

December 4, 2003

National Personnel Records Center  
Medals Section (NRPMA-M)  
9700 Page Avenue  
Saint Louis, Missouri 53132-5100

Dear NPRC:

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I have included a copy of my WD AGO Form 53-55 showing I was awarded the CIB or CMB, but that I did not receive the Bronze Star Medal.

Thank you.

*Walter C. Robbins*

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8400 W. CR 400 S  
Yorktown, IN 47396  
Phone: 765-759-9331  
SSN: 315-07-0428  
Birth Date: 03/19/1918  
Birth Place: Fortville, Indiana

Walter C. Robbins  
8400 W CR 400S  
Yorktown IN 47396

*mailed  
1/30/2004*

29 January 2004

Thomas Dellamano  
National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Avenue  
St Louis MO 63132-5100

Dear Mr Dellamano,

On 4 December 2003 I sent a letter to your office requesting that I be awarded the Bronze Star medal that I am entitled to. In that request I included a copy of my separation report as requested.

According to your form 13075, page 1 (marked), that I just received from your office, the information I have already sent you should be sufficient for the awarding of this medal.

With this letter I have included the following:

1. Copy of Form 13075, page 1 (marked)
2. Copy of the original request I made dated 4 December 2003
3. Copy of WDAGO Form 53-55 Separation Report
4. Copy of Form 13038 issued by your office and dated 12 September 2003

What other specific information do you require to complete this request?

Sincerely,

*Walter C. Robbins*

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## QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE

1. **WHY WE ARE SENDING YOU THIS FORM:** We cannot respond to your request at this time for one of the following reasons:

- We are unable to locate a record with the information provided in your original inquiry
- or -
- The record needed to answer your inquiry was lost in the July 1973 fire that destroyed millions of records here at the National Personnel Records Center. The records stored in the area which suffered the most damage in the fire were those of:
  - Army veterans discharged or deceased between November 1, 1912, and December 31, 1959
  - Air Force veterans discharged, deceased, or retired before January 1, 1964, whose names come alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.

The information you provide on page 2 of this form may help locate the record, if it is available; or, if the record is not available, it may enable the Center to make use of various alternate sources to reconstruct some of the basic service record data. Please note that if the *only* document you need is the Report of Separation (DD Form 214, WDAGO Form 53-55, etc.), it may be available from a former employer or from the recorder's office of the city or county where the veteran lived just after separation/discharge.

2. **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

- ☞ Fill out page 2 of this form (NA Form 13075) as completely as possible, as well as any other form(s) you may have received with this one, such as Standard Form (SF) 180 and NA Form 13055;
- ☞ Attach copies of any papers you have that relate to the requested military service, such as military orders, award citations, and military addresses as shown on letters mailed home; and
- ☞ Send the above item(s) and the original *signed* request (which we are returning to you with this form) to the National Personnel Records Center at the address shown below. Do not send in this form by itself.

3. **NOTE: Are you requesting military service medals only?** If so, do you have a copy of the Report of Separation (DD Form 214, WDAGO Form 53-55, etc.) and other military papers that show which medals were earned? If you send such information about medals, you do not need to fill out this NA Form 13075. However, you still must also return a completed SF 180 or your original request. Finally, if possible, please send a list of the names and locations of all military units or "outfits" to which the veteran was assigned, including dates, while on active duty. This may help determine eligibility for "unit" awards.

### PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e) (3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and EO 9397 of November 22, 1943. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the National Personnel Records Center may not have all of the information needed to locate the record(s) sought. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the National Personnel Records Center in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then filed in the requested military service record as a record of disclosure. The form may be disclosed to the Department of Defense components or the Department of Transportation (Coast Guard), if the National Personnel Records Center transfers all or part of those records to such agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served. The form may also be disclosed when the military service member or, in the case of a deceased service member, the military service department, authorizes a specific individual or organization to have access to the military service record.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

You are not required to provide the information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. The information requested on this form is being collected and used by the National Personnel Records Center to identify and locate military service records that could not be identified and located in response to the original inquiry. Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (NHP), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

Walter Robbins  
8400 W CR 400 S  
Yorktown IN 47396

01/09/04

Date

Thomas Dellamano

Prepared by

NRPM

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER  
(Military Personnel Records)  
9700 Page Avenue  
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December 4, 2003

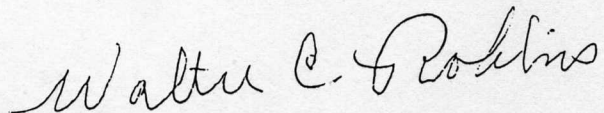
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# ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL Robbins Walter C		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 35 569 476	3. GRADE S Sgt	4. ARM OR SERVICE Inf	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. ORGANIZATION Company B 413th Infantry		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 9 Oct 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Camp San Luis Obispo California		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES 2220 S Gharkey Street Muncie Indiana		10. DATE OF BIRTH 19 Mar 18	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Fortville Indiana		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT See 9		13. COLOR EYES Brown	14. COLOR HAIR Brown	15. HEIGHT 5' 8"	16. WEIGHT 175 lbs.
17. NO. DEPENDENTS 2		18. RACE WHITE			
19. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE		20. U.S. CITIZEN YES			
21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. Farmer 3-06.10					

