DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (BASTOGNE)
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIR ASSAULT)
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To Whom It May Concern:

    The legacy of Second Lieutenant Justin L. Sisson is alive and strong within the ranks of Able Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment. Although Justin is not here with us today, he stands as a perpetual reminder of hard work, intelligence, discipline, compassion, and sacrifice. His photo is proudly displayed at the entrance to the company's command post where his fellow soldiers often gather to not only honor his ultimate sacrifice, but also gain inspiration and a renewed sense of duty, honor, and country.

    Justin joined Able Company in the spring of 2013 just as the unit was deploying to Paktia Province, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Immediately upon arrival, Justin's confidence as a seasoned combat veteran instilled a level of calm as his platoon began contingency operations against a fierce and hardened enemy. His ability to remain composed in the face of danger ensured that his platoon was effective and safe. The fateful day of June 3, 2013 was no different. Justin maintained the poise of a focused warrior until his final moments. His loss was felt deep within our 4,500 soldier brigade combat team and continues to have an impact on our organization.

    I was among the last members of the Currahee brigade to honor Justin as he departed Afghanistan for his final flight home. On behalf of all of the soldiers of Able Company, and in the most sincere manner, thank you for the consideration of honoring our fallen soldier, leader, and friend. It is with the utmost hope that Justin's legacy be forever remembered, standing as a continued reminder of the sacrifice borne by all Kansas military veterans.

Sincerely,

Dustin M. Gillenwater
Captain, US Army
Commanding