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Dear Commander Eason, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander Blair, and Adjutant Alexander,

I received a reply from the Confederate Medal of Honor Committee today. Please see the response from Mr. Clemmer at enclosure one. Their decision does not surprise me. I call your attention to enclosure two, the December issue of *The Kennesaw Cadence*, page two, "Items of Interest," which contains two references regarding the award of the U.S. Medal of Honor. Both references are taken from *The Civil War Times* newspaper. You will note these acts by Union veterans are not out of line with the act of Sergeant Collier. I do not believe any standard should exist to exceed that of the U.S. Medal of Honor, and this includes one for Southern soldiers.

I agree with you, Lt. Cdr. Blair; this episode will also have a profound effect on my perception of the SCV, from a standpoint of it's politics. This letter, like the first one, says very little to explain the Committee's actions, and the lack of an appeal is without precedence for an adjudicative body in this country. I take exception to the statement in the Committee's letter, regarding WWII soldiers in comparison to Sergeant Collier's actions; there is no basis for correlation in that statement. There is good reason to believe Sergeant Collier's superiors thought his actions beyond self preservation, or they would not have offered him a battlefield commission for his deed. It appears the committee does not have the desire nor the commitment to perform a meaningful investigation of the matter.

Sincerely,

  
Jim

Encls:

1. Medal of Honor Letter
2. Page two, *The Kennesaw Cadence*

CC: Greg Clemmer

*Larry, I am sending you  
the original letter for  
the Camp Historical records.  
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