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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Processing procedures for the Combat Action Badge (CAB)

1. Enclosed are the procedures and eligibility criteria for the Combat Action Badge (CAB) that was approved by the Chief of Staff, Army, on 2 May 2005. The creation of the CAB is to provide special recognition to Soldiers who personally engage or are engaged by the enemy.
2. The CG, Eighth Army and CG, 2ID are the approval authorities for award of the CAB to Soldiers assigned or attached to Army units in the Republic of Korea.
3. The eligibility criteria can be found in detail in HQDA Ltr 600-05-01, dated 3 June 2005. In brief, requests for award of the CAB should be submitted via DA Form 4187 and must include the following supporting documentation:
 - Chain of command endorsement through first O6.
 - Narrative description of qualifying incident (one page, maximum).
 - Enlisted Record Briefing (ERB)/Officer Record Briefing (ORB) or 2-1 (can be obtained through one's administrative section or Personnel Services Detachment (PSD)).
 - Assignment, Attachment, or OPCON orders (can be obtained through one's administrative section or PSD).
 - DD Form 214 (if applicable).
 - Supporting documentation (official unit reports, casualty report, and line of duty investigation, two or more eyewitness statements from the Soldiers who participated in same ground combat action, or previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)).
4. The POC for this memorandum is Personnel Actions Branch, Human Resource Services Division, G1/AG, Eighth Army, 724-8364.


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COMBAT ACTION BADGE (CAB)

PROCEDURES: On 11 February 2005, the Chief of Staff, Army, approved changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) and Combat Medical Badge (CMB). On 2 May 2005 he approved the creation of the Combat Action Badge (CAB).

ELIGIBILITY: Per HQDA LTR 600-05-1, dated 3 June 2005, all US Army personnel are eligible for award of the CAB, subject to the following requirements:

- Soldier performed assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger area pay are authorized.
- Soldier was present and actively engaged or being engaged by the enemy, and performed satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement.
- Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the Soldier for the CIB/CMB. (For example, an 11B assigned to an infantry battalion is not eligible for award of the CAB).

OTHER SERVICES AND FOREIGN SOLDIERS: The CAB may be awarded to members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign soldiers assigned to a US Army unit (e.g. KATUSA Soldiers), provided they meet the above criteria.

QUALIFYING PERIODS: Award of the CAB is authorized from 18 September 2001, one week after the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

SUBSEQUENT AWARDS:

- Only one CAB may be awarded during a qualifying period.
- Second and third awards of the CAB for subsequent qualifying periods will be indicated by superimposing one and two stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath.

CRITERIA:

- IAW Para 1-44a, AR 600-8-22, Commanders will submit requisitions for available badges through normal supply channels. The projected dated is late summer/early fall 2005.
- Combat Badges will be announced in permanent orders.
- Wear Policy: The CAB is categorized as a Group 1 badge (AR 670-1, Chapter 29-17).
- Multiple Awards: Soldiers may be awarded the CIB, CMB and CAB for the same qualifying period, provided the criteria for each badge are met. However, subsequent awards of the same badge within the same qualifying period are not authorized.
- The approval authority is all Army Major General (MG) commanders and above.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

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AHRC-PDO-PA

3 June 2005

Expires 3 June 2007

SUBJECT: Changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the Establishment of the Combat Action Badge

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- 1. Purpose.** This letter announces changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the establishment of the Combat Action Badge.
- 2. Applicability.** This policy applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve.
- 3. Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent for this policy is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1. The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this letter that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. The Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, may delegate this approval authority, in writing, to a division chief within the proponent agency or its direct reporting unit or field operating agency in the grade of colonel or the civilian equivalent. Activities may request a waiver to this letter by providing justification that includes a full analysis of the expected benefits and must include formal review by the activity's senior legal officer. All waiver requests will be endorsed by the commander or

*This publication supersedes HQDA Ltr 600-04-3, dated 15 July 2004.

senior leader of the requesting activity and forwarded through their higher headquarters to the policy proponent. Refer to AR 25-30 for specific guidance.

