



National Personnel Records Center

Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63132-5100

August 3, 2006

CAROL SERLING
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RE: Veteran's Name: SERLING RODMAN
 SSN/SN:
 Request Number: 1-1729821171

Dear Sir or Madam:

The record needed to answer your inquiry is not in our files. If the record were here on July 12, 1973, it would have been in the area that suffered the most damage in the fire on that date and may have been destroyed. The fire destroyed the major portion of records of Army military personnel for the period 1912 through 1959, and records of Air Force personnel with surnames Hubbard through Z for the period 1947 through 1963. Fortunately, there are alternate records sources that often contain information which can be used to reconstruct service record data lost in the fire; **however, complete records cannot be reconstructed.**

A copy of your husband's separation document, obtained from an alternate records source, is enclosed. Separation documents may include the following information: the type and character of discharge, authority and narrative reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, and separation program designator/number. If you require a copy of the separation document that does not contain this information, a "*deleted*" copy must be requested from this Center. A seal has been affixed to the separation document to attest to its authenticity.

Your husband earned the following medals/awards, as indicated on his separation document:

Purple Heart Medal (for wounds in action December 13, 1944)
Combat Infantryman Badge
Bronze Star Medal (based upon the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge)
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal w/ Arrowhead and 3 Campaign Stars (arrowhead denotes assault landing)
Philippine Liberation Medal w/ 1 Campaign Star
Army Good Conduct Medal
Honorable Service WWII Lapel Button (also known as the "Ruptured Duck")
World War II Victory Medal
Basic Parachutist Badge w/ Star
Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Philippines Presidential Unit Citation

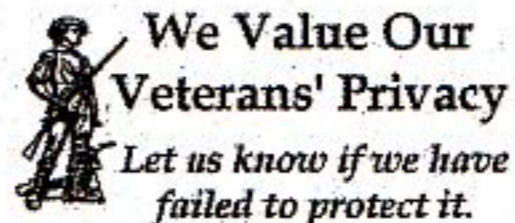
Because some of these medals/awards are not listed on your husband's separation document, we are enclosing a DD Form 215, Correction to Report of Separation.

The enclosed DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty*, shows correction(s) to the report of separation and should be filed with that document.

The Bronze Star Medal is based on the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or the Combat Medical Badge for service during World War II only.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,



JEFFREY P. BURCHAM
Expert Technician (2D)

Enclosure(s)