

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 97-01701

COUNSEL: None

OCT 28 1997

HEARING DESIRED: No

Applicant requests that he be credited for the Combat Medical Badge. 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.

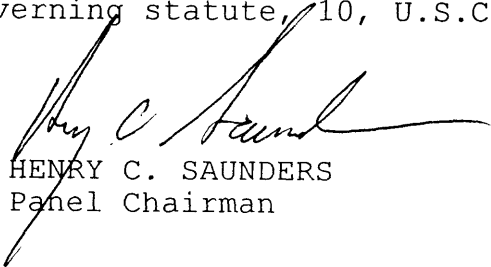
The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.

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 Mr. Henry C. Saunders, Mr. Joseph T. Wagner, and Mr. Richard A. Peterson, considered this application on 16 October 1997, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.



HENRY C. SAUNDERS
Panel Chairman

Exhibits:

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



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MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/MIBR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPSFC
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records - [REDACTED] (SVC#
[REDACTED])

Requested Action: The applicant requests he be credited for the award of the Combat Medical Badge.

Basis for Request: The applicant contends in 1943, an Infantry Officer (Major), name which he does not recall stated "[REDACTED] I will see that you get the Combat Medical Badge for service on the island of Vella Lavella." He contends when this was said to him he didn't worry about the badge authorization being in his records. He contends at eighteen and in combat you don't worry about if the badge is in your records.

Discussion: The primary requirement for the Combat Medical Badge is that an individual performed Infantry duty and be a member of the Infantry branch. All individuals whose basic branch is other than infantry must have orders for the award.

Facts: On 21 Oct 1988 a letter was sent from the US Army Reserve Personnel Center (USARPC) informing [REDACTED] his request for the Combat Medical Badge was denied due to the lack of authorization for the badge in his record.

On 4 Dec 1995 a letter was sent from USARPC to Congressman Sonny Montgomery on the same subject. They informed the Congressman of what the qualifications were for the badge. They also stated there was not supporting documentation in the record to support the request.

Recommendation: After reviewing the members records, we cannot find any supporting documentation in his records to certify his eligibility for this badge.

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