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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Work-Product

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-00766

COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 30 Nov 96, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- b. Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia).
- c. Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He earned the medals during a deployment to Work-Product, in support of Operation DESERT STORM.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

On 31 Jul 95, Special Order Work-Product was published naming the applicant as a member deploying to Dharan, Work-Product for 120 days with a proceed on or about date of 19 Aug 95.

According to AF Form 911, *Senior Enlisted Performance Report (MSGT thru CMSGT)*, for the period 15 Mar 95 through 1 Nov 95, the rater's comments state, "Volunteered to deploy as first sergeant for the Work-Product Civil Engineering Squadron, Work-Product, Kingdom of Work-Product when others failed to respond."

On 30 Nov 96, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged and credited with four years of active service and four years, two months, and one day of Foreign Service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Achievement Medal with one device, Air Force Commendation Medal with three devices, Meritorious Service Medal with one device, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, National Defense Service

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Medal with one device, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with four devices, NCO Professional Military Education Ribbon with one device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with six devices, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six devices.

On 23 Mar 23, the Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Assignments (AFPC/DP3AM) notified the applicant they were able to verify and confirm foreign service in the Kingdom of ~~Work-Pr...~~, but were unable to determine the inclusive dates of this foreign service. Since specific locations are not authorized on the DD Form 214, he may use their letter as proof of “boots on ground” for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant’s record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; AFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on DD Form 214. Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days.

AFPC/DP3AM is responsible for determining an Air Force member’s Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, they will prepare a Boots-on-Ground Letter if they are able to verify a member served at a specific foreign location. This letter may be used to validate overseas service.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying the applicant’s request. After a thorough review of the applicant’s official personnel record and provided documentation to possibly provide administrative relief, the award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal-~~Work-Pr...Product~~, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait were unable to be verified. According to Department of the Air Force Manual (DAFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, dated 27 Oct 22, paragraph A15.12., the Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD or DESERT STORM in one or more of the following areas from 2 Aug 90 through 30 Nov 95: The Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 100 N. latitude and west 680 E. longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, ~~Work-Pr...Product~~, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Members serving in Israel, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including the airspace and territorial waters) directly supporting combat operations from 17 Jan 91 through 30 Nov 95 are also eligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal. To be eligible, a service member must have been attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore (military) operations; attached to or regularly served for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated

above; or serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. These time limitations may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

Paragraph A11.16 states the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Work-Pr...Product) is authorized by the government of Work-Pr...Product to members of the Coalition Forces who participated in Operation DESERT STORM. The medal is authorized for acceptance by Air Force members who: Served in support of operation DESERT STORM between 17 Jan 91 and 28 Feb91, in one or more of the following areas: the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude, the Gulf of Aden, or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Work-Pr...Product, Omar, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. To be eligible, members must have been: attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore operations; attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actually, participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days during this period. That time limitation may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

In addition, paragraph A11.7, states the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) is authorized by the government of Kuwait to members of the U.S. Military who participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, and the Cease Fire Campaign. Air Force members are authorized to accept and wear the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait). The medal is authorized for acceptance by Air Force members who: Served in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM or the Cease Fire Campaign between 2 Aug 90 and 31 Aug 93, in one or more of the following areas: the Arabian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude, the Gulf of Aden, or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Work-Pr...Product, Omar, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. To be eligible, members must have been: attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore operations; attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days during this period. That time limitation may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

While the applicant provided deployment orders and an enlisted performance report with comments indicating he volunteered to deploy to Work-Pr...Product, they were unable to verify an actual deployment to Work-Pr...Product with specific dates and duration of the deployment.

As such, they are unable to verify the applicant spent 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days in the Kingdom of Work-Pr...Product for award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal. Further, he is rendered ineligible for the Kuwait Liberation Medals for Work-Pr...Product and Kuwait, as his deployment dates are past the inclusive dates for both awards. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by DAFMAN 36-2806.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 20 Jun 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board also notes the applicant did not file the application within three years of discovering the alleged error or injustice, as required by Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code, and Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence.

2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.

3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. The applicant contends he earned the requested awards during a deployment to the Kingdom of *Work-Pr...Product*. While AFPC/DP3AM was able to verify foreign service in the Kingdom of *Work-Pr...Product*, they were unable to determine the inclusive dates of this foreign service. Consequently, without specific dates and the duration of the deployment, AFPC/DP3SP was unable to verify the applicant served in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days for award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal. Furthermore, the proceed date of the deployment is outside the inclusive dates for the Kuwait Liberation Medals for *Work-Pr...* and Kuwait. Therefore, the Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions and recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2021-00766 in Executive Session on 29 Feb 24:

<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Chair
<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Member
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All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 18 Feb 21.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 26 May 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Jun 23.

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Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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