

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: (b) (6)

BOARD DATE: OCT 24 2017

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20160011679

THE BOARD CONSIDERED THE FOLLOWING EVIDENCE:

1. Application for correction of military records (with supporting documents provided, if any).
2. Military Personnel Records and advisory opinions (if any).

THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST, STATEMENT, AND EVIDENCE:

1. The applicant, the niece of a deceased service member (SM) who was killed in action in World War II, requests, in effect, correction of the SM's orders, citations, and certificates for the following awards to show he was a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division; and Company G, 3rd Battalion, 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division.

- Silver Star
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- American Campaign Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Arrowhead Device and two bronze service stars
- World War II Victory Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Glider Wings with two bronze service stars
- Belgian Fourragere
- Netherlands Orange Lanyard

2. The applicant states documentation issued by the Awards and Decorations Branch (ADB), U. S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC), in 2013 and 2016 incorrectly shows the SM's unit.

Enclosure 2

3. The applicant provides the following documents pertaining to the SM:

a. Letter from a historian, dated 29 February 2016, stating the ADB issued award orders and certificates with the FSM's incorrect unit.

b. Memorandum and a letter from the Chief, ADB, HRC, both dated 5 September 2013, informing the applicant of the SM's awards based on his World War II service. Enclosed were the applicable orders, citations, and certificates.

c. Silver Star Certificate and Citation for gallantry in action on 9 June 1944 in France, issued on 30 August 2013. This citation shows his unit as Company G, 2d Battalion, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division.

d. Two Bronze Star Medal Certificates, both for meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force on 25 September 1944. Both certificates are dated 30 August 2013. On one certificate the SM's unit is listed as Company G, 2d Battalion, 327th Glider Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, and the second certificate his unit is listed as Company G, 401st Glider Infantry Regiment.

e. Letter from the War Department, dated 13 November 1945, informing the SM's father of the SM's posthumous award of the Silver Star. This letter quotes the Silver Star citation.

f. General Orders Number 11, Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, dated 28 January 1945, showing the SM's award of the Silver Star.

g. Morning Report for Company G, 401st Glider Infantry, Camp March Hare, Leicester, Leicestershire, England, dated 14 October 1944, reporting the FSM was missing in action on 25 September 1944, signed by the Personnel Adjutant, 325th Glider Infantry.

h. A letter the SM wrote to his father, dated 24 September 1942, from Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

i. A Facebook article, dated 6 April 2016, co-authored by the applicant.

j. A proclamation from a Senator in West Virginia dedicating a West Virginia highway sign in honor of the SM.

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To Whom It May Concern

Lt Col Neubauer has made many errors in his position at the ADB since dealing with him He has changed a General Order for a Silver Star Medal recipient and dropped the 82nd Abn Div from the Original Citation (attached) for Pvt Reel (and his Bronze Star Medal as well) This is the second time he has done this for the family of Pvt Reel

Read this documentation in order from 01 to 08 that are on this CD

The Citation should read like the original 1945 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div Citation Attached is the Original General Order that Neubauer has changed for Pvt Reel I didn't know that the ADB could change an 82nd Abn Div Silver Star Medal Citation 70 years later

Also attached are the 2013 versions of the Citations for Pvt Reel The only error that needed to be corrected what this, 327<sup>th</sup> should have read 401<sup>st</sup> that was the only error on both Medals

The "new" corrected versions of both are now worse He dropped both of the Medals citations mentioning the 82<sup>nd</sup> Abn Div and where it should have said 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Co G 401<sup>st</sup> Gln Inf he dropped the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion part

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