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August 16, 2004

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Dear Attorney Leach:

Let me start by introducing myself. I am Patricia A. (Meyer) Heddens, sister of David Meyer, that your client, Richard B. Cayton, claims was a Prisoner of War with him in Viet Nam. Mary Schantag of the P.O.W. Network contacted me and forwarded an article by Martha Underwood, Staff Writer, that appeared in the Killeen Daily Herald February 24, 2002. This article is basically about Richard Barr Cayton being a POW from 01 January 1971 through 21 January 1971. In the article, he states that my brother was a POW with him. The family of David Meyer was never informed of him being a POW, being in a hospital in Japan, and he never came home for a 30-day leave as the article states. David was wounded on 10 January 1971 and died on 11 January 1971.

I have the following information that I am enclosing:

1. A copy of your letter to Mary Schantag re Richard Barr Cayton being a P.O.W.
2. A copy of letter that was written by Mark F. Hansen, Captain, Infantry Commanding, Department of the Army, Company G, 75th Infantry (Ranger), 23d Infantry to my father (Carl W. Meyer) upon David's death.
3. A copy of a letter from William D. Harbour, Chaplain (MAJ) dated 25 January 1971 that states on 12 January 1971 a memorial service was held in honor of David Meyer.
4. A copy of the memorial service bulletin.
5. A copy (2 pages) of all the names of the servicemen that attended the service on the 12 January 1971. Please pay particular attention

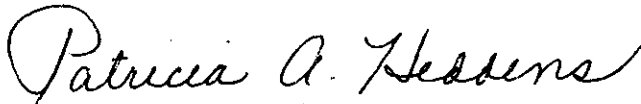
to the last name on the second page, first column (Richard B. Cayton). Perhaps you have a signature from Richard B. Cayton to verify that this is his signature. If this were his signature, it would have been impossible for him to have been a POW during the time he claims.

6. A copy of DD Form 1300 for David Meyer.

These articles have been very difficult for me to read. My brother was very dear to me and I do not want anyone using his name wrongfully. I am requesting a retraction be placed in the newspaper (Daily Herald) stating that my brother, David Meyer, was not a POW with Richard Barr Cayton. I am also requesting the article to appear in a place where the people of Killeen will read it.

Thank you in advance for helping me in correcting this error. If there is any further information you require, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Heddens

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Martha Underwood

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January 12, 2004

POW Network
Mary and Chuck Schantag
Box 68
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Re: Richard B. Cayton

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schantag:

It has come to our attention that Richard B. Cayton has been incorrectly labeled as a phony prisoner of war on your website, entitled pownetwork.org. In addition you have forwarded e-mails to members in the community stating that Mr. Cayton is not a former Prisoner of War.

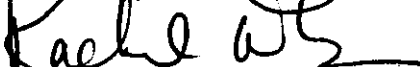
As this time, we request that you remove his name from your "phony list" and cease sending the slander e-mails. As you will see from the attached DD form 214, Mr. Cayton was a prisoner of war in Vietnam from 1 January 1971 through 21 January 1971.

Mr. Cayton should be recognized for his sacrifice as a Prisoner of War. It is a shame to discredit Mr. Cayton for the sacrifice he gave to our country. Your false reports of Mr. Cayton's service have caused heartache and pain to not only Mr. Cayton, but his friends and families as well.

Please take immediate corrective action to remove Mr. Cayton from your lost of phonies. If you require any additional proof or information, please contact me directly at 254-526-5688.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Rachel W. Leach

/rwl

cc: Mr. Richard B. Cayton

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Company G, 75th Infantry (Ranger)
23d Infantry Division
APO San Francisco 96374

27 JAN 1974

Mr. Carl W. Meyer
603 3d Avenue
Charles City, Iowa 50616

Dear Mr. Meyer:

It is with deepest sorrow that I extend to you the condolences of the men of the 75th Infantry (Ranger), for the loss of your son, David.