4. References.

a. Required references.

- (1) AR 600-8-22, Military Awards.
- (2) AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

b. Related references. None.

5. Explanations of abbreviations and terms.

- a.* CIB—Combat Infantryman Badge.
- b.* CMB—Combat Medical Badge.
- c.* CAB—Combat Action Badge.
- d.* CG—Commanding general.
- e.* DCS, G-1—Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1.
- e.* KATUSAs—Korean Augmentation to the United States Army.
- f.* MOS—Military Occupational Specialty.
- g.* 18D—Special Forces Medical Sergeant.

6. Responsibilities.

a. The DCS, G-1, will exercise Department of the Army responsibility on matters concerning military awards and serve as the senior Army uniformed official on matters concerning military awards.

b. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (CG, USA HRC), will conduct and supervise all military awards functions prescribed in this letter. The CG, USA HRC, will act on behalf of the DCS, G-1, when so delegated and directed.

c. The Commandant, Adjutant General School, will ensure that the Adjutant General branch implements this letter.

7. Overview. The following policy will be incorporated in the next revision of AR 600-8-22.

8. Procedures. On 11 February 2005, the Chief of Staff, Army, approved changes to the CIB and CMB and on 2 May 2005 approved the creation of the CAB. The policies are as follows:

a. Combat Infantryman Badge.

(1) Paragraph 8-6c, AR 600-8-22, is amended by adding the following provisions: On or after 18 September 2001—

(a) A Soldier must be an Army infantry or special forces officer (SSI 11 or 18) in the grade of colonel or below, or an Army enlisted Soldier or warrant officer with an infantry or special forces MOS, who has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry, ranger or special forces unit of brigade, regimental, or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat, to close with and destroy the enemy with direct fires.

(b) A Soldier must be personally present and under fire while serving in an assigned

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infantry or special forces primary duty, in a unit engaged in active ground combat, to close with and destroy the enemy with direct fires.

(c) Soldiers possessing MOS of 18D (Special Forces Medical Sergeant) who satisfactorily perform special forces duties while assigned or attached to a special forces unit of brigade, regimental, or smaller size during any period such unit is engaged in active ground combat may be awarded the CIB. These soldiers must have been personally present and engaged in active ground combat, to close with and destroy the enemy with direct fires. Retroactive awards under these criteria are not authorized for service prior to 18 September 2001.

(d) Those Soldiers possessing MOS of 18D who qualify for award of the CMB from 18 September 2001 to the date of this letter will remain qualified for the badge. Upon request any such Soldier may be awarded the CIB instead of the CMB. In such instances, the Soldier must submit a request through the chain of command to the CG, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0471 for conversion of the CMB to the CIB.

(e) Service members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign military (infantry and special forces equivalents) assigned or attached as a member of a U.S. Army infantry or special forces unit of brigade, regimental, or smaller size may be considered for award of the CIB. All basic requirements as listed above must be met. Retroactive awards under these criteria are not authorized for service prior to 18 September 2001.

(2) The special requirements for award of the CIB for service in the Republic of Korea as outlined in paragraphs 8-6h(1) through (5) of AR 600-8-22 are hereby rescinded. Army veterans and Service members who served in Korea subsequent to 28 July 1953 and meet the CIB criteria found in paragraph 8-6c, AR 600-8-22, may submit an application (to include supporting documentation) for award of the CIB to the CG, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. Retroactive awards under these criteria are not authorized for service prior to 29 July 1953.

b. Combat Medical Badge.

(1) HQDA Letter 600-04-3, Policy Changes to the Combat Medical Badge, dated 15 July 2004, is hereby rescinded.

