

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-209342

DATE: June 1, 1983

MATTER OF: Captain John A. Davis, USA

DIGEST:

An Army officer who had no dependents is not entitled to a quarters allowance for the period (which exceeded 3 months) he was assigned to temporary duty in the Sinai with the Multinational Force and Observers monitoring the implementation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. During such duty he apparently was furnished quarters by the Government and his household goods were stored at Government expense. Since duty with the Multinational Force is determined to be "field duty;" he may not receive a quarters allowance because 37 U.S.C. § 403(c) precludes payment of the allowance to a member on field duty in these circumstances.

This action is in response to a request from the Finance and Accounting Officer, Headquarters 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for an advance decision. The Finance Officer asks whether Captain John A. Davis, USA, is entitled to be paid basic allowance for quarters for the period he served with the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. We assume that the period of the duty was in excess of 3 months and we have concluded that the duty performed was field duty. Therefore, Captain Davis as a member without dependents is precluded from being paid basic allowance for quarters for this period under 37 U.S.C. § 403(c).

The request for decision was assigned control number DO-A-1407 by the Department of Defense Military Pay and Allowance Committee and was forwarded to us by letter from the Office of the Comptroller of the Army.

Facts

While the record we were furnished is sparse, it appears that Captain Davis, while serving with the 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, with a permanent duty station at Fort Campbell,