



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA 28310

AFVC-GA

4 September 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), Dept. 480, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

SUBJECT: Request for Award of Bronze Star for PVT Max Myers X-3869

1. PVT Myers was a member of the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in 1944. He was killed during OPERATION MARKET GARDEN. PVT Myers lost his life in combat and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Medical Badge. In accordance with Army Regulation published 31 Dec 1947, and Executive Order 9419 dated 4 Feb 1944, PVT Myers is entitled to receive the Bronze Star.
2. The following information is provided:
 - a. Formal request from Next of Kin.
 - b. Condolence letter signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
 - c. Condolence letter signed by Major General James A. Gavin, 82nd Airborne Division Commander dated 12 January 1945.
 - d. General Orders Number 31, dated 21 July 1945, awarding PVT Myers the Combat Medical Badge.
 - e. Purple Heart Certificate dated 2 January 1945 awarded to PVT Myers for wounds during combat that resulted in his death.
 - f. Battle Casualty Report for PVT Myers dated 7 Oct 1944.
 - g. Release of information Privacy Act Statement signed by Next of Kin Ronald D. Myers, dated 28 August 2013.
3. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (910) 432-0756 or email, jason.g.riley.mil@mail.mil.


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ACofS, G1/AG

Ronald D. Myers
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Fayetteville, NC.
28314-1264

82ND Airborne Division
Office of the Commanding General
2715 Reilly Rd.
Stop A
Ft. Bragg, NC.
28310

13 Aug 2013

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of my uncle, Pvt. Max Myers, 35563869 who was a Medic with the 508th PIR, 82nd Airborne Div. and was killed at Nijmegen, Holland during operation "Market-Garden" on 7 Oct. 1944. He received the Purple Heart Medal (copy enclosed) and the Combat Medical Badge (copy enclosed) for that campaign (Rhineland).

I understand that, according to "C-1, AR 752" in regards to Army Regulations published Dec. 31, 1947 and Executive Order 9419 dated Feb. 4, 1944 and amended by President Kennedy in 1966, soldiers that received the CIB or the CMB between Dec 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1947, were also to receive the Bronze Star Medal.

I wrote to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. and they stated that because Pvt. Max Myers' records (DD-214) were all destroyed in an Archive fire in 1977, there is nothing they can do about awarding him a Bronze Star Medal.

I am cordially requesting any assistance you or your staff are able to render in rectifying this matter by authorizing a Bronze Star Medal and/or Certificate to Pvt. Max Myers, 35563869, a member of the 82nd Airborne Div., for exemplary performance of duty against enemy forces between Sept. 17, 1944 and Oct. 7, 1944 at Nijmegen, Holland during operation "Market-Garden". I am not asking for anything my uncle is not already entitled to by Army Regulations. Any assistance in rectifying this matter will be greatly appreciated by his family.

Sincerely,



Ronald Myers
(910) 867-1791

Enc:

- Copy of letter from Maj. Gen. Gavin dated 12 Jan. 1945
- Copy of letter from Col. Lindquist dated 26 Oct. 1944
- Copy of letter from President Roosevelt
- Copy of General Order # 31 dated 21 July 1945 awarding the CMB
- Copy of Pvt. Max Myers Battle Casualty Report
- Copies of supporting documents awarding the Bronze Star Medal

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IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

Private Max Myers, A.S.No. 35563869,

WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AT

in the European Area, October 7, 1944.

HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO DIE

THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESSINGS.

FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES—

IN A WAY THAT HUMBLER THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Franklin D. Roosevelt".

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE DIVISION COMMANDER

A.P.O. 469, U.S. ARMY
12 January 1945

Dear Mrs. Myers:

It is with deep regret that I write of the death of your son, Private Max Myers, 35563869, a member of my command who was killed in action 7 October 1944.

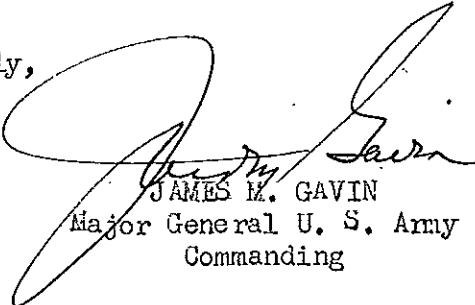
Your son was a member of the 508th Parachute Infantry, 82d "All American" Airborne Division.