(2) Paragraph 8-7c(1), AR 600-8-22, is amended by adding the following provisions:

(a) Subsequent to 18 September 2001—Medical personnel assigned or attached to or under operational control of any ground Combat Arms units (not to include members assigned or attached to Aviation units) of brigade or smaller size, who satisfactorily perform medical duties while the unit is engaged in active ground combat, provided they are personally present and under fire. Retroactive awards under this criteria are not authorized for service prior to 18 September 2001.

(b) Effective the date of this letter Soldiers possessing MOS of 18D are no longer eligible for award of the CMB (see para 8a(1) of this HQDA letter).

(3) The special requirements for award of the CMB for service in the Republic of Korea as outlined in paragraphs 8-7h(1) through (3) of AR 600-8-22 are hereby rescinded. Army veterans and Service members who served in Korea subsequent to 28 July 1953 and meet the CMB criteria found in paragraph 8-7c, AR 600-8-22, may submit an application (to include supporting documentation) for award of the CMB to the CG, USA

HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332-0471. Retroactive awards under these criteria are not authorized for service prior to 29 July 1953.

c. Combat Action Badge. On 2 May 2005, the Chief of Staff, Army approved the creation of the CAB to provide special recognition to Soldiers who personally engage, or are engaged by the enemy.

(1) *Intent.* The requirements for award of the CAB are Branch and MOS immaterial. Assignment to a Combat Arms unit or a unit organized to conduct close or offensive combat operations, or performing offensive combat operations is not required to qualify for the CAB. However, it is not intended to award all Soldiers who serve in a combat zone or imminent danger area.

(2) *Specific eligibility requirements.*

(a) May be awarded to any Soldier.

(b) Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized.

(c) Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement.

(d) Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the Soldier for the CIB/CMB. (For example, an 11B assigned to Corps staff is eligible for award of the CAB. However, an 11B assigned to an infantry battalion is not eligible for award of the CAB.)

(3) *Other Services and foreign soldiers.* May be awarded to members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign soldiers assigned to a U.S. Army unit, provided they meet the above criteria (that is, KATUSAs in 2d ID).

(4) *Qualifying periods.* Award of the CAB is authorized from 18 September 2001 to a date to be determined. Award for qualifying service in any previous conflict is not authorized.

(5) *Subsequent awards.*

(a) Only one CAB may be awarded during a qualifying period.

(b) Second and third awards of the CAB for subsequent qualifying periods will be indicated by superimposing one and two stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath.

(6) *Retroactive awards.* Retroactive awards for the CAB are not authorized prior to 18 September 2001. For service on or after 18 September 2001, applications (to include supporting documentation) for retroactive awards of the CAB will be forwarded through the first two star general in the chain of command to CG, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471.

(7) *Wear policy (see AR 670-1).* The CAB is categorized as a Group 1 badge.

d. Multiple awards. Soldiers may be awarded the CIB, CMB and CAB for the same qualifying period, provided the criteria for each badge is met. However, subsequent awards of the same badge within the same qualifying period are not authorized.

e. Who may award. The CIB, CMB, and CAB may be awarded by any commander delegated authority by the Secretary of the Army during wartime or the CG, USA HRC. Effective the date of this letter, commanders delegated authority to award the CIB, CMB, and CAB may further delegate award authority to commanders in the grade of major general or above. Combat Badges will be announced in permanent orders.

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(d) Two special skill and one marksmanship badge, or one special skill and two marksmanship badges, or three marksmanship badges. Males wear these badges equally spaced on the pocket flap, approximately 1/8 inch below the top of the pocket (see fig 29-29). Females wear these badges with the upper portion of the badges 1/4 inch below the ribbon bar and spaced an equal distance apart (see fig 29-30).

c. President's Hundred tab (rifle or pistol). The President's Hundred tab is a full-color tab of yellow cloth, 4/4 inches long and 3/8 inch high, with the words "President's Hundred" centered in 1/4-inch-high green letters (see fig 29-31). The President's Hundred tab is worn 1/2 inch below the shoulder seam on the left sleeve of the male and female Army green uniform coats (see fig 29-32). The President's Hundred tab is available in a subdued version for wear on the BDUs. The President's Hundred bronze metallic brassard is not authorized for wear on the Army uniform.



