

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH UNITED STATES ARMY

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

11 JAN 1961

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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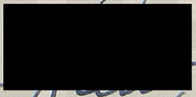
Major General Kearie L. Berry  
State Adjutant General  
P. O. Box 5218, W Austin Station  
Austin 31, Texas

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L. S. GRIFFING  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commanding General

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USCONARC  
14 Dec 60



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Headquarters  
UNITED STATES CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND  
Fort Monroe, Virginia

ATPER-PM 200.6

14 Dec 1960

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Distinguished Service Medal

TO: Commanding General  
Fourth United States Army  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

1. Reference is made to letter, AKARF-N, your headquarters, subject as above, dated 9 September 1960.

2. The recommendation for award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Major General Carl L. Phinney received careful evaluation by Department of the Army and was not favorably considered. It was concluded that the services involved, although performed in an outstanding manner, were not of the magnitude to warrant award of subject decoration.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

/s/ James R. Winn

JAMES R. WINN  
Brigadier General, GS  
Deputy Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS  
FOURTH UNITED STATES ARMY  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

14 OCT 1960

AKARF-N

SUBJECT: Status of Recommendation for Award of DSM

TO: Adjutant General  
State of Texas

1. Attached is copy of letter received by this headquarters regarding the awarding of the Distinguished Service Medal to Major General Carl L. Phinney.

2. Any additional information received will be forwarded to you immediately.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl  
Copy of ltr, fr TAG,  
AGPS-AD 200.6,  
(9 Sep 60) dated  
7 Oct 60, subj:  
Recommendations  
for Awards

M. V. JOHNSTON  
Col AGC  
Deputy AG

*Orig. & copy mentioned  
sent to Gen Bishop*





HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
AGPS-AD 200.6  
(9 Sep 60)

7 OCT 1960

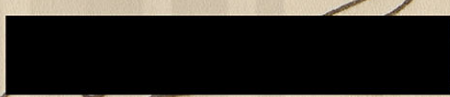
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Award

TO: Commanding General  
Fourth U. S. Army

1. Reference is made to your recent recommendations for award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Major Generals Hal L. Maldrow and Carl L. Phinney, NGUS.

2. The recommendations are under consideration. You will be advised as soon as decisions have been reached.

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:

  
R. V. LEE  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



HEADQUARTERS FOURTH UNITED STATES ARMY

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

12 SEP 1960

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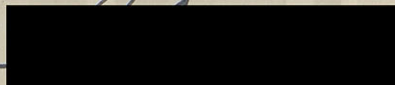
Major General Kearie L. Berry  
State Adjutant General  
PO Box 5218, West Austin Station  
Austin 31, Texas

Dear K.L.:

This is in reply to your letter of 18 August 1960 discussing the recommendation for the Distinguished Service Medal for General Phinney.

General Williams and I certainly agree that General Phinney is deserving of this recognition. A copy of the letter forwarded to the National Guard Bureau by General Williams is inclosed for your information. It is hoped that the action by General Williams will receive a favorable response.

Sincerely yours,

  
L. S. GRIFFING  
Major General, USA  
Deputy Commanding General

1 Incl  
Copy of ltr  
to Ch, NGB



7 September 1960

Major General D. W. McGowan  
Chief, National Guard Bureau  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General McGowan:

Inclosed is a letter to me from General Harrison, President of the National Guard Association of the US and one addressed to you from General Harrison.

These letters concern General Phinney and I would appreciate it if they were considered along with my recommendation for the award of the DSM for General Phinney.

I hear from the "grapevine" that the Fourth US Army looks with favor upon my recommendation but just what positive action has been taken by the Fourth US Army, I am unaware.

If we could get the resistance of the Active Army broken down regarding these awards, it would be a great step forward for the "One Army" idea.

If this award comes thru, I would like for it to remain confidential so that it could be presented at Summer Camp in 1961 and come as a surprise to General Phinney.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

K. L. BERRY

KLB/pk



18 August 1960

Major General L. S. Griffing  
Deputy Commander  
Fourth US Army  
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Dear Lew:

Following out the One Army Concept, sometime ago I recommended a DSM for General Phinney. I realize that this award is limited to officers on Active Duty but it is difficult for me to see the justice of that limitation because we have some senior officers in the National Guard who really perform outstanding service for our Country and General Phinney is one to my way of thinking.

