

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

JUN 12 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00408

COUNSEL: NONE

SN: [REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: NO

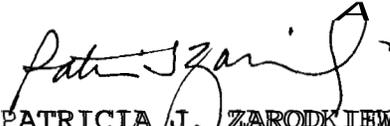
Applicant requests award of the "V" device to the Bronze Star Medal he received for actions on 13 May 1944. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

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). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

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. In this regard, the "V" device was not established until 1945. Therefore, while applicant's accomplishments on 13 May 1944, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, were commendable, the regulations in effect at the time did not provide for award of the "V" device. In view of the foregoing, and absent evidence showing that the applicant's service on 13 May 1944 met the eligibility criteria for the "V" device, we conclude that there is no basis upon which to recommend favorable action on the applicant's request.

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. Patricia J. Zarodkiewicz, Mr. Jackson A. Hauslein, and Mr. Robert W. Zook considered this application on 19 May 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

  
PATRICIA J. ZARODKIEWICZ  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

17 February 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA  
550 C Street West Ste 12  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)  
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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the "V" device to the **Bronze Star** Medal earned for actions on 13 May 44.
2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant wishes the information on his tombstone.
3. FACTS.
  - a. Applicant received the Bronze Star Medal for heroic service under enemy fire on 13 May 44.
  - b. The "V" device ~~was~~ not established until 1945. Therefore, the applicant ~~is~~ not eligible for this device.
4. DISCUSSION. ~~Since~~ the applicant could not be recommended for the "V" device, he is not eligible to receive it.
5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request for award of the "V" device to the Bronze Star Medal.

FOR THE COMMANDER

GEORGIA A. WISE, DAFC  
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Promotions, Eval & Recognition Div

cc: SAF/MIBR