

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 23 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230008385

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of his previous request for correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his service in Germany.

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 21 July 1981
- Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property
- Letter of Commendation
- Manual of Procedures – Service Awards

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20120003602 on 23 August 2012.
2. The applicant states his service in Germany was deleted from his DD Form 214. He served in Germany for 2 years, 1 month, and 13 days. He has enclosed evidence of his service in Germany.
3. Review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 26 July 1878 for 3 years. He held military occupational specialty 64C, Motor Transport Operator.
 - b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in item 5 (Overseas Service): Germany from 7 June 1979 to 20 July 1981 and in item 35 (Record of Assignments): he was assigned to Company B, 501st Supply and Transportation Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Germany.

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 21 July 1981 and he transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement) to complete his remaining service obligation. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) 2 years, 1 month, and 13 days of foreign service
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16), Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar, Driver's Badge with S-Device, and Driver's Badge with W-Device
- Block 18 (Remarks): Nothing Follows

d. The applicant provides:

(1) Letter of Commendation, dated 4 May 1981, commending him for outstanding performance, driving 12,160 accident-free miles in Germany while assigned to Company B, 501st Supply and Transport Battalion.

(2) Application for Shipment and/or Storage of Personal Property, dated 7 July 1981, authorizing shipment of household goods from Furth, Germany to Georgia.

e. The applicant does not provide any documentary evidence of a deployment to a hostile fire pay area (such as Leave and Earnings Statements reflective of receipt of hostile fire pay or the dates such pay was received and the relevant country). Likewise, no awards or certificates of achievement were provided to establish when and where the applicant was deployed.

f. On 23 August 2012, the Board denied his request and stated:

(1) The evidence of record shows the applicant completed an overseas tour in Germany from 7 June 1979 through 20 July 1981 and his DD Form 214 properly reflects 2 years, 1 month, and 13 days of foreign service. [Note: He was assigned to Germany as a permanent change of station, not a deployment].

(2) Although he requests his service in Germany be shown on his DD Form 214 by name, there was no provision at the time to identify a Soldier's foreign service location by name. Therefore, there is no basis for granting this portion of the applicant's request. However, a copy of these proceedings will be filed in his record along with his application and should serve to clarify his service in Germany.

4. By regulation (AR 635-5), Block 18 (Remarks) of the DD Form 214 is used for mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available; for an active duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service,

enter the statement "SERVICE IN (Name of County Deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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.
2. The Board determined the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The Board noted the applicant's service in Germany from 7 June 1979 to 20 July 1981; however, confirmed this was a permanent change of station assignment and not a deployment with his unit of assignment. The information concerning the applicant's service in Germany is accurately reflected in item 12f (Foreign Service) of his DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
■	■	■	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.

REFERENCE:

Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time (and Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents)) currently in effect, prescribes policies and procedures regarding separation documents. It states the DD Form 214 is a summary of a soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear cut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The regulation further stipulated:

- a. Block 12f, the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214 is entered in item 12f and is obtained from the Soldier's records
- b. Block 13, awards, and decorations from all periods (Certificates of Achievement are not entered)
- c. Block 18, the "Remarks" block of the DD Form 214 is used for mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available; for an active duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "SERVICE IN (Name of County Deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

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