Following is the text of a letter from the President to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives

THE WHITE HOUSE



September 7, 1962

Dear Mr. President: (Dear Mr. Speaker:)

I transmit herewith a draft of a proposed bill to authorize the President to order units and members in the Ready Reserve to active duty for not more than twelve months, and for other purposes.

In my judgment this renewed authorization is necessary to permit prompt and effective responses, as necessary, to challenges which may be presented in any part of the free world, and I hope that the Congress will give its prompt support to this authorization, as it did, so effectively, a year ago.

Sincerely,

(s) John F. Kennedy JOHN F. KENNEDY

Honorable Lyndon Johnson President of the Senate Washington, D.C.

Honorable John W. McCormack Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

A bill to authorize the President to order units and members in the Ready Reserve to active duty for not more than twelve months, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that

not withstanding any other provision of law, until February 28, 1963, the President may, without the consent of the persons concerned, order any unit, and any member not assigned to a unit organized to serve as a unit, in the Ready Reserve of an armed force to active duty for not more than twelve consecutive months. However, not more than one hundred fifty thousand members of the Ready Reserve may be on active duty (other than for training), without their consent, under this section at any one time.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding, any other provision of law, until February 28, 1963, the President may authorize the Secretary of Defense to extend enlistments, appointments, periods of active duty, periods of active duty for training, periods of obligated service or other military status, in any component of an armed force or in the

National Guard that expire before February 28, 1963, for not more than twelve months. However, if the enlistment of a member of the Ready Reserve who is ordered to active duty under the first section of this Act would expire after February 28, 1963, but before he has served the entire period for which he was so ordered to active duty, his enlistment may be extended until the last day of that period.

SECTION 3. No member of the Ready Reserve who was involuntarily ordered to active duty under the Act of August 1, 1961, Public Law 87-117 (75 stat. 242), may be involuntarily ordered to active duty under this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act becomes effective on the day after the eighty-seventh Congress adjourns sine die.

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DEAR GUARDSMEN: Yes, there was a "Hartell Field," named in honor of Lt Lee Hartell, former Connecticut National Guardsman who was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for heroism during the Korean War (see "The National Guardsman," Aug and Oct '61).

We're indebted to Capt James A McGowan, Colorado National Guardsman writing as while in active service, for running-down the story; for, as an Artillery Air Observer with the 3d Inf Div in Korea in 1951,

he'd learned about "the Hartell legend."

"Shortly after Lt Hartell was killed in action while serving as a Rifle Company Forward Observer," Capt McGowan writes, "there appeared a sign made of cast-off C-ration boxes, in front of the Operations Tent of the 2d Inf Div's Light Air Section. The marker was similar in scope to the one now at 'Hartell House' which appeared in 'The National Guardsman' (Oct 61). It was agreed upon by the 2d Air Div Aviation Section that all subsequent air strips occupied by their Aviation Section would bear the name of their respected comrade."

—AGC