



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

CRS
Docket No: 5890-01
7 November 2001

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 7 November 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 2 October 2001, a copy of which is attached.

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. Accordingly, 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



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
3280 RUSSELL ROAD
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134-5103

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS (BCNR)

Subj: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION(S) IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FORMER MARINE

1. Mr. Dixon is entitled to the following awards for his
service in the U.S. Marine Corps:

Presidential Unit Citation awarded to 1st Marine Division
for service in Vietnam for the period March 29, 1966, to
September 15, 1967

Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Gallantry Cross Color with palm)

Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Civil Actions Color, 1st Class with palm)

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Rifle Sharpshooter Badge

2. After careful review of his service record book and
consideration of your request, a determination has been made
that he is not entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon for his
service in Vietnam.

3. The Combat Action Ribbon is a restrictive personal award.
As stated in the Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual, the
principle eligibility criterion for this award is satisfactory
participation in a bonafied ground firefight. There is no
evidence in your records that you were engaged in actions that
would entitle you to this award. Your records show that you

served as a Engineer Equipment Operator. Personnel subjected to sustained incoming mortar/artillery attacks must have participated in retaliatory or offensive action.

4. If he was involved in a firefight and feels that he does meet the criteria listed above, and would like to be reconsidered for the Combat Action Ribbon, he will need to provide this Headquarters with two eyewitness statements. These detailed statements need to confirm his involvement in a bona fide firefight. Without these statements, no further action can be taken.

5. This Headquarters does not maintain a listing of former Marines and their addresses. However, he may obtain a listing of the officers and enlisted Marines who were assigned to his former unit by requesting copies of the unit rosters for the period in question from the following address:

Headquarters United States Marine Corps
Manpower and Reserve Affairs
2008 Elliott Road (Code MMSB)
Quantico, VA 22134-5103

6. Should he be able to obtain the name of two individuals who could verify his actions, he may request assistance in locating them from the below listed organizations:

Mail Call Editor
Leatherneck Magazine
P.O. Box 1977
Quantico, VA 22134
Telephone: 1-800-336-0291
E-Mail: leatherneck@mca-marines.org

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
Vietnam Locator
8605 Cameron Street, Suite 400
Silver Spring, MD 20910
ATTN: 
Telephone: (301) 585-4000
Fax: (301) 585-0519
E-Mail: www.vva.org

7. I regret that a more favorable reply is not possible and I realize that the decision is not what he expected. In no way does it diminish his contributions to this Country and Corps.

8. A point of contact at MMMA is [REDACTED] @ 784-9210.

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