

COPY

May 20, 1954

Mrs. Anne Newman
322 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Newman:

c/r We are glad to enclose a replacement citation for the one which was presented to J. A. Bockhurst by General Dwight D. Eisenhower at the National Press Club in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, November 18, 1947. The same man who signed the original citation, Major General William E. Bergin, has also signed this replica of it.

I am sure you will appreciate that with the great number of requests which are received for the President's autograph, he has had to adopt the practice of not autographing any citations - not even the ones which he originally had signed. However, the staff at the White House were glad to make it possible for us to obtain the enclosed replica of the citation and the Vice President was pleased to autograph it for you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the Vice President

RMW:s
Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12 May 1954

Dear Miss Woods:

As requested by Mrs. Ann Whitman, I have looked into the matter concerning the citation previously awarded to Mr. J. A. Bockhurst.

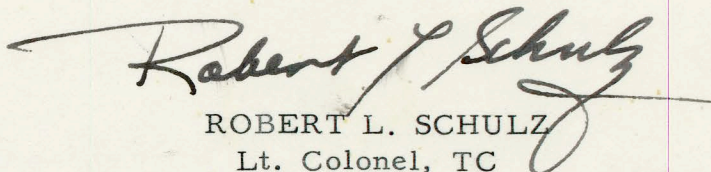
Attached is a replacement citation signed by Major General William E. Bergin, The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, with one copy.

You may wish to suggest to the Vice President that under the blue seal on the original document could be typewritten "Decoration presented by General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower at the National Press Club, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, November 18, 1947", over the signature of the Vice President.

I do hope everyone concerned finds this arrangement satisfactory. Let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. SCHULZ

Lt. Colonel, TC
Military Aide to the President

Miss Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the Vice President

COPY

Pending

RMW:mp

April 15, 1954

Mrs. Ann Whitman
Personal Secretary
to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ann:

I am enclosing a copy of a citation for a medal of freedom which was presented to J. A. Bockhurst at the National Press Club in Washington on Tuesday, November 8, 1947 by "General" Eisenhower.

Mr. Bockhurst was a friend of the Vice President and was burned to death the end of last month. His last request was that a replica of this citation be given to Mrs. Anne Newman, 322 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., whom he planned to marry. He also requested, of course, that the replica be signed by the President. I presume you can get a copy of this from the Defense Department and would appreciate learning whether this request can be filled.

By the time you receive this note Lent will be over so I hope we can get together for dinner again soon!

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Woods
Personal Secretary
to the Vice President

RMW:mp

BOCKHURST, J. A.

G. O. 102. --HUCOM.

CITATION FOR MEDAL OF FREEDOM...

J. A. BOCKHURST, AMERICAN CIVILIAN, FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHICH AIDED THE UNITED STATES IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR AGAINST THE ENEMY IN CONTINENTAL EUROPE, WHILE SERVING AS A WAR CORRESPONDENT FROM 6 JUNE-1944 TO 8-MAY-1945.. THROUGH THIS FORCED PERIOD HE WAS CONSISTENTLY WELL FORWARD AND AIDED TREMENDOUSLY IN THE FINE PICTORIAL COVERAGE GIVEN THE TROOPS BY NEWSREEL CORRESPONDENTS, ALTHO SUFFERING SEVERLY FROM MALARIA. HE EXHIBITED GREAT COURAGE AND COOLNESS IN SAVING THE LIFE OF ANOTHER WAR CORRESPONDENT AT VERDUN.. COMPLETELY DISREGARDING HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, THEREBY MERITING THE PRAISE AND RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Decoration presented by General Eisenhower at the National Press Club, Washington, D. C., Tuesday, November 18, 1947.

*Write
Ann*

Would like replica of original to be autographed by the President and sent to Mrs. Anne Newman, 322 Massachusetts Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.

(Mr. Bockhorst was burned to death ~~in the explosion at~~ *about 10 days*

ago and his dying request was that a replica of this be given to Mrs. Newman.

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Decoration presented by General Eisenhower at the National Press Club Washington D.C.
Tuesday Nov-18--1947...

Mrs Anne Newman

322 Massachusetts Ave N.E.

Original mislaid overseas

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

One of the last requests that he made before he dies that a replica of this original be made and autographed by the President. The original was lost in Europe among his papers. He was going to marry Mrs. j j j j j j j j and he wanted this given to here.

fell asleep
with cigarette
in his hand
wednesday
gesture