He has given unsparingly of his time to the 36th Infantry Division and really has a top flight National Guard division in my humble, and, possibly prejudiced, opinion. You, of course, are better qualified to determine that than I for you are quite familiar with other such divisions in other states and I am familiar with only our own.

General Phinney has spent several years ( 1951-1954) on the Army General Staff Committee on National Guard Policy and three years (1957-1960) on the Reserve Forces Policy Board.

In addition, he is now Vice-President of the National Guard Association of the United States and Chairman of the Association's Legislative Committee.

I feel, in considering a National Guard officer's all-around service to his country as a major combat unit commander, as a member of the policy-making boards and committees of the Department of the Army and Defense and as a senior officer in the National Guard Association, that General Phinney has no peer.

Surely, officers in the Reserve Components of our Defense Establishment should be given some recognition along the line I suggest. The One Army idea, to be really effective, should go all the way and I can think of nothing more effective in driving home this idea than giving some of our most outstanding general



General Griffing  
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officers this deserved recognition. It would be a tremendous morale booster down to the lowest private for even he would be intensely proud that the "Old Man" of his division, and in a way, his division, was considered good enough to merit such an honor.

I feel that if General Williams would write an appropriate letter or citation recommending such an award and forward to General McGowan, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, where my recommendation is on file, it would be of great help and perhaps be the clincher.

When I originally sent in the recommendation, I wrote General Clarke about it but I don't know what he did if anything. I do know that at a meeting of the NG Association in Atlantic City in 1958 General Clarke held a conference with the Division Commanders and, in front of all of them, cited General Phinney, and only him, for the fine work he had done with the 36th Division. If General Clarke would now do such a thing officially and in writing, his citation or recommendation along with one from General Williams would be bound to get results.

Would you discuss this with "Molly" and let me know his and your reaction.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

K. L. BERRY

KLB/pk





NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES  
ONE MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, NORTHWEST  
WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM H. HARRISON, JR.  
PRESIDENT

23 June 1960

Dear General Berry:

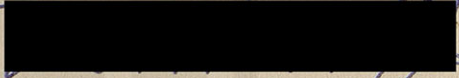
As you know, Major General Carl L. Phinney, Commanding General of the 36th Infantry Division, Texas Army National Guard, has had a long and distinguished career. He has recently completed a tour as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, and some years ago he served as a member of the Army National Guard Panel of the Army General Staff Committee for National Guard and Reserve Affairs.

In his many years as an active National Guard officer, General Phinney has made significant contributions not only to the National Guard but to our national defense. He is indeed a dedicated American who has always been aware of the importance of maintaining our military strength in order that our freedoms may be preserved. General Phinney has been ever willing to contribute more than his share in defense and has done this, I know, at great personal sacrifice.

General Phinney has served for some years as an officer of the National Guard Association of the United States. He has been for the past three years the Vice President of this Association.

General Phinney's service in the National Guard not only reflects great credit upon him but is indeed a contribution to State and Nation of which the people of Texas may well be proud.

Sincerely,

  
WILLIAM H. HARRISON, JR.  
Major General, AGC, MassARNG  
President

Major General Kearie L. Berry  
Adjutant General's Department  
Post Office Box 5218  
West Austin Station  
Austin 31, Texas

*copy of this  
received by  
Gen. H. E. Gorman*



JUN 15 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry  
The Adjutant General  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

Dear General Berry

Your letter of 26 April, forwarding DA Form 638, recommending the award of a Distinguished Service Medal to Major General Carl L. Phinney, has been received.

" I will be pleased to support your recommendation; however, in studying the provisions of AR 672-5-1 governing this award, I am convinced that it must be substantially broadened and strengthened in order for it to have a reasonable chance for favorable consideration by the Department of Army Decorations Board.

As the restrictive peacetime criteria outlined in AR 672-5-1 makes such awards more difficult to attain, I plan to supplement your recommendation by broadening the performance of duty aspects thereof to include specifically, meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great importance. Under this concept General Phinney's performance of duty as a Division commander, membership on the General Staff Committee on Army National Guard Policy, membership on the Reserve Forces Policy Board, and his important offices in the National Guard Association of the United States will be stressed.