Figure 29-31. President's Hundred tab

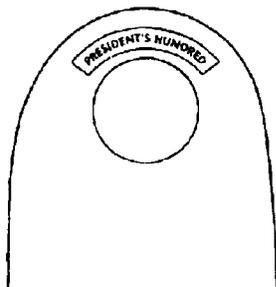


Figure 29-32. Wear of President's Hundred tab

29-17. Combat and special skill badges and tabs

a. Listed below in order of group precedence are combat and special skill badges authorized for wear on the Army uniform.

- (1) Group 1. Combat Infantryman badges (three awards)(see fig 29-33); Expert Infantryman badge (see fig 29-34).

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- A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95
- B. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, Changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the Establishment of the Combat Action Badge, date 3 Jun 05.
- C. DMS Message, SUBJ: Combat Action Badge (CAB) - Processing Procedures, dated 3 Jun 05.
- D. DA Memo 600-8-22, Award of the Legion of Merit and Lesser Awards for Service, Achievement, or Retirement During Peacetime, dated 9 Jul 01.

1. The purpose of this message is to announce changes to the CAB approval authority. This message supersedes REF C, DMS message, dated 3 June 2005.
2. Based on the thousands of Soldiers who potentially qualify for the CAB and the mandate to ensure their timely recognition, the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) has further delegated to all Army Major General (MG) commanders and above authority to retroactively award the CAB to U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to their command. Approval authority is also extended to Brigadier Generals (Promotable) serving in MG commander positions and heads (MG and above) of principle HQDA agencies currently possessing award approval authority as outlined in Table 3-2, REF A and Table 1 of REF D. This authority will not be further delegated.

This delegation of authority is effective immediately. It will be reviewed regularly and automatically terminate on 29 June 2006.

4. Subsequent to 18 Sep 01 retroactive awards of the CAB may be made to individuals who meet the criteria listed in paragraph 5 below. Authority is as follows:

a. Soldiers currently in the theater of operations. MG commanders and above are responsible for approving all CAB requests for Soldiers currently assigned or attached to their command, regardless if the Soldier was assigned to their command at the time of the qualifying action.

b. Soldiers outside of the theater of operations (Active Component/USAR/ARNG). MG commanders and above, and heads of principle HQDA agencies, are responsible for approving all CAB requests for Soldiers currently assigned or attached to their command/agency, regardless if the Soldier was assigned to their command/agency at the time of the qualifying action. Those Army Joint Forces Commanders (State Adjutants General) who are federally recognized in the Army National Guard of the U.S. as MGs may award the CAB to those Army National Guard Soldiers within their state that meet the criteria. All others will be forwarded to the Chief, National Guard Bureau (C, NGB), (ATTN: NGB-ARZ) for consideration.

c. For Veterans/Individual Ready Reserve/Members of the Other Services/Foreign Military Personnel. For the purpose of award of the CAB, veterans is defined as "separated or retired and meets the character of service requirements outlined in paragraph 1-16, REF A." Requests for CABs will be forwarded to USA HRC (ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA) for consideration. Requests should be submitted on a DA Form 4187 and must include the following: deployment orders; copy of the Soldier's Officer Records Brief (ORB), Enlisted Records Brief (ERB), or DA Form 2-1; a narrative description of qualifying incident; certified copy of DD Form 214 (if applicable); and supporting documentation (examples include: official unit reports, casualty report, line of duty investigation, two or more eyewitness statements from Soldiers who participated in same ground combat action, or previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)).

The criteria for the CAB remains as stated in REF B.

(a) May be awarded to any Soldier.

(b) Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay is authorized.