Private Myers was a loyal and dependable soldier whose services were a credit to his organization. His cheerful and willing attitude was a great morale builder. Your son was killed in Holland by small arms fire while his organization was occupying a defensive position. It is regretted that censorship regulations forbid the disclosing of more details and exact locations.

Your son was buried in Holland, and I can assure you that this was accomplished in a most befitting manner by his comrades with a Protestant Chaplain officiating. For further information concerning burial or disposition of personal effects an inquiry should be addressed to The Quartermaster General, Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

Putting aside family ties, the admiration, respect, and affection of comrades are a soldier's most priceless possessions, because collectively these comrades are unfailing judges. These possessions I believe your son had earned in full measure. Death of such a man leaves with each member of the Division a lasting sense of loss, from which there comes to you a deep sense of personal sympathy.

Sincerely,



JAMES M. GAVIN
Major General U. S. Army
Commanding

Mrs. Emma Myers
Route #2
Portland, Indiana

HEADQUARTERS 508th PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 757 U.S. ARMY

WLW/cta

21 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

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I. UP Sect III WD Cir 151, 23 May 1945, the fol named Os and EM are awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE posthumously for satisfactory conduct against the enemy during the NORMANDY, France Campaign fr 6 June 1944 to 9 July 1944:

LT COL HERBERT F BATCHELLER	019939	1ST LT BRUCE E BELL	01286062
CAPT JOHN A BREEN	01295666	2ND LT MACK G COOK	0496744
CAPT HAL M GREARY	0452375	2ND LT EDWARD J CZEPINSKI	01297848
1ST LT JOHN J DALY	01289700	1ST LT GEORGE C DAVIS	01298833
CAPT FRANCIS E FLANDERS	01283572	1ST LT FRED E GILLESPIE	0436334
CAPT WAYNE K HARVEY	025264	1ST LT RUBERT D HUGGINS	01011074
1ST LT JOHN J JAMPETERO	01289738	1ST LT DONALD J JOHNSON	01288062
2ND LT PAUL E LEHMAN	01317804	2ND LT ROBERT W LOHMAN	01323012
		1ST LT ROBERT P MATHIAS	01294692
2ND LT BENJAMIN F MEADOWS	01318700	1ST LT ROY W MURRAY	01286689
1ST LT JOHN A QUAID	0451679	CAPT GERARD A RUDDY	01298765
1ST LT NORBERT J SCHWARTZ	01288129	2ND LT WILLIAM S SCUDDER	01316975
1ST LT JOSEPH I SHANKEY	0443939	1ST LT EUGENE H SHAVITCH	01283855
2ND LT VINCENT L SHEEHAN	01298303	CAPT GEORGE W SIMONDS	01284410
1ST LT TALBERT A SMITH	0328511	2ND LT ARTHUR F SNEE	01287264
2ND LT ELMER R STULL	01294928	2ND LT GENE H WILLIAMS	0437821
1ST LT EDGAR R ABBOTT	01298300	1ST LT VICTOR GRABBE	0444006
2ND LT ELBERT F HAMILTON	0495561	CAPT EDWARD F KING	01283624
Pvt Andrew Babjak	31334689	Pvt Charles E Bair	35424193
Cpl Charles K Baldwin	14165778	Pvt Seraphin J Basile	36820880
Pvt James D Bateman	35628144	Pvt Nicholas V Battiste	33553355
Tec 5 Sylvester J Baysinger	33403116	S/Sgt Donald E Beers	35045241
Pvt Arthur F Belmontez	39268035	Pvt Raymond C Belair	39195406
Pfc Robert W Benson	39195398	Pvt Frank A Bennett	13105764
Pfc Orren W Billington	38281921	Pvt Dan R Benton	6941082
Pfc Edward Bitterman	39406229	Pfc Steve Birow	35605183
Pfc Raymond H Bolin	11998332	Pfc Ben D Blackmon	35564338
Pvt Francis N Bowen	32648434	Pvt Thomas B Borzain	11072613
Pvt Forrest V Brewer	34024679	S/Sgt Robert S Brand	12093458
Cpl Robert G Brown	39190279	Pvt Charles N Brown	36860051
Pvt Bill G Buchanan	37457555	Pvt Elmer T Bryant	14125214
Pfc Paul F Burns	6393167	S/Sgt Joe Bundy	6663064
Pvt Charles E Butler	33121444	Pfc William H Butcher	35741214
Sgt Alva L Carpenter	11085271	Pvt Joseph A Byrne	32801540
Pvt Raymond Carriere	32798489	Pfc Edwin F Carpenter	32383145
Pfc John R Chamberlin	12199842	Pvt John E Carroll	32549589
Pvt Roy Chipman	16087804	Cpl Lloyd W Chaney	38229866
Pfc Lloyd O Goffman	38300749	Pfc George L Chate	36737029
Cpl Nesmer Cook	15335237	1/Sgt Raymond L Conrad	35017469
Pvt Donald Cornbread	39412863	Pvt Ewell T Cooper	18078638
Sgt Thomas G Cross	37191385	Pfc Wayne E Couch	14085473
Pfc Robert E Crouch	35561853	Pfc Rene A Croteau	11107445
Pfc Murray E Daly	15334241	Pvt Douglas R Crutcher	38300747
		Pvt Pat Damico	19050268

