

CLINT EASTWOOD

July 28, 1986

Mr. Hal Barker
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Dear Mr. Barker:

Thank you for your nice note regarding
HEARTBREAK RIDGE and the Korean War
Memorial.

During 1951 and 1952 I served in the Army,
and several associates who are working on
this film also served in the military during
that time. We all strongly support the idea
of a memorial and hope Senate Bill S-1223
will pass. The Korean War veterans' interests
are utmost in our minds.

As a military historian, you know there was
never a military operation (Army, Marine Corps
or any other branch of the services) titled
"Heartbreak Ridge"--all of the battles were
hill numbers and that name was attributed by
the Associated Press.

Our film is fictional and present day, it is
not about the Korean War. The main character
served in the Dominican Republic, three terms
in Viet Nam, and a term in Korea. One meaning
of the "heartbreak" aspect of our story relates
to the personal life and problems of the main
character with his former wife. I don't believe
our film will be derogatory to your book; in
fact, if anything, it might draw attention to
it from people who are interested in the
historical value.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clint Eastwood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed word "Best,".

