

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004531

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of his previous request for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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

- Self-Authored Statement, 8 February 2024
- Association of 3d Armored Division Veterans Introduction
- 3-5 Cavalry History Internet Excerpt
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) Command Information Internet Excerpt
- 3d Armored Division Casualties Information Internet Excerpt
- 1st Brigade, 3d Armored Division Desert Storm Internet Excerpt
- Map Excerpt
- Three Letters of Support

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20230005289 on 16 January 2024.
2. The applicant states in response to his denied of award for the Combat Infantryman Badge, he is adding additional evidence not considered by the Board, including the unit's history of the unit he served with, a roster showing that he was an augmentee from Berlin Brigade and served in an indirect fire infantryman position during battles during Operation Desert Storm.
 - a. His service record clearly states he was assigned to HHC, 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry during Operation Desert Storm. Although designated as a cavalry unit, it was in fact an infantry unit consisting of 11 million Bradley companies and infantry support from heavy mortar platoon.
 - b. He hopes that this