SO #51, HQS 508th PRCHT INF, APO 757, US ARMY, dtd 21 July 45 (Cont'd).
Section III(Cont'd)

Pfc	George E Kriker	33548260	Pvt	Benjamin S Landreth	33661500
Pvt	Albert Lehett	33710619	Pvt	Joseph A Lesko	33832640
Pfc	Robert T Lindsay	31287530	Cpl	Howard B McDonald Jr	19176526
Pfc	Paul Millikin	36786541	Pfc	Refugio A Muniz	38169186
Pvt	Albert C Nicoletta Sr	15106016	Pvt	John W Nulty	36767466
Pvt	George E Othmer	37682907	Pfc	Joseph R Paczkowski	36216397
Pfc	Joseph H Pate	38510431	Pvt	John E Payet	12157796
Pvt	Joseph R Radich	36694605	Pvt	Perce S Reed	35216486
Pfc	Anthony Rezza Jr	31300762	Pvt	John A Rhodes II	34827830
Pfc	Harold M Roberts	34895035	Pvt	Bedford L Robertson	19048340
Pvt	Otho L Scott Jr	34897987	Pvt	Wendell E Sedam	35566690
Pvt	Roger A Swanson	37584615	Pfc	Steve Tetak	35599287
Pvt	John A Tomaseski	33435877	Pvt	Dallas L Wall	38519159
Pvt	Henry L Wardenski	33801683	Pfc	Herbert L Williams	31420168
Pvt	William A Williams	39711952	Pvt	Harry F Ackerman	36690549
Sgt	Neil H Gline	34591353	Cpl	Thomas M Dobbs	14161911
Pfc	Corbin L Green	38536177	S/Sgt	Lamarre R Hankinson	36579729
Tec 5	Harold K Hiner	6856760	Pvt	Richard D Lucas	33711357
Pvt	Albert F Miller	13136791	Sgt	Robert J Savage	38076175
Pvt	Solomon Valinsky	42062474	Cpl	Jesse J Womble	37215422

IV. UP Sect III WD Cir 151, 23 May 1945, the fol named EM are awarded the COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE posthumously for satisfactory conduct against the enemy during the RHINELAND Campaign fr 26 January 1945 to 20 February 1945:

Pfc	John Derzipilski	33713890	S/Sgt	Joseph G Endress	35683044
Pfc	Victor B M Martinez	39722232	Pfc	Joseph G Wise	20204729
Pvt	Wilbur G Wright	39334523	Sgt	Robert F Gervais	14200985
Pfc	John J Lane Jr	31428405	Pfc	Jack J Scialabra	36692742

V. UP Sect IV WD Cir 151, 23 May 1945, the fol named EM are awarded the COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE posthumously for satisfactory performance of duty during the NORMANDY, France Campaign, fr 6 June 1944 to 9 July 44:

Pvt	Glaude M Youngblood	34358350	Tec 5	Harry W Shaw	11110820
Pvt	John McCombs	39530200	Pvt	Frank E Mackey	13112375
Pvt	Francis N Bowen	32648434			

VI. UP Sect IV WD Cir 151, 23 May 1945, the fol named EM are awarded the COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE posthumously for satisfactory conduct against the enemy during the RHINELAND (Holland) Campaign fr 17 Sept 1944 to 10 November 1944:

