



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 5364-22  
Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, USN,  
XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)  
(4) NAVPERS 1650/96 dated 31 December 2018

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to his naval record. Specifically, to add the statement "Invasion of Japan" to his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). He also implied a request to add the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) and the Navy Occupation Service Medal (With Asia Clasp) to his DD Form 214 covering the active duty period from 2 March 1943 to 13 March 1946. Enclosures (1) through (4) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 14 December 2022 and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered enclosure (4), Transmittal of and/or Entitlement to Awards (NAVPERS 1650/96) dated 31 December 2018.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute limitation and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy on 2 March 1943 and was honorably discharged on 13 March 1946.

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d. At the time of Petitioner's release from active duty, he was issued a DD Form 214 which failed to reflect the CAR and the Navy Occupation Service Medal (With Asia Clasp).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and specifically in light of Enclosure (4), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants partial favorable action. In this regard, the Board noted that Petitioner is entitled to the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) and the Navy Occupation Service Medal (With Asia Clasp).

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board determined that Petitioner's request to add the statement "Invasion of Japan" is not authorized on his DD Form 214. The Board concluded Petitioner received recognition for his service in Japan by receiving the Navy Occupation Service Medal (With Asia Clasp).

In accordance with the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error or injustice warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) indicating his receipt of the following awards:

The Combat Action Ribbon (CAR)  
Navy Occupation Service Medal (With Asia Clasp)

That no further changes be made to the record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

1/5/2023

