

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 17 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009859

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show his military occupational specialty (MOS) as 63B20 (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic) in-lieu of 64B20 (Heavy Vehicle Driver).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate of Training for Completion of the Wheel Vehicle Mechanics Course, MOS 63B20
- 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 he believes his DD Form 214 should list his MOS as 63B20 in-lieu of 64B20 as it is listed on his Certificate of Training. He requests the correction to assist with establishing service connection for show hearing loss and tinnitus due to the equipment used in a mechanical environment.
3. The applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States on 4 June 1965.
4. His service record contains the following documents:
 - a. A DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) showing in item 22 (MOS), award of:
 - Secondary (S) MOS 63B20 in 1965 [8 October 1965]
 - Primary (P) MOS 64B20 on 20 October 1966

b. Unit Orders 40, from the 8th Supply and Transportation Battalion, dated 16 June 1966, advancing him to specialist four/E-4, in MOS 63B2O.

c. Special Orders 293, from the 8th Infantry Division, dated 20 October 1966, promoting him to sergeant/E-5, in MOS 63B2O.

5. A DA Form 1811 (Physical and Mental Status on Release from active Service) showing on 16 May 1967, the applicant's physical condition was such that he was considered physically qualified for separation or for re-enlistment without re-examination provided he reenlisted within 90 days and stated he had not acquired new diseases or injuries during the interval period when not a member of the military service. He was assigned a physical profile PULHES of 111111.

6. An SF 88 (Report of Medical Examination) showing on 4 January 1967, he underwent a separation examination and the only abnormality identified was a loss of motion in the joints of his left index finger. He was determined to be qualified for separation with a physical profile PULHES of 111111. The recommendation was that he be sent to the orthopedic clinic. An SF 513 (Clinical Record-Consult Sheet) was attached this consult sheet shows he was experiencing pain in the finger, but he had not been granted a disability rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

7. The applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) on 16 May 1967.

a. Item 23a (Specialty Number and Title), contains the entry "64B2O [Heavy Vehicle Driver]."

b. Item 23b (Related CIVILIAN Occupation and D.O.T. Number), contains the entry "905.883 [Truck Driver Heavy]."

8. Special Orders 95, Headquarters US Army Personnel Center, Fort Hamilton, NY, dated 16 May 1967, confirms the applicant's separation on this date in MOS 64B2O.

9. The applicant provided a Certificate of Training showing completion of the Wheel Vehicle Mechanics Course, MOS 63B2O, effective 8 October 1965.

10. The available evidence does not indicate the applicant suffered hearing loss or tinnitus during his period of military service.

11. The regulatory guidance in effect at the time states, enter the primary (P) MOS in block 23a.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant had a secondary or alternate MOS awarded. The applicant's official military personnel record contains certificate of completion awarding him a secondary MOS 63B20 (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic). Based on the evidence found in the record the Board granted partial relief to annotate his secondary MOS on his DD Form 214 in block 30 (Remarks).

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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 the applicant's DD Form 214: Enter in block 30(Remarks) - Service member also held the MOS 63B2O (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic)

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 correction to block 23 of this DD Form 214, showing the applicant's military occupational specialty (MOS) as 63B2O (Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic) in-lieu of 64B2O (Heavy Vehicle Driver).

4/19/2024

X [Redacted Signature]

CHAIRPERSON

[Redacted Name]

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 635-5 (Separation Documents), then in effect, established the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The regulation directed that the purpose of the separation document was to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It was important that information entered on the form be complete and accurate and reflected the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Item 23a states enter primary MOS number and title. If the specialty represented by the MOS has a related civilian occupation, enter in item 23b the

appropriate job title and code number from the dictionary of occupational titles. If not applicable, enter "NA."

3. Section 1556 of Title 10, United States Code, requires the Secretary of the Army to ensure that an applicant seeking corrective action by the Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) be provided with a copy of any correspondence and communications (including summaries of verbal communications) to or from the Agency with anyone outside the Agency that directly pertains to or has material effect on the applicant's case, except as authorized by statute. ARBA medical advisory opinions and reviews are authored by ARBA civilian and military medical and behavioral health professionals and are therefore internal agency work product. Accordingly, ARBA does not routinely provide copies of ARBA Medical Office recommendations, opinions (including advisory opinions), and reviews to Army Board for Correction of Military Records applicants (and/or their counsel) prior to adjudication.

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