## MILITARY HISTORY


22. DATE OF INDUCTION 18 Nov 42		23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT 1 Dec 42		24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 1 Dec 42		25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Ft Benjamin Harrison Indiana	
26. REGISTERED YES		27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 1		28. COUNTY AND STATE Randolph Indiana		29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Route 1 Redkey Indiana	
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. Squad Leader 653				31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) Combat Inf Badge 20 Dec 44 Ex Rifle M1 May 44			
32. CAMPAIGNS AND CAMPAIGN DATES Northern France GO 33 WD 45 Rhineland GO 40 WD 45 Central Europe GO 40 WD 45							
33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS Purple Heart Sec II GO 51 48th Gen Hosp 9 Dec 44 Good Conduct Medal European African Middle Eastern Service Medal							
34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION 28 Nov 44 European Theater							
35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES SMALLPOX Apr 44 TYPHOID Dec 43 TETANUS Jun 44 OTHER (specify) Typhus May 45				36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN DATE OF DEPARTURE 27 Aug 44 DESTINATION European Theater DATE OF ARRIVAL 7 Sep 44			
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE CONTINENTAL SERVICE 2 YEARS 0 MONTHS 15 DAYS FOREIGN SERVICE 0 YEARS 10 MONTHS 7 DAYS				38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD S Sgt			
39. PRIOR SERVICE None							
40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION Convenience of Government RR 1-1							
41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED None							
42. EDUCATION (Years) Grammar 9 High School 3 College 0							

## PAY DATA

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS 2 MONTHS 10 DAYS		44. MONTHLY PAY \$300		45. BUDGET DEPOSIT \$100		46. TRAVEL PAY none		47. TOTAL AMOUNT PAID \$129.85		48. BASIC PAY \$238.15		49. NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER E W WHEELER Major FD	
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## INSURANCE NOTICE

48. KIND OF INSURANCE U.S. Govt. X		49. HOW PAID Allotment X		50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance 30 Sep 45		51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50) 31 Oct 45		52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH \$6.70		53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO Continue X	
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54. RIGHT THUMB PRINT 		55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W.D. purposes) Inactive Service ERC 18 Nov 42 to 30 Nov 42 ASR (2 Sep 45) 75 Lapel Button Issued	
56. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED Walter C. Robbins		57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization, signature) W A HERMANN 1st Lt Inf U.S. Hermann	

WD AGO Form 53-55  
1 November 1944This form supersedes all previous editions of  
WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for enlisted persons  
entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which  
will not be used after receipt of this revision.



## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

WALTER C ROBBINS 35 569 476 Staff Sergeant

Company B 413th Infantry

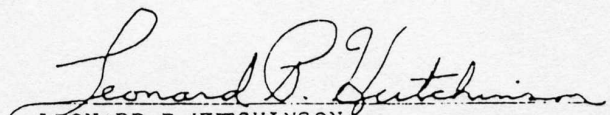
Army of the United States

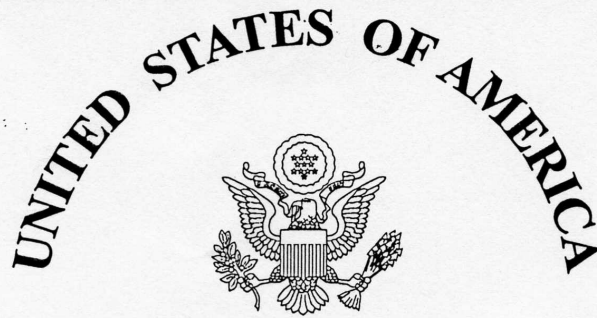
*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military  
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest  
and Faithful Service to this country.*

*Given at* Camp San Luis Obispo California

*Date* 9 October 1945

  
LEONARD P HUTCHINSON  
Major CMF



## *Certification of Military Service*

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*This certifies that*

Walter C Robbins  
35 569 476

*was a member of the*

Army of the United States

*from*

November 18, 1942

*to*

October 9, 1945

*Service was terminated by*

Honorable Discharge

*Last Grade, Rank, or Rating*

Staff Sergeant

*Active Service Dates*

Same As Above

Date of birth: n/a

Place of birth: n/a

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*Given at St. Louis, Missouri on* September 12, 2003

*National Personnel Records Center  
(Military Personnel Records)  
National Archives and Records Administration*

THE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN OF THIS PERSON'S MILITARY RECORD

*This Certification of Military Service is issued in the absence of a copy of the actual Report of Separation or its equivalent. This document serves as verification of military service and may be used for any official purpose. Not valid without official seal.*

*National Personnel Records Center  
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*ATTN: Thomas Dellamano*





## *National Personnel Records Center*

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

June 16, 2004

Walter Robbins  
8400 W CR 400 S  
Yorktown, IN 47396

**RE:           Veteran's Name: ROBBINS WALTER**  
**SSN/SN: 315070428//35569476**  
**Request Number: 1-87111847**

Dear Sir:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). 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.

We are pleased to verify entitlement to the following awards:

BRONZE STAR MEDAL;

**Your Awards Case Number is A4FEF2129JXIV.**

While NPRC verifies entitlement to awards, the Department of the Army maintains jurisdiction for issuing the actual awards. The awards will be shipped directly to you from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armament Command at the address shown below. Any further correspondence concerning your request should be sent to that location.


U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command  
IMMC, Soldier System Team  
PO Box 57997  
Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997

You may check the status of your request at any time by visiting <http://veteranmedals.army.mil>. You will need your **Awards Case Number** shown above to access status information. You may also use this site to report a change of address if you move prior to receiving your awards. Again, you will need your Award Request Number for an address change.

*National Archives and Records Administration*  
<http://www.nara.gov/regional/stlouis.html>

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,



PIO PETRALLI  
Archives Technician (5C)