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### Letter, Sue L. Virgil to Syngman Rhee

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#### Summary:

Sue L. Virgil, whose husband was wounded in combat in the Korea War, asks about recognition for combat organizations.

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The President, Republic of Korea  
Seoul, Korea

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing this letter to commend you for your gallant stand on your principles and to call something to your attention which I am sure that you are not aware.

Sometime ago my husband, Captain Max P. Virgil 0954773, who was wounded twice in Korea wrote me that he couldn't understand why the combat organizations did not receive the Korean recognition that the Logistical and rear organizations were receiving. Such as the Korean Presidential Citation. I am sure that due to so many problems on your mind and the fact that your staff never brought it to your attention, nothing has ever been done.

Because he is my husband and I know of his actions I will recount one of his experiences just prior to his unit being relieved by the 6th ROK on 28 June 1952. At the time my husband was commanding Company I, 224th Infantry Regiment, of the 40th Division. His unit was on the line right across from "Snipers Ridge" and on June 26th, 1952, he had two patrols out on a combat mission to "Snipers Ridge." The patrol on the right sector was hit pretty badly and out of the 12 men on the patrol six were wounded and one left dead on the ridge. My husband could see the action from his position and noticing that the patrol needed help to evacuate the wounded, he turned his company over to his Executive Officer and personally went to their aid. He rushed about 300 yards down into the valley and then up 200 more yards up hill to "Snipers Ridge" and making three three trips like that up and down he evacuated three wounded men to the safety of the valley where they could be reached by litter bearers. He was wounded himself by the enemy mortar fire but that didn't stop him.



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He didn't stop assisting and supervising the evacuation of the wounded just because he was himself wounded.

I have recounted this action as justification for awarding some recognition to combat men who were being killed and wounded.

Keep up your good work, and God bless you.

I have the honor to remain, most

Respectfully yours,

*Sue L. Virgil*  
(Mrs) Sue L. Virgil