

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 28 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012385

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show in item 23a (Specialty Number and Title): 11B (Infantryman).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Decision Letter, 10 August 2023

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 primary military occupational specialty (MOS) while in Vietnam was 11B. During his assignment with the 4th Infantry Division, he worked several duties at headquarters, Camp Enari, perimeter patrol, med caps, base camp guard and burn pits. He was not a heavy vehicle mechanic driver. His last 6 months he was ordered to Edgewood Arsenal as the post commander's driver. In his opinion this is interfering with his claims being denied. He was attached to the 4th Infantry Administrative Company; he had other skills that were needed in the combat zone. He performed his infantry skills throughout his tour and also skills for his base camp such as sandbags, burn pits and guard.
3. The applicant provides a Department of VA decision letter, 10 August 2023, that shows his denial of service connection.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. On 4 January 1967, the applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States.

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

- (1) item 22 (MOS) – 64B20 Heavy Vehicle Driver.
- (2) item 27 (Military Education) – no entries.
- (3) item 31 (Foreign Service) – service in Vietnam from 4 June 1967 to 1 June 1968.
- (4) item 38 (Record of Assignments) –
 - his MOS in Basic Training was 11B from 11 March 1967 to 15 June 1967
 - his MOS while assigned to 4th Admin Company, 4th Infantry Division, Vietnam was 57A (Duty Soldier), from 16 June 1967 to 7 July 1968
 - his MOS while assigned to Company A, Edgars, Edgars MD was 64B, from 8 July 1968 to 18 December 1968

c. The following orders show the applicant's MOS as 11B: Special Orders Number 66, 7 March 1967; Special Orders Number 88, 6 June 1967; Special Orders Number 153, 2 June 1967; Special Orders Number 160, 9 June 1967; and Special Orders Number 275, 2 October 1967.

5. On 18 December 1968, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 27 days of active service. It also shows in:

- item 23 – 64B Heavy Vehicle Driver
- item 25 (Education and Training Completed) – there are entries, however there are no entries for 11B MOS

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. The Board noted the applicant completed advanced individual training and was awarded the military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman). However, the applicant served in Vietnam from 4 June 1967 to 1 June 1968 as a 57A (Duty Soldier) and upon return to the United States, he was assigned a 64B (Heavy Vehicle Driver). The applicant's DD Form 214 accurately reflects the information as it existed at the time of his release from active duty in 1968.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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.

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 (Personnel Separations), in effect, at the time, prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. Chapter 2 (Instructions for Preparing DD Form 214) provides detailed instructions for data required in each item of the DD Form 214. Item 23a and b: In item 23a, enter primary MOS code number, title, and date of award. In addition, enter PMOS score and date of score. If the enlisted person has not received a PMOS evaluation score, enter none.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//