

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 8 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007620

APPLICANT REQUESTS: Correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect:

- The Bronze Star Medal
- His unit as “Troop E Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP), 17th Cavalry, 173rd Airborne [Brigade]”

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- The Bronze Star Medal Certificate
- DD Form 214

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 his DD Form 214 should be corrected to show The Bronze Star Medal and that his accurate unit of assignment was “Troop E LRRP, 17th Cavalry, 173rd Airborne Brigade.”
3. A review of the applicant’s service record shows awards were omitted from his DD Form 214. The Bronze Star Medal and other awards will be added to his DD Form 214 as an administrative correction.
4. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 31 August 1965.
5. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows he served in Vietnam from 12 March 1966 to 26 February 1967.

a. He was assigned to the following units in the Republic of Vietnam until he returned to the Continental United States:

- Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, Vietnam from 16 March 1966 to 31 July 1966
- Troop E LRRP, 17th Cavalry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vietnam from 1 August 1966 to 26 February 1967
- Casual Leave Enroute to the continental United States from 27 February 1967 to 13 April 1967
- Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 325th Infantry, Fort Bragg, NC, from 14 April 1967 to 30 October 1968

b. He received four excellent conduct and efficiency ratings between 9 September 1965 and 16 March 1966. He also received two good conduct and efficiency ratings between 1 August 1966 and 14 April 1967, and excellent conduct and efficiency ratings on 11 March 1968.

6. General Orders 430, Headquarters, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate) awarded the applicant the Bronze Star Medal, on 11 March 1967, when he was assigned to Troop E, 17th Cavalry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vietnam for meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force from 12 March 1966 to 27 February 1967.

7. He was honorably released from active duty and was transferred to the United States Army Reserve on 31 October 1968. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years and 2 months of active service. It also shows in:

- Item 12 (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) – Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 325th Airborne Infantry, [Fort Bragg, NC] “TUSA”
- Item 22c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) – “USARPAC,” 11 months, and 10 days
- Item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), the National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Combat Infantryman’s Badge

8. By regulation (AR 635-5), the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. The regulation in effect at the time stated for item 12, enter the individual's current unit of assignment and the title of the major command or agency having jurisdiction over the organization.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found partial relief is warranted.
2. The applicant’s DD Form 214 correctly shows his last duty assignment and major command as specified in the governing regulation. The Board found no provisions in the governing regulation that provide for entering duty assignments other than the last duty assignment on the DD Form 214. The Board determined the portion of his request pertaining to the unit shown on his DD Form 214 should be denied.
3. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 as shown in Administrative Note(s) below.

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to any relief in excess of that described above.



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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S): The applicant's DD Form 214 is missing awards he is authorized. Please correct the DD Form 214 by adding the following:

- Bronze Star Medal
- two bronze service stars with the Vietnam Service Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Valorous Unit Award
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation.

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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For item 12, enter the individual's current unit of assignment and the title of the major command or agency having jurisdiction over the organization.

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