ADDENDUM TO

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2003-01358

 XXXXXXX COUNSEL: NONE

 HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect that he served in the

Republic of Vietnam.

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RESUME OF CASE:

On 1 Mar 11, the Board considered and denied the applicant’s

request that he be credited with service in the Republic of

Vietnam. In his original submission, the applicant contended

that he had served in Vinh Long and Can Tho, Republic of Vietnam

supporting US Army helicopter missions; however, his records do

not reflect these assignments. He proved to the Department of

Veterans Affairs (DVA) that he did serve in the Republic of

Vietnam and has been granted a disability rating of 100 percent

due to post-traumatic stress disorder and agent orange exposure.

For an accounting of the facts and circumstances of the earlier

decision by the Board, see the Record of Proceedings, with

attachments, at Exhibit G.

By virtue of a 9 Apr 11 memo, with attachments, the applicant

requests reconsideration of his request, contending the relief

he seeks is about setting the record straight rather than

obtaining any financial benefits as he is already receiving

compensation from the DVA for his service connected disabilities

associated with his service in the Republic of Vietnam.

The applicant’s complete submission, with attachments, is at

Exhibit H.

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

In an earlier finding, we determined that there was insufficient

evidence to warrant corrective action regarding the applicant’s

request for his records to reflect his service in Vietnam.

After a thorough review of the applicant’s most recent

submission and the evidence of record, we are convinced by a

preponderance of the evidence that corrective action is

warranted. In this respect, we note the applicant has provided

several statements of former service members attesting to the

fact that he served in Vietnam. Having no basis to question the

veracity of the supporting statements submitted by the

applicant, and noting the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA)

has seen fit to grant the applicant presumptive service

connection for certain conditions due to exposure to Agent

Orange, we believe any doubt in this matter should be resolved

in favor of the applicant. Therefore, we recommend the

applicant’s records be corrected as indicated below.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air

Force relating to the APPLICANT be corrected to show that he had

boots on the ground in the Republic of Vietnam.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket

Number BC-2003-01358 in Executive Session on 7 Aug 12, under the

provisions of AFI 36-2603:

All members voted to correct the records as recommended. The

following documentary evidence was considered:

 Exhibit G. Record of Proceedings, dated 31 Mar 11, w/atchs.

 Exhibit H. Letter, Applicant, dated 11 Apr 11, w/atchs.

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