund. Each of us has different reasons for remembering the Korean War. I would like to know your reasons.

My own father was a helicopter rescue pilot with Marine Observation Squadron Six in 1951-1952. He would never talk about the ribbons on his uniform, or the Silver Star he won at Heartbreak Ridge. I had to find out for myself.

I have included a stamped envelope with the hope that I might hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Hal Barker
September 12, 1989

Hal Barker
8656 Park Lane #2008
Dallas, Texas 75231

Dear Hal,

The sticker on the front of the envelope is one of the reasons why I made a contribution to the Memorial.

The others are that my brother served in Korea and was wounded September of 1950. He was with the 1st Cav. Div., 5th Cav. Regt. 2nd Bn., G Co. He got hit on Hill 303 South of the Naktong River. And the 3rd reason is that I also served over there with the 840th Eng. Bn., B Co., May 1952 - April 1953 in different parts of Korea.

I hope this helps you.

Sincerely,

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