

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 29 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001186

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to be awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service during the Korean War.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States)
- DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- War Department Adjutant General's Office (WD AGO) Form 24A (Service Record)
- U.S. Army Center of Military History extracts

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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 actively performed the duties on an infantryman and participated in four different major battles during the Korean War when he was attached to F Company, 24th Infantry Regiment.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. On 26 June 1950, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army (RA) for 3-years.
  - b. The applicant's DA Form 20 (Soldier's Qualification Card) shows in items:
    - 27 (Classification in Military Specialty): 1745 (Light Weapons Infantryman) and 1730 (Disciplinary Guard)
    - 29 (Record of Current Service):

27 November 1950 assigned to F Company, 24th Infantry Regiment, as a private

18 September 1951 assigned to F Company, 24th Infantry Regiment, as a corporal in Light Weapons Infantryman

c. The applicant's WD AGO Form 24A shows in section:

- 6 (Original Assignment and Organizations to Which Subsequently Assigned During This Period of Service): F Company, 24th Infantry Regiment, during the period of 28 November 1950 through 29 September 1951
- 7 (Combat Record): he served in four campaigns during the period of 24 November 1950 through 8 October 1951
- 14 (Service Outside Continental United States): the applicant served in Inchon, Korea during the period of 24 November 1950 through 8 October 1951

d. On 15 May 1953, Special Orders Number 95, issued by 4005th Personnel Service Unit, assigned the applicant to the Organized Reserve Corps Control Group (Reinforcement).

e. On 25 June 1953, the applicant was honorably released from active duty. A DD Form 214 shows the applicant completed 3-years of active service. It also shows in items:

- 4 (Component and Branch): RA – Infantry
- 5 (Qualifications – Specialty Number or Symbol): 1745 (Infantry First Sergeant)
- 27 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Korean Service Medal with four Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal

f. On 29 October 2020, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records corrected the applicant's DD Form 214 to reflect he was awarded the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with M1 Rifle Bar.

4. The applicant provides:

a. Extracts from the U.S. Army Center of Military History covering the Korean War Campaigns and significant events performed by Eighth Army during the period 3 November 1950 to 24 January 1951.

b. Printout from the U. S. Army Human Resources Command website which provides the background and eligibility requirements for the CIB.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. Based upon the applicant's record showing he was an infantry Soldier assigned to an infantry unit, while experiencing direct combat outlined within the applicant's record, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to award the CIB for his military service in Korea.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1    Mbr 2    Mbr 3

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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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by awarding and adding the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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, USC, 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. Special Regulation 615-25-15 (Enlisted Personnel – Military Occupational Specialties (MOS)) in effect at the time, provided guidance on Army Military Occupational Specialties (MOS). This regulation shows MOS 1745 was designated for Light Weapons Infantry Leader (Infantry) and MOS 1730 was designated for Disciplinary Guard Supervisor (Military Police).
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges. Paragraph 8-6 (Combat Infantryman Badge ), for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge, a Soldier must meet the following three requirements:
  - a. Be an infantry Soldier satisfactorily performing infantry duties, an Army enlisted Soldier with an infantry or Special Forces (SF) MOS who, subsequent to 6 December 1941, has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry, ranger, or SF unit of either a brigade, regimental, or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat.
  - b. Be assigned to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat; a recipient must be personally present and under hostile fire while serving in an assigned infantry or SF primary duty in a unit actively engaged in ground combat with the enemy, the unit must have been in active ground combat with the enemy during the period, personnel with other than an infantry or SF MOS are not eligible, regardless of the circumstances.
  - c. Actively participate in such ground combat, campaign or battle credit alone is not sufficient for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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