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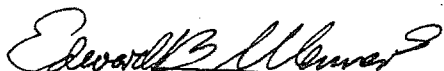
TO: Whom It May Concern:

RE: Combat Status of Vietnam Veterans Assigned to the 39th Engineer Battalion (combat) in the Republic of Vietnam

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that soldiers assigned to the 39th Engineer Battalion (combat) in the Republic of Vietnam served in combat and participated in the following:

1. Mine sweeping operations to find and remove Viet Cong emplaced mines to open the main highway of QL-1 on a daily basis and to open secondary roads for infantry operations and/or to reach an engineer worksite.
2. Infantry Operations to provide security for and to defend engineer worksites. Engineer soldiers were subject to ambushes, snipers, rocket attacks and booby-trapped mines. During more than six years in Vietnam the 39th EBC sustained several dozen killed in action and hundreds of wounded casualties. Numerous silver stars, bronze stars and purple hearts were awarded for heroic service.
3. All soldiers worked seven days a week and twelve to eighteen hours a day while pulling guard duty at night.
4. The officers and men of the 39th EBC built roads, culverts, bridges, airfields, helicopter landing sites, artillery pads, barracks and located and destroyed Viet Cong tunnels. This work was accomplished while maintaining and repairing vehicles and equipment in the field and overcoming logistical and administrative obstacles.
5. Living conditions were difficult as the combat engineer companies of the 39th moved frequently and often lived in underground bunkers or in sandbagged tents in unsecure areas at numerous locations near Tuy Hoa, Qui Nhon and Chu Lai.

This letter may be used by any Vietnam Veteran of the 39th Engineer Battalion (combat) that can prove such service with a valid DD 214.



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