

Dear Sir,

How can we know where we're going if we don't know where we came from? It's an odd thing to keep our minds always focused towards the future. So much is written about it the future, that you almost get the feeling that no one wants to remember the past. Not okay in my book. I realize that you don't know me and that this letter, although heartfelt, may not resonate with you at all.

One thing I do hope my letter leaves you with you, however, is a heartfelt appreciation for the groundwork you laid down for us during your service. Maybe yours wasn't a big role and maybe you didn't serve very long, but you served and you did your part and that is more than we can say for a lot of people. Thank you for showing us how it needed to get done and for doing it so willingly. It was not in vain and I pray that if you should you ever wonder if was worth it, you remember that it was. And even if you didn't agree with the ideals of the bigger picture, you agreed that we needed to be there for our brothers-in-arms.. and that might be more important than the bigger picture.

Very Respectfully,

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