(c) Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement. (For the purpose of awarding the CAB, attacks by mortars, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, suicide bombers, or other projectiles qualify for the badge.)

(d) Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the Soldier for the CIB/CMB. (For example, an 11B assigned to Corps staff is eligible for award of the CAB. However, an 11B assigned to an infantry battalion is not eligible for award of the CAB.)

6. IAW paragraph 1-44, REF A, commanders will submit requisitions for available badges through normal supply channels. The projected date of availability for the badge is late summer/early fall 2005. The NSN has not been established as of this message.

7. Combat Badges will be announced in permanent orders. Authorized abbreviation used to annotate ORB/ERB and the DA Form 2-1 are as follows:

DECODE	DATA CODE	DA FORM, 2-1/ORB/ERB
CAB	CA	CAB

8. In order to accurately capture data on the CAB for historical and policy evaluation purposes, the number of CABs awarded must be provided in a monthly report, by component (Active, Reserve, and National Guard). The initial report will be submitted by 15 August 2005, covering the period 3 June 2005 through 31 July 2005, and will be submitted monthly thereafter NLT the 15th of the following month. The report will be forwarded through the chain of command to USA HRC (ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA).

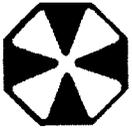
a. For Major Army Commands (MACOMs): Units will forward monthly reports through the command channels to their MACOM. MACOMs will consolidate the reports and forward them to USA HRC (awards@hoffman.army.mil).

b. For Army National Guard: Units will forward monthly reports through command channels and State Adjutants General, to the C, NGB (ATTN: NGB-ARZ). The C, NGB will consolidate the reports and forward them to USA HRC (awards@hoffman.army.mil).

c. For U.S. Army Reserve: Units will forward monthly reports through the command channels to the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR) (ATTN: DAAR-ZD). The OCAR will consolidate the reports and forward them to USA HRC (awards@hoffman.army.mil).

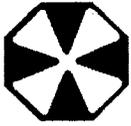
d. For Heads of DA Staff Agencies: Forward monthly reports directly to USA HRC (awards@hoffman.army.mil).

9. If you have any questions, please contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or at DSN 221-8700 or commercial (703) 325-8700. Future updates can be found on the Military Awards Branch website, <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/index.htm>.



COMBAT ACTION BADGE (CAB)

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- The CG, Eighth US Army and CG, 2ID are the approval authorities for award of the CAB to Soldiers assigned or attached to Army units in the Republic of Korea.
- The CAB is authorized to Soldiers who are assigned/attached to duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger area pay are authorized. Soldiers must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy and performing satisfactorily IAW the prescribed rules of engagement (e.g., attacks by mortars, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, suicide bombers, or other projectiles qualify for the badge).
- Soldiers must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the Soldier for the CIB/CMB.
- This award is authorized from 18 September 2001, one week after the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States.



COMBAT ACTION BADGE (CAB)



- Per DMS message dated 3 June 2005, members of the Army National Guard, Individual Ready Reserve, veterans, Other Services and Foreign Military Personnel will submit requests for award of the CAB to the National Personnel Records Center (USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA) for consideration. Retroactive awards are not authorized prior to 18 September 2001.
- See DMS message dated 3 June 2005 for detailed processing procedures for award of the CAB. In brief, requests for award of the CAB should be submitted via DA Form 4187 and must include the supporting documentation:
 - Chain of command endorsement
 - Narrative description of qualifying incident (one page, maximum)
 - ERB/ORB or 2-1
 - Assignment, Attachment, or OPCON orders
 - DD Form 214 (if applicable)
 - Supporting documentation (official unit reports, casualty report, and line of duty investigation, two or more eyewitness statements from the Soldiers who participated in same ground combat action, or previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)).
- POC for this message is the Eighth Army G1/AG Award Section, 724-8364.

