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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 2 NAVY ANNEX

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Docket No: 4108-01 24 October 2001

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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 October 2001. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by Headquarters Marine Corps, dated 29 June 2001, a copy of which is attached. They also considered your undated rebuttal letter with enclosures.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. The information you provided to support your contention of harassment did not persuade them that the contested placement on weight control was unjustified. They found enclosures (1) through (3) to your letter did not apply to the weight control assignment at issue, from 23 May to 16 December 1997. They were unable to find that you met Marine Corps standards when you were placed on weight control on 23 May 1997, nor could they find that you were retained after you had met your requirements. In view of the above, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official

records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER Executive Director

Enclosure

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 1070 MIFD JUN 2 9 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: BCNR APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF GUNNERY SERGEANT

- 1. Gunnery Sergeant application with supporting documents has been reviewed concerning her request for removal of the weight control entry from the Marine Corps Total Force System (MCTFS) record.
- 2. MCO 6100.10, Weight Control and Military Appearance, sets forth guidance and administrative procedures for the assignment to weight control and/or military appearance program if a Marine has been determined to be overweight or their physical appearance does not meet acceptable Marine Corps standards by a medical evaluation.
- 3. The following comments/opinions are provided:
- a. Gunnery Sergeant serious required to receive a command directed medical evaluation from an appropriate credentialed health care provider prior to her assignment to the weight control program per MCO 6100.10. Documented evidence enclosed in her application, the undated FIRST ENDORSEMENT letter 6100 CAOO, indicates that on an unspecified date, appropriate credentialed health care provider recommended a six month waiting period was necessary for her complete medical treatment before starting a weight loss plan.
- b. Documented evidence enclosed in Gunnery Sergeant application, Standard Form 600 dated 24 September 1996 and 21 November 1996, indicates that she did receive two seperate medical evaluations from an appropriate credentialed health care provider as required by MCO 6100.10.
- c. Gunnery Sergeant aim that "By doctor's orders I was not to be placed on a weight program." is not supported by documented evidence enclosed in her application. She had an appointment scheduled on 20 May 1997 with the Military Medicine Department concerning her weight evaluation, however, she does not include a completed SF 600 for that appointment which would contain the results of that evaluation.

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- d. Gunnery Sergeant was required to be notified by her commander that she has been assigned to the weight control program per MCO 6100.10. Documented evidence enclosed in her application, the CO, Headquarters and Service Battalion letter 6100/1 B 07-03 dated 23 May 1997 meets the requirements set forth in MCO 6100.10. Also, this letter is the required supporting documentation to report information in the MCTFS per MCO P1080.40, Marine Corps Total Force System Personnel Reporting Instructions Manual (MCTFSPRIM).
- e. Gunnery Sergeant CTFS record reflects that she was assigned to the weight control program 23 May 1997, well beyond the recommended six month waiting period to allow her to complete her medical treatment.
- f. Gunnery Sergeant successfully completed her assignment to the weight control program on 16 December 1997 and was removed from the program per MCO 6100.10.
- g. Documents contained in Gunnery Sergear application supports the fact that her commander did follow all administrative procedures set forth in MCO 6100.10.
- 4. In view of the above, it is recommended that:
- a. The Board for Correction of Naval Records disapprove Gunnery Sergear request to remove the weight control program information from the MCTFS.
- b. If the Board for Correction of Naval Records finds that Gunnery Sergean records are in error or an injustice was committed, remove the weight control program information from the MCTFS.
- 5. Manpower Management Information Systems Division defers advisory opinions and recommendations concerning Gunnery Sergeant Claim that she "was being harassed." Point of contact is Mr

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Manpower Management Information Systems Division