During the night of January 10, 1971, David's unit was performing a reconnaissance mission near the village of Tinh Trung, approximately 19 miles northwest of Quang Ngai City, in Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam. At 11:30 P.M., the element came under heavy attack by enemy forces and requested they be removed from the area. Four helicopters came to assist them. Due to the mountainous terrain, it was impossible for any of the aircraft to land; instead one aircraft hovered above David's element and lowered harnesses by rope in order to pull the men to safety. During this operation the pilots had no visual contact with the men below because of the dark, cloudy night and aggressive enemy contact on all sides. Another aircraft signaled that the men were ready to be lifted to safety. Faced with a mountain to his front, the pilot lifted up, backed up and turned to his left in order to maneuver out of the dangerous area. At this time the aircraft lost some altitude and the men became entangled in the tree tops. One passenger in the helicopter was handling the ropes and was thrown to the rear of the aircraft by the force of the suddenly taut rope. He immediately tried to contact the pilot, but the violence of his fall had disconnected his microphone communication system with the pilot. Before the pilot could be notified, the rope broke and the men fell to the ground. David was immediately evacuated by helicopter to the 91st Evacuation Hospital at Chu Lai. However, due to the seriousness of his wounds and despite every possible effort by skilled medical personnel, David passed away at 8:35 A.M., January 11, 1971.

Since joining our unit, David gained the respect and admiration of all who knew and worked with him. In these hours of sorrow, there is little I can say except we will all miss your son. I hope you can find some solace in the knowledge that your grief is shared by every member of this company.

A memorial service was conducted for David, and the officers and men of the company joined me in rendering military honors and final tribute to him.

The sincere sympathy of this command is extended to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark F. Hansen". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

MARK F. HANSEN
Captain, Infantry
Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 23d Infantry Division Support Command
Office of the Chaplain
APO San Francisco 96374

AVDF-SCCH

25 January 1971

Mr. Carl W. Meyer
603 Third Avenue
Charles City, Iowa 50616

Dear Mr. Meyer:

On 12 January 1971 at 1600 hours, we held a memorial service in honor of your son, David L. Meyer. Almost every man in the company, including the commanding officer, CPT Mark F. Hansen, attended the service. The Support Command commander, COL Paul B. McDaniel, as well as many other officers, also attended the service.

Enclosed is a bulletin of the memorial service and the signed name of each person who attended. By the number of men who attended the service, David was well liked and respected and will be missed by those who knew him.

I would like to express to you my deepest sympathy in your loss of David. May God supply you with strength and comfort during these days of sorrow. Our prayers are with you and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

William D Harbour

WILLIAM D. HARBOUR
Chaplain (MAJ), USA
Support Command Chaplain

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Co. G (Rangers), 75th Infantry
CPT Mark F. Hansen, Commanding

12 January 1971
1600 Hours

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chaplain Harbour

THE HYMN

"God of Our Fathers"

No. 391

THE RESPONSIVE READING

No. 489

IN MEMORIAM

CPT Hansen

PERIOD OF PRAYER:

Silent Meditation
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

THE HYMN "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" No. 387

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 18:1-7

MEDITATION

Chaplain Kraus

TAPS

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Harbour

***** IN MEMORY *****

PFC Barry H. Berger, Co. G (Rangers), 75th Infantry

Barry Berger was born 27 June 1949, and entered the US Army on 24 April 1970. He was assigned to Company G (Rangers), 75th Infantry, 29 October 1970. His religious preference was Jewish. Barry H. Berger's next of kin are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berger, 209 Fifth Street, Ocean City, Maryland 21842.

Ssg David L. Meyer, Co. G (Rangers), 75th Infantry

David L. Meyer was born 14 July 1949 and entered the US Army 3 September 1969. He was assigned to Company G (Rangers), 75th Infantry on 21 October 1970. His religious preference was Lutheran. David L. Meyer's next of kin is his father, Mr. Carl W. Meyer, 603 Third Avenue, Charles City, Iowa 50616.

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