

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2011-05076

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. He be awarded the Army of Occupation Medal with German Clasp (AOM-G). (Administratively Corrected)
 2. He be awarded the Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAMECM); the Good Conduct Medal (GCM), and the Sharpshooter Badge.
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

These awards should have been reflected on his WD AGO Form 53, *Report of Separation*, issued in conjunction with his 26 Nov 48 separation. When he separated, everything was fast and furious and he was never asked about his service in Europe.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his separation documents and various other documents associated with his request.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Based on the available records, the applicant enlisted in the Army Air Corps, on 4 Feb 46 and was progressively promoted to the grade of corporal (CPL).

The applicant is a former member of the Army Air Corps who served in the European Theatre of Operation (ETO), as radio mechanic. His WD AGO Form 53 reflects that he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal (WWIIVM) and the AOM.

AFPC/DPSIDR will administratively correct the applicant's AOM to AOM-G.

THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial of the applicant's request for award of the EAMECM and the GCM. DPSIDR referred the applicant to the United States Army in regard to his request for the Sharpshooter Badge.

They were able to verify the applicant's entitlement to the AOM-G and his record will be updated accordingly.

The GCM is awarded to enlisted members who have honorably completed three continuous years of active military service subsequent to 26 Aug 40, and who are recommended by their commanding officers for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity.

DPSIDR states the applicant served on active duty from 4 Feb 46 to 26 Nov 48 for a total of 2 years, 9 months, and 23 days, rendering him ineligible for award of the GCM.

The EAMECM is awarded for service in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater between 7 Dec 41 and 8 Nov 45. The applicant served in the ETO from 25 Dec 46 to 8 Nov 48, after the inclusive dates for award of the EAMECM, rendering him ineligible for the EAMECM.

The complete DPSIDR evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 20 Mar 12 for review and response. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.
3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice in respect to the applicant's entitlement to the award of the EAMECM. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinion and

recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion that relief beyond that which will be corrected administratively is not warranted. Therefore, we find no basis to favorably consider this portion of the application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; the application was denied without a personal appearance; and the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2011-05076 in Executive Session on 25 July 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 24 Jun 11, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 28 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 20 Mar 12.

Panel Chair