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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Dated 25 Feb 95

B. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, date 3 June 2005, SUBJ: Changes to the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Combat Medical Badge and the Establishment of the Combat Action Badge

1. The purpose of this message is to provide processing procedures for award of the CAB.
2. Subsequent to 18 Sep 01 retroactive awards of the CAB may be made to fully qualified individuals. Requests not processed in theater will be submitted through the first two star general officer in the chain of command to Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332 for consideration.
3. Requests for award of the CAB should be submitted via a DA Form 4187 and must include the following: assignment, attachment, or OPCON orders; copy of the Soldier's Officer Records Brief (ORB), Enlisted Records Brief (ERB), or DA Form 2-1; chain of command endorsement; no more than a one page narrative description of qualifying incident; certified copy of DD Form 214 (if applicable); and supporting documentation (for example: official unit reports, casualty report, line of duty investigation, two or more eyewitness statements from Soldiers who participated in same ground combat action, or previously awarded Purple Heart orders (if applicable)).
4. For the purpose of awarding the CAB, attacks by mortars, rockets, rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosive devices, and suicide bombers qualify for the badge.
5. If application is made for any of the incidents mentioned in para 4 (above), the narrative must include the following: proximity of the Soldier to the impacted area (in meters) and whether the Soldier could have reasonably been injured by the blast, detonation or explosion. (Example: (a) If you were in a 6 vehicle convoy which was engaged by an IED -- which vehicle sustained the initial blast? How close was the Soldier's vehicle to the blast area? (in meters). (b) If you were at a Forward Observation Base that came under mortar attack, where was the Soldier in relation to the blast? (100, 300, 550 meters, etc.)). Could the Soldier have reasonably been injured by the blast, detonation or explosion.
6. IAW paragraph 1-44, REF A, commanders will submit requisitions for available medals through normal supply channels. The projected date of availability for the badge is OCT 05. The NSN has not been established as of this message.
7. Authorized abbreviation used to annotate ORB/ERB and the DA Form 2-1, and submissions code to update the OMPF are as follows:

DECODE	DATA CODE	DA FORM, 2-1/ORB/ERB
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9. COMMANDS MUST ENSURE THAT ONLY ONE DECORATION IS AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL FOR THE SAME ACT, ACHIEVEMENT, OR PERIOD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 1-18, REFERENCE A.

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11. EXPIRATION DATE CANNOT BE DETERMINED.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

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MILPER MESSAGE NUMBER : 05-164
AHRC-MSP-E
ESTABLISHMENT OF PROMOTION POINTS FOR AWARD OF THE COMBAT
ACTION BADGE (CAB)
...Issued: [07/01/2005]...

- A. AR 600-8-19, ENLISTED PROMOTIONS AND REDUCTIONS, 25 JAN 05
 - B. AR 140-158, ENLISTED PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION, PROMOTION, AND REDUCTION, 17 DEC 97.
 - C. NGR 600-200, ENLISTED PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, 1 MAR 97.
 - D. HQDA LETTER 600-05-1, AHRC-PDO-PA, CHANGES TO THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE AND THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBAT ACTION BADGE, 3 JUN 05.
1. THIS MESSAGE APPLIES TO THE ACTIVE ARMY, THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE.
 2. THIS MESSAGE ESTABLISHES PROMOTION POINTS FOR AWARD OF THE CAB AND PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR MULTIPLE AWARDS OF COMBAT BADGES.
 3. SOLDIERS AWARDED THE CAB ARE AUTHORIZED PROMOTION POINTS (CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING POLICIES) AS INDICATED BELOW:
 - A. RA AND USAR: 15 POINTS.
 - B. ARNG: 10 POINTS.
 4. SOLDIERS AWARDED MULTIPLE BADGES ARE AUTHORIZED POINTS FOR EACH BADGE EARNED.
 5. PROMOTION POINTS FOR THE AWARD WILL NOT BE EFFECTIVE FOR PROMOTION POINTS PRIOR TO 10 JUNE 2005 REGARDLESS OF THE PERIOD STATED. THEREFORE, NO RETROACTIVE POINT ADJUSTMENTS OR EXCEPTIONS TO POLICY WILL BE PROCESSED WITH A CAB PRIOR 10 JUNE 2005.
 6. POINT OF CONTACT IS SGM COON AT DSN 221-5101, COMMERCIAL (703) 325-5101 OR SFC GREEN AT DSN 221-3958 OR COMMERCIAL (703) 325-3958.
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PERSONNEL ACTION

