



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG  
Docket No: 6699-01  
17 April 2002



This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 16 April 2002. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by the Chief of Naval Operations, a copy of which is enclosed.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER  
Executive Director

Enclosure



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IN REPLY REFER TO

Ser 09B13/2U515465  
15 February 2002

From: Chief of Naval Operations (N09B13)  
To: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

Subj: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE CASE OF PHMIC [REDACTED]  
USNR, [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) BCNR ltr AEG:jdh Docket No: 6699-01 of 31 Dec 01  
(b) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) BCNR File  
(2) Service Record Medical Record

1. As requested by reference (a) and in accordance with reference (b), the Chief of Naval Operations has reviewed subject man's case.
2. Mr. [REDACTED] requests 3 battle stars for his tour aboard LST 501 during World War II. While it is correct that vessel earned 3 battle stars for engaging the enemy during the entire World War II period, a review of Mr. [REDACTED] service record indicates that he served aboard LST 501 during a period they earned one battle star, 6 June 1944 - 25 June 1944. Mr. [REDACTED] also earned a battle star for his participation in the invasion of Southern France on 17 Aug 1944 while serving with Petroleum Division One.
3. Mr. [REDACTED] DD-214 indicates he earned the European-African Middle Eastern Area Campaign Medal during his World War II service, but does not indicate that he received the two battle stars for the above combat engagements. The Chief of Naval Operations will send the 2 battle stars to Mr. [REDACTED] under separate cover.
4. The Navy Liaison Office, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100, is requested to update Mr. [REDACTED] DD-214 to reflect 2 battle stars to accompany his European-African-Middle Eastern Area Campaign Medal and the earlier awarding of the Combat Action Ribbon by the Chief of Naval Operations.
5. Mr. [REDACTED] also feels that he should receive the "Medaille Du Jubile" for his participation in the Normandy invasion during World War II. The "Jubile of Liberty Medal" is being issued by the Governor of the Province of Lower Normandy to all Allied Armies that participated in the Normandy Invasion. It is not one of the medals created for sale by private vendors in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II. To obtain this medal, Mr. [REDACTED] should write directly to the Association De'Barquement et Bataille de Normandie 1944, Abbaye-aux-Dames, place Mathilde, BP 311-14015 Caen Cedex France. He must provide proof of his service/participation in the Normandy campaign. From information provided by Mr. [REDACTED], Executive Director, Battle of Normandy Foundation, an estimated 40,000 of these medals were minted and there are no plans to produce more. Requests for the medals are being handled on the first come, first service basis.
6. Enclosures (1) and (2) are returned.

[REDACTED]  
By direction