



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY
103 THIRD AVENUE
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1 May 2007

Historical Resources Branch

Dear Mr

This letter is in reply to your letter dated 23 April 2007 to the US Army Center of Military History (CMH) requesting copies of records during Provide Comfort and Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The Center of Military History is not a records repository and does not have possession of the records you are seeking.

After Operation DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM ended, units were told to submit their after action reports to their next higher headquarters. They could then destroy their records since there was no space to ship the paper back to the States. This guidance was in direct contradiction to existing Army regulations governing the preservation of wartime records. Several years after the first Gulf War, when soldiers began putting in medical claims, the search for the records began and it was discovered that nearly all of the records below the brigade level no longer existed. There was a massive search by all of the services to find any records that may have escaped destruction. Along with this search was the creation of a massive effort to declassify any of the surviving records that had any information that would show where soldiers were assigned and any reports of illness and/or exposure to chemical weapons.

The declassified records may be found at the GulfLINK website:
<http://www.gulflink.osd.mil/> GulfLINK was established in August 1995 to provide on-line access to medical, operational, and intelligence documents from the 1990-1991 Gulf War. The site's purpose is to provide service members, veterans, and any interested person with information on what happened during that war that might have affected the health of those who served.

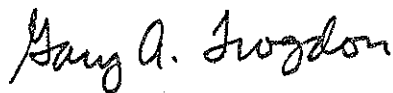
The Center of Military History initially had control of the Army portion of this project, The Gulf War Declassification Project (GWDP), which was responsible for collecting and declassifying Army records. In 1998 the GWDP was transferred from CMH to the US Army Personnel Command. It has subsequently been subordinated to the US Army Records Management and Declassification Agency. Its website is:
<https://www.rmda.belvoir.army.mil/rmdaxml/>

For Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Agent Orange, and Gulf War Disability claims you need to contact:

US Army & Joint Services Research Center
Kingman Bldg, Room 2C08
7701 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, VA 22315

We will also include our Index to Army Records for Researchers to provide you several other agencies that might have records for your use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary A. Trogdon".

Dr. Gary A. Trogdon
Chief, Public Inquiries Section