

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230014778

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show he attended Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as an Infantryman at Fort Polk, LA.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:  
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 after basic training he was sent to Fort Polk, LA for Advanced Infantry Training. He served as a rifleman with B Company, 502nd Airborne Battle Group from 15 December 1962 to 16 December 1963, and this is not shown on his DD Form 214 so anyone looking at his military records would think he was only a medic during his military enlistment.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 28 June 1962.
  - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows the following:
    - Item 26 (Military Education):
      - Title of Course – Medical Corpsman
      - Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Code – 910
      - Name of School – Medical Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX
    - Item 32 (Classification in MOSs):

- Primary Military Occupational Specialty (PMOS) – Medical Specialist, code 911.27
- Secondary Military Occupational Specialty (SMOS) – Light Weapons Infantryman, code 111.17
- Item 33 (Record of Assignments):
  - 9 July 1962 to 16 September 1962, Basic Combat Training, Fort Dix, NJ
  - 17 September 1962 to 16 November 1962, AIT, Company M, 3rd Infantry Regiment, Fort Polk, LA
  - 17 November 1962 to 30 December 1962, Basic Airborne, Fort Benning, GA
  - 31 December 1962 to 15 December 1963, Automatic Rifleman and Senior Rifleman, MOS code 111.17, Company B, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, KY
  - 16 December 1963 to 2 February 1964, AIT, MOS code 910.00, Fort Sam Houston, TX
  - 3 February 1964 to 24 June 1965, Senior Medical Aidman, MOS code 911.27, Headquarters and A Company, 326th Medical Company, Fort Campbell, KY

c. He was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve on 25 June 1965. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 11 months, and 28 days of active service. It also shows in:

- Item 25a (Specialty Number and Title): 911.27 (Medical Specialist)
- Item 28 (Service Schools or Colleges, College Training Courses and/or Post-Graduate Courses Successfully Completed): Basic Airborne and Medical Corpsman

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. One potential outcome discussed was to deny relief based upon information reflected on the applicant's DA Form 20 (Block 26) showing only completion of the Medical Corpsman AIT course, and the lack of evidence showing he was formally trained as an Infantryman. However, based upon the information reflected on the applicant's DA Form 20 (Block 33) showing he attending the Infantry AIT course earlier in his career, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting correction of the applicant's record.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	█	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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by adding in block 28:

- 28a: Infantryman Training Course
- 28b: 17 Sep – 16 Nov 62
- 28c: Infantryman Training Course

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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 (Personnel Separation - Separation Documents), in effect at the time, established standardized procedures for the preparation and distribution of separation documents. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It stated:

(1) Item 25a (Specialty Number and Title) and 25b (Related Civilian Occupation and D.O.T. Number), enter primary MOS code number and title. If the specialty represented by the MOS had a related civilian occupation, enter the appropriate job title and code number from the dictionary or occupational titles in 25b.

(2) Item 28 (Service Schools or Colleges, College Training Courses and/or Post-Graduate Courses Successfully Completed), enter service schools, including dates and major courses which were successfully completed. This entry also included military sponsored courses completed in civilian schools and colleges during period covered by the DD Form 214 being prepared.

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