For use of this form, see AR 600-8-8 and DA PAM 600-8-21; the proponent agency is ODCSPER

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

AUTHORITY: Title 5, Section 3012; Title 10, USC, E.O. 9397.
PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Used by soldier in accordance with DA PAM 600-8-21 when requesting a personnel action on his/her own behalf (Section III).
ROUTINE USES: To initiate the processing of a personnel action being requested by the soldier.
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. Failure to provide social security number may result in a delay or error in processing of the request for personnel action.

1. THRU (Include ZIP Code) 354th Civil Affairs Brigade 2212 Russell St. Ft. Anywhere, AL 22378	2. TO (Include ZIP Code) 56th Civil Affairs Command 49 Lee St. Ft. Anywhere, AL 2378	3. FROM (Include ZIP Code) 212d Civil Affairs Battalion 898 Toff Ave, Suite 100 APO AE 09222
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SECTION I - PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

4. NAME (Last, First, MI) DOE, JOHN E.	5. GRADE OR RANK/PMOS/AOC SFC/88M30	6. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 111-11-1111
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SECTION II - DUTY STATUS CHANGE (AR 600-8-6)

7. The above soldier's duty status is changed from _____ to _____ effective _____ hours, _____

SECTION III - REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION

8. I request the following action: (Check as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Service School (EOL only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Forces Training/Assignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification Card
<input type="checkbox"/> ROTC or Reserve Component Duty	<input type="checkbox"/> On-the-Job Training (EOL only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Identification Tags
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering For Overseas Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Retesting in Army Personnel Tests	<input type="checkbox"/> Separate Rations
<input type="checkbox"/> Ranger Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Reassignment Married Army Couples	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave - Excess/Advance/Outside CONUS
<input type="checkbox"/> Reassignment Extreme Family Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclassification	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name/SSN/DOB
<input type="checkbox"/> Exchange Reassignment (EOL only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer Candidate School	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Combat Action Badge
<input type="checkbox"/> Airborne Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Asgmt of Pwrs with Exceptional Family Members	

9. SIGNATURE OF SOLDIER (When required) _____ 10. DATE (YYYYMMDD) _____

SECTION IV - REMARKS (Applies to Sections II, III, and V) (Continue on separate sheet)

- Request that SFC John E. Doe be awarded the Combat Action Badge for personally (engaging or being engaged by) the enemy.
- The following information is provided:
 - Date of Incident
 - location of Incident
 - see narrative

SECTION V - CERTIFICATION/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

11. I certify that the duty status change (Section II) or that the request for personnel action (Section III) contained herein -

HAS BEEN VERIFIED RECOMMEND APPROVAL RECOMMEND DISAPPROVAL IS APPROVED IS DISAPPROVED

12. COMMANDER/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE Tim McGraw, COL, Commanding	13. SIGNATURE	14. DATE (YYYYMMDD)
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PERMANENT ORDERS 153-XX

2 June 2005

DOE, JOHN E. 123-45-6789 PRIVATE Battery Anti-Tank, 1st Battalion, 177th Field
Artillery, APO San Francisco 96262

Announcement is made of the following award.

Award: Combat Action Badge

Date(s) or period of service: 23 Sep 01

Authority: HQDA Letter 600-04-3, dated 15 Jul 04

Reason: Actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy.

Format: 320

(ENTER AUTHORITY)

SAMPLE

(ENTER SIGNATURE BLOCK)

(ENTER DISTRIBUTION)