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

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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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LTC, GS
ACofS, G1/AG

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Ft. Bragg, NC.
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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



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 HUMBLES THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

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 01295656	2ND LT	MACK G COOK 0496744
CAPT	HAL M CREARY 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 01239738	1ST LT	DONALD J JOHNSON 01288062
2ND LT	PAUL E LEHMAN 01317804	2ND LT	ROBERT W LOHMAN 01323012
2ND LT	BENJAMIN F MEADOWS 01318700	1ST LT	ROBERT P MATHIAS 01294692
1ST LT	JOHN A QUAID 0451679	1ST LT	ROY W MURRAY 01286689
1ST LT	NORBERT J SCHWARTZ 01288129	CAPT	GERARD A RUDDY 01298765
1ST LT	JOSEPH I SHANKEY 0443939	2ND LT	WILLIAM S SCUDDER 01316975
2ND LT	VINCENT L SHEEHAN 01298303	1ST LT	EUGENE H SHAVITCH 01283855
1ST LT	TALBERT A SMITH 0328511	CAPT	GEORGE W SIMONDS 01284410
2ND LT	ELMER R STULL 01294928	2ND LT	ARTHUR F SNEE 01287254
1ST LT	EDGAR R ABBOTT 01298300	2ND LT	GENE H WILLIAMS 0437821
2ND LT	ELBERT F HAMILTON 0495561	CAPT	VICTOR GRABBE 0444005
		CAPT	EDWARD F KING 01283624

Pvt	Andrew Babjak 31334689	Pvt	Charles E Bair 35424193
Cpl	Charles K Baldwin 14166778	Pvt	Seraphin J Basile 36820880
Pvt	James D Bateman 35628144	Pvt	Nicholas V Battiste 3355335
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 39195388	Pvt	Frank A Bennett 13105764
Pfc	Orren W Billington 38281981	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 C 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 Coffman 38300749	Pfc	George L Choate 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	Pvt	Rene A Croteau 11107445
Pfc	Murray E Daly 15334241	Pvt	Douglas R Crutcher 38300747
		Pvt	Pat Damico 19050268

GO #31, HQS 508th PRCHT INF, APO 757, US ARMY, dtd 21 July 45 (Cont'd).
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Pfc	George E Krixer	33548260	Pvt	Benjamin S Landreth	3366150(
Pvt	Albert Lehett	33710619	Pvt	Joseph A Lesko	3383264[illegible]
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	12157798
Pvt	Joseph R Radich	36694605	Pvt	Perce S Reed	35216486
Pfc	Anthony Rezza Jr	31300762	Pvt	John A Rhodes II	3482783[illegible]
Pfc	Harold M Roberts	34895035	Pvt	Bedford L Robertson	1904834[illegible]
Pvt	Otho L Scott Jr	34897987	Pvt	Wendell E Sedam	35556690
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 Cline	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 25 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 C 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	Claude 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

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

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:

T/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"

By order of Colonel LINDQUIST:

WALTER L WAKEFIELD,
Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

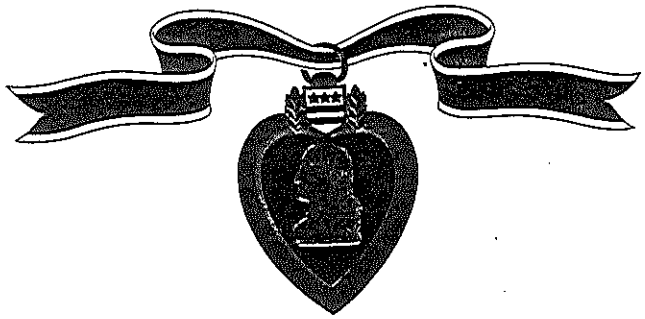
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Walter L Wakefield

WALTER L WAKEFIELD,
Captain, Infantry,
Adjutant.

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8 Hqs Command SHAEF



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.

OFFICIAL:

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

MAJOR GENERAL,
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Henry L. Stimson
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 DAY	MONTH	YEAR	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER
HOLLAND	07	OCT	44	J	KIA	226

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

XC3740195

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28 August 2013

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.

Signature Block