



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

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Docket No: 7172-01
28 December 2001

Dear [REDACTED]

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 13 December 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.

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.

The Board found that you were inducted into the Marine Corps on 19 September 1950. You were admitted to the sick list on 27 November 1951 with a provisional diagnosis of "Diagnosis Undetermined (anxiety reaction) #7955". You were hospitalized on 6 December 1951, and after a period of observation and treatment, your diagnosis was changed to "Inadequate Personality #3203". That diagnosis was confirmed by a board of medical survey which met on 12 March 1952. That board also determined that your condition existed prior to your entry in the Marine Corps, and that it was not aggravated by your service. The board's report indicates that you had a preexisting history of crying episodes, palpitations, anxiety and enuresis. You were described as an "extremely immature, asthenic, inadequate appearing lad". You reported that you had experienced night terrors and stuttered as a child, and that you had been enuretic since the age of 12, with incontinence when excited or under pressure. You described an emotionally dependent relationship with your mother. You indicated that you had worked at a variety of jobs after quitting school during the eighth grade, and became increasingly nervous until you were inducted into the Marine Corps. The board of medical survey determined that you were unsuitable for service, and recommended

that you be discharged without entitlement to disability benefits administered by the Department of the Navy. You were discharged for the convenience of the government on 19 May 1952, in accordance with the approved findings of the board of medical survey.

The Board was not persuaded that the diagnosis made by the board of medical survey in your case is erroneous or unjust, that a formal diagnosis of anxiety reaction be added to your record, or that you were unfit by reason of a physical disability which was incurred in or aggravated by your service in the Marine Corps. 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,

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Executive Director