

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-01945

JAN 13 1999

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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Applicant requests that his World War II Report of Separation (WD AGO Form 53-55) be corrected to reflect award of the European Theatre Operations (ETO) Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

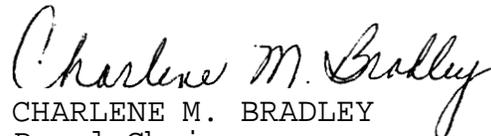
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board, Ms. Charlene M. Bradley, Ms. Peggy E. Gordon, and Mr. Terry A. Yonkers considered this application on 16 December 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

  
CHARLENE M. BRADLEY  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

27 July 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRA  
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)  
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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests his World War II Report of Separation (WD AGO Form 53-55) be corrected to reflect award of the "ETO MED" [we believe he means the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and will refer to this throughout the Technical Advisory].

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant says he flew to Scotland several times during training, and believes it makes him eligible for this medal.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 7 Feb 44-11 May 46, and overseas service is reflected as "None." He earned the American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

b. The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal if awarded for service in the EAME Theater during 7 Dec 41-8 Nov 45, under the following conditions:

- (1) Permanent assignment.
- (2) Passenger status or on TDY for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days.
- (3) In active combat against the enemy, if personnel were awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the unit's commander stating that they participated in combat.

c. Applicant did not provide any documentation showing he was in Scotland, much less TDY in Scotland for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days. There is no indication in his records that he was ever overseas.

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4. DISCUSSION. Although the applicant's records do not contain any information regarding training trips to Scotland during 1944, we do not doubt his word that he made training flights. However, there is nothing in his records regarding any flights to the EAME Theater, and he did not provide **any** documentation to substantiate his claim. Since we have no documentation showing he meets the above criteria for the EAME Campaign Medal, we can not verify his eligibility for this medal, and have determined he is not entitled to the EAME Campaign Medal.

5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to correct his World War II Report of Separation (WD AGO 53-55) to reflect award of the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

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or attached to and present for duty with a unit that was accorded battle credit for the Antisubmarine Campaign are entitled to wear a bronze service star. (See AFP 900-2 for unit credits.)

#### 6-13. Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal:

**a. Award Described.** A metal disc, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, depicting in front a tropical landing beneath the words "Asiatic-Pacific Campaign." The ribbon is basically yellow, with yellow, red, and white stripes near each edge. In the center are three equal stripes of blue, white, and red. The blue stripe is worn to the wearer's right.

**b. Award Requirements.** The medal is awarded service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater (DOD Manual 1348.33) between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946, under any of the following conditions:

- (1) Permanent assignment.
- (2) Passenger status on TDY for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.
- (3) In active combat against the enemy, if personnel were awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the unit's commander stating that they participated in combat.

**c. Awarding the Bronze Service Star and Arrowhead.** Personnel who were assigned or attached members of units during the period for which campaign participation credit or assault landing credit was accorded to the unit are awarded the bronze service star and arrowhead, respectively, to denote their participation in the action. (See AFP 900-2 for unit credits.)

#### 6-14. European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Campaign Medal:

**a. Award Described.** A metal disc, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, depicting a landing scene beneath the words "European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign." The ribbon is principally dark green, edged with brown bands separated from the green by green, white, and red stripes on the left (wearer's right), and by white, black, and white stripes on the right (wearer's left). In the center are equal blue, white, and red stripes. The blue stripe is worn to the wearer's right.

**b. Award Requirements.** The medal is awarded for service in the EAME Theater between 7 December 1941 and 8 November 1945, under the same conditions described in paragraphs 6-13b(1), (2), and (3). Refer to DOD Manual 1348.33.

**c. Awarding the Bronze Service Star and Arrowhead.** Personnel who were assigned or attached unit members during the period for which campaign participation credit or assault landing credit was accorded to the unit are awarded the bronze service

star and arrowhead, to show their participation in the action. (See AFP 900-2 for unit credits.)

#### 6-15. World War II Victory Medal:

**a. Award Described.** A metal disc, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, bearing in front the figure of liberation holding a broken sword in the dawn. The ribbon is predominantly red with wide rainbow borders.

**b. Award Requirements.** The medal is awarded for any service period between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946.

#### 6-16. Army of Occupation Medal:

**a. Award Described.** A metal disc, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, bearing on the disc's front a pictorial representation of the Remagen Bridge and on the reverse Mount Fujiyama and two Japanese junks. The ribbon is bordered with white bands with equal black and red stripes in the center. The black stripe is worn to the wearer's right.

**b. Award Requirements.** The medal is awarded for 30 consecutive days service at a normal place of duty while assigned to or serving with the United States occupation forces during the prescribed time limits in any of the areas prescribed. Refer to DOD Manual 1348.33. The term "normal place of duty" excludes from eligibility personnel who were performing TDY, inspector, visitor, courier, escort, passenger, attached service, or merely in a transient status. Personnel who qualify for award the Berlin Airlift Device (paragraph 11-7) automatically qualify for the Army of Occupation Medal.

#### 6-17. Medal for Humane Action:

**a. Award Described.** A metal disc, 1 1/4 inches in diameter, depicts a C-54 airplane in a wheat border centering the Berlin coat of arms. The ribbon is predominantly blue with black edges, followed by white, red, and red and white stripes. The center bears three stripes, white, red, and white, in the order named.

**b. Award Requirements.** The medal is awarded to personnel who were assigned or attached to and present for duty for at least 120 days during the period 26 June 1948 and 30 September 1949, inclusive, with any of the units cited in Department of the Air Force general orders for participating in the Berlin Airlift or for direct support of the Berlin Airlift. (See AFP 900-2.) Berlin airlift operations, geographical boundaries are outlined in DOD Manual 1348.33.

**c. Award to Foreign Armed Forces Members and Civilians.** The Medal for Humane Action may be awarded to foreign armed forces members and civilians (US and foreign) for meritorious participa-

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