Tec 5	Donald R Adams	37093710	Pvt	Max Myers	35563869
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VII. UP Sect IV WD Cir 151, 23 May 1945, the fol named EM is awarded the COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE posthumously for satisfactory conduct against the enemy during the ARDENNES Campaign fr 18 Dec 1944 to 26 January 1945:

Pvt	Hugh Van Winkle	35603131			
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VIII. A BRONZE SERVICE ARROWHEAD is hereby awarded to the fol named individuals for participation in the assault which secured the initial Normandy Beachheads and the Airborne operations conducted in conjunction therewith:

P/Sgt	Roger L Kitchen	17 164 760	Co "D"
Pvt	Carlos Ross	36 046 927	Hq & Hq Co
Pfc	Clarence L Boucher Jr	39 402 136	Hq Co 3rd Bn
M/Sgt	Werner T Angress	33 043 344	Hq & Hq Co
Tec 3	John A Gonzales	19 186 450	Hq & Hq Co
S/Sgt	Marcel S Bollog	32 190 158	Hq & Hq Co
2ND LT	FREDERICK SCHINDLER	0555211	INF
Pfc	Louis E Guzzetti	36 728 292	Co "D"

GO #31, HQS 508th PROCT INF, APO 757, U.S. Army, dtd 21 July 45 (Cont'd)

By order of Colonel LINDQUIST:

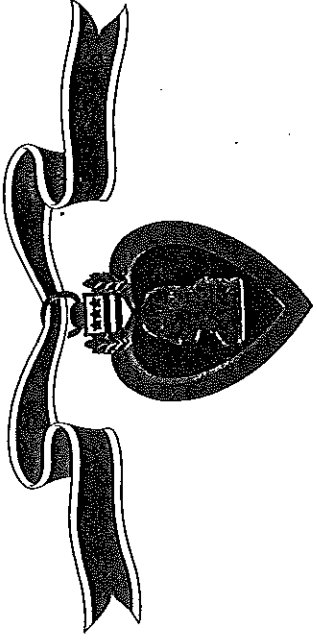
WALTER L WAKEFIELD,
Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Walter L Wakefield
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Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY VESTED IN HIM BY CONGRESS
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

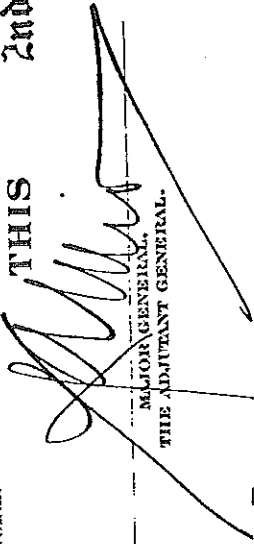
Private Max Myers, A.S.No. 35563869,

FOR MILITARY MERIT AND FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

resulting in his death October 7, 1944.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 2nd DAY OF January 19 45

OFFICIAL:


MAJOR GENERAL,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.


SECRETARY OF WAR

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
MYERS MAX		35563869	PVT	MD	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY
HOLLAND 1		07	OCT	44	J KIA
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

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MR.-MRS.-MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS EMMA MYERS	MOTHER	28 OCT 44. GJM
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
ROUTE NUMBER TWO PORTLAND INDIANA		

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REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY. EVIDENCE OF DEATH RECEIVED IN W D 28 OCT 44

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RONALD D. MYERS

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FAYETTEVILLE, NC

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28314-1264

28 August 2013

TEL (910) 867-1791

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

AUTHORITY: The solicitation of personal information in conjunction with this investigation is authorized under Title 10 USC 3012.

PURPOSE: The purpose for collecting this information is to obtain facts and make recommendations to assist the Commander in determining what action to take with regard to Award PVT Max Myers the Bronze Star Posthumously

ROUTINE USES: Information obtained during the conduct of this investigation will be used to document relevant facts regarding the incident concerned. It will be used to determine the cause(s) leading to the incident, establish individual responsibilities, negligence, and make recommendations for corrective actions and/or appropriate administrative actions. Any information you provide may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense who have a need for it in the performance of their duties.

DISCLOSURE MANDATORY OR VOLUNTARY AND THE EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION:

The private information you furnish is voluntary. There will be no adverse effect on you for not furnishing private information other than that certain facts or information might not be otherwise available to the Commander for his or her decision in this matter.

I, RONALD D. MYERS having been advised of the above provisions of the Privacy Act agree to provide information concerning the above-cited incident.


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