



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
COALITION FORCES LAND COMPONENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS THIRD UNITED STATES ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND
APO AE 09304

AFRD-CG

25 MAY 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJ [REDACTED] Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 320th
MP Battalion, APO AE, 09375

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Reprimand

1. You are hereby reprimanded. It has been reported to me that on 16 May 2003, you observed MAJ [REDACTED] and MSG [REDACTED], both of the 800th MP Brigade consume alcoholic beverages at Camp Bucca, Iraq, the theater internment facility for enemy prisoners of war (EPW), and took no actions to stop their consumption of alcohol. Additionally, the consumption of alcohol that you witnessed and failed to stop occurred in the presence of a junior enlisted soldier. Your actions constitute fraternization.
2. Your failure to stop these soldiers' consumption of alcohol reflects a failure to internalize the high standards expected of an Army officer. Your duty was clear: you should have ordered MAJ [REDACTED] and MSG [REDACTED] to not consume the alcoholic beverage. As a leader, you should have recognized that their consumption of alcohol in the extremely volatile operating environment of Camp Bucca would have had the potential to diminish these senior soldiers' ability to lead soldiers who may be called upon to respond to crises. The presence of a junior enlisted soldier constitutes misconduct. Your mandate is to not merely obey established orders and rules: you are counted on to ensure other soldiers follow established standards.
3. As an officer who has extensive operational experience, and a clear appreciation of the challenges involved in EPW operations, you should have enforced standards. Instead, you chose to ignore a significant act of misconduct that has the potential to erode unit standards. Your actions cause me to question your judgment and professionalism.
4. This reprimand is imposed as an administrative measure IAW AR 600-37, and not as punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It is, however, intended to promptly and directly signal my disapproval of your conduct. I have not determined whether I will direct the filing of this reprimand. My disposition options include a decision not to file the reprimand, local filing, as well as filing in the Performance Section of your Official Military Personnel File. I will not make a final determination, however, until I receive and consider any timely response you may submit. Within ten days of your receipt of this memorandum, you may provide to me, in writing, any information in rebuttal that you wish me to consider. You will acknowledge

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receipt of this memorandum, by signing and dating the attached memorandum. Submit the acknowledgement and any rebuttal or extenuating and mitigating matters through COL [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Staff Judge Advocate, CFLCC.

Encl



DAVID D. MCKIERNAN
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding