

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012496

APPLICANT REQUESTS: Correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show participation in Operation Continue Hope (Somalia) and his military education completion of Individual Infantry Training Course.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Individual Infantry Training Diploma
- Somalia Task Force Packing List
- Certificate of Participation NATO Operations in Somalia
- Cert of Achievement -Operation Continue Hope (Somalia)
- Recommendation for the Army Commendation Medal and Award 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 completion of Infantry training and participation during Operation Continue Hope in Somalia were left off his DD Form 214.
3. Attempts to obtain the applicant's service records from the National Personnel Records Center yielded no results. This case is being considered using the documents provided by the applicant.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 21 August 1990 and reenlisted on 20 January 1993. The highest grade he attained was E-4.
5. An Individual Infantry Training Diploma shows the applicant completed individual infantryman training on 22 November 1990.

6. The applicant is shown to have participated with the 507th Corps Support Group during Operation Continuing Hope in Somalia for 4 months. He was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service for this time period.

7. The applicant was released from active duty under Army Regulation 635-200 Personnel Separations – Enlisted Personnel), Chapter 4 on 20 January 1996. His DD Form 214 provides the following:

- An honorable characterization of service
- Separation in the grade of E-4
- A military occupational specialty of 63S Heavy Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic
- 5 years and 5 months of net active duty this period
- The entry for foreign service is 0000 00 00
- His military education is shown as the Heavy Wheel Vehicle Mechanic Course
- His awards are listed as the:
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
 - Army Good Conduct Medal
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award)
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Expert Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
 - Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar
 - Army Lapel Button

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.

2. The Board found the evidence confirms the applicant completed Individual Infantry Training. The Board determined this training should be added to his DD Form 214.

3. The Board reviewed the award recommendation provided by the applicant and agreed that the span of dates for the recommended award for his service in Somalia best capture the period he was there. The Board determined his DD Form 214 should be corrected to show service in Somalia from 15 August 1993 through 16 December 1993.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for 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 to add the following entries:

- Item 12f – 0000 04 02
- Item 14 – Individual Infantry Training, 12 weeks, 1990
- Item 18 – Service in Somalia from 15 August 1993 through 16 December 1993

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CHAIRPERSON

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) prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214 and states to list all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration Include course title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the Soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills.

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