The provisions of AR 672-5-1 requires the submission of statements of eye witnesses, extracts from official records, letters or other documents to support or amplify the facts reported. I would appreciate your forwarding for inclusion with my recommendation any such data which your office may have received from the Commanding General, United States Continental Army Command, the Commanding General, Fourth Army, the President of the National Guard Association of the United States or other sources which would support the fact that General Phinney has distinguished himself by meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great responsibility which have contributed to strengthening the military defense of the United States. Based upon the additional data which your office can furnish, and that available in the records maintained in the National Guard Bureau, my staff will prepare a suitable citation to accompany your recommendation.



For your information, during the past ten years there have been very few recommendations for the award of decorations to general officers in the Reserve Components and of these only one has been approved. Generally, it has been the sentiment within the Department of the Army that Army decorations should not be given to non-active duty Reserve Component officers except to recognize service performed while they served on active duty. The basis of this feeling is that from a strictly military performance viewpoint an individual's service in non-active duty status is not comparable with that performed on continuous active duty.

Even though the primary purpose of Army decorations is to award an individual for service while on active duty, Reserve Component officers, not on active duty, are eligible for consideration. Therefore, the current policy is that each recommendation will be judged on its own merits with considered application of the restrictive peacetime criteria as appropriate in each case.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

D. W. McGOWAN  
Major General  
Chief, National Guard Bureau



June 15, 1960

Major General Kearie L. Berry  
The Adjutant General  
State of Texas  
Austin, Texas

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s/ D. W. McGowan  
Major General  
Chief, National Guard Bureau



26 April 1960

Major General D. W. McGowan  
Chief, National Guard Bureau  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General McGowan:

Now, with our "One Army" slogan, I feel that some of our outstanding National Guard generals should be recognized for outstanding work by being awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Perhaps I will be accused of being partial in recommending General Phinney for such an award but I feel that I know him best. I know what an outstanding job he has done as a Division Commander for us and I believe his record and the 36th Infantry Division's record in CONARC, the Department of the Army and the Department of Defense as well as the National Guard Bureau would amply justify such an award.

Any support you can give my recommendation would be appreciated.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

K. L. BERRY

KLB/pk

( a copy - original carbon sent with file to 201)

DA Form 638 enclosed  
w/this letter to  
Genl<sup>e</sup> McGowan



27 April 1960

General Bruce C. Clarke  
Commanding General, CONARC  
Fort Monroe, Virginia

Dear General Clarke:

With our "One Army" concept taking hold so well in all components of our Army, I feel that it would help matters along immensely and be a terrific morale factor if some of our outstanding National Guard generals were, from time to time, awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

Following that thought, I have just recommended to the Secretary of the Army, through the Chief, National Guard Bureau, that Major General Carl L. Phinney, 36th Infantry Division, be shown that honor.

He has performed an outstanding job for us as Division Commander and has served in an outstanding manner as a member of the Department of the Army General Staff Committee on National Guard Policy from October 1951 to October 1954, and as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, Department of Defense, from January 1957 through March 1960.

I know you are aware of General Phinney's outstanding service during these last eight or ten years so if you feel my idea a good one and that General Phinney is a deserving nominee, I would appreciate your friendly interest in securing favorable action on my recommendation.

With kind personal regards,

K. L. BERRY

KLB/pk

(a copy- original carbon sent to 201 file)



Gen Taylor/pk

AGTEX-A

6 July 1961

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Award of Distinguished Service Medal to Major General CARL L. PHINNEY, Texas Army National Guard.

**TO:** Chief, National Guard Bureau  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In April 1960 there was forwarded to the National Guard Bureau a recommendation for the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Major General CARL L. PHINNEY, Texas Army National Guard, for his outstanding and exceptionally meritorious services in a series of high positions of great importance.

2. In searching our personnel records, we find no evidence of final action on this recommendation by the Department of the Army. Our personnel records merely reveal a copy of a letter from Headquarters, Continental Army Command to the Commanding General, Fourth United States Army, dated 14 December 1960, to the effect that the recommendation was not favorably considered.

3. In view of the fact this Department has not received any official communication indicating a turn-down of this recommendation, I wish to request that the Award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Major General Carl L. Phinney be given careful consideration. His service has been exemplary over a long period of time and clearly merits this recognition.

4. I would therefore request you bring this matter to the attention of the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Elvis J. Stahr, Jr., in order that this officer's services will be properly recognized.

JAMES E. TAYLOR  
Major General  
The Adjutant General

bc: Gen Phinney