

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 9 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007411

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), for the period ending 18 December 1968, to show his primary military occupational specialty (MOS) as 11B2O (Light Weapons Infantryman).

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 18 December 1968
- DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214), 22 October 2012

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant states item 23a (Specialty Number and Title) and 23b (Related Civilian Occupation and D.O.T. Number) of his DD Form 214 are incorrect. He was trained as an infantryman in MOS 11B and proudly served as one. It is essential for his records to show he served his country as an infantryman. He deployed to Vietnam in June 1967. He served as an infantryman and was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Combat Infantryman Badge. He never trained as a field wireman or lineman or served as one.
3. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 9 January 1967.
4. He was awarded primary MOS 11B2O effective 19 May 1967.
5. Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division, Vietnam, Special Orders Number 57, 26 February 1968, temporarily promoted him to specialist four/E-4 in MOS 36K2O effective 22 February 1968 and further directed withdrawal of primary MOS 11B1O and award of primary MOS 36K2O and secondary MOS 11B2O.

6. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:

a. item 22 (MOSs):

- secondary MOS 11B2O – Light Weapons Infantryman – 19 May 1967
- primary MOS 36K2O – Field Wireman – 26 February 1968

b. item 31 (Foreign Service), Vietnam from 18 June 1967 through 14 June 1968.

c. item 38 (Record of Assignments):

- Company A, 2d Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, as a rifleman in duty MOS 11B1O effective 1 July 1967
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as a clerk typist in duty MOS 71B3O effective 23 January 1968
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as a wireman in duty MOS 36K2O effective 26 February 1968
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, as a senior wireman in duty MOS 36K2O effective 3 April 1968

7. He was honorably released from active duty on 18 December 1968 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training). His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 10 days of active service. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- Item 4 (Department, Component, and Branch or Class) – Army of the United States, Infantry
- item 22c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) – U.S. Army Pacific – 11 months and 27 days
- item 23a – 36K2O Field Wireman
- item 23b – 821.281 Lineman
- item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) –
 - Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars
 - Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960)
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Silver Star
 - Purple Heart
 - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)

8. On 22 October 2012, he was issued a DD Form 215, correcting item 24 of his DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 December 1968 by deleting the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars and adding the:

- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class Unit Citation

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was NOT warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The evidence of record shows the applicant's primary military occupational specialty is accurately reflected on his DD Form 214 and therefore determined the record does not contain an error or injustice.

BOARD VOTE:

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■	:	■	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
2. Army Regulation 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management System) states the MOS, including the skill level character, identifies the capability of an individual to perform duties required of the MOS at the current or higher grade and is made a matter of record by the classification authority by an entry on DA Forms 20 and DA Forms 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II). The commandants of Army service schools or other Armed Forces schools conducting training for qualification in an Army MOS and training activity commanders are authorized to award an MOS. The duty MOS identifies the authorized manning table position to which an individual is assigned and in which he/she is performing duty, or the MOS of the duty he/she is performing if not assigned to an authorized manning table position.
3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), effective 1 February 1967, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214.
 - a. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for the preparation of DD Form 214, including the DA Form 20 and orders.
 - b. The specific instructions for item 23a stated to enter the primary MOS code number and title. There were no provisions for recording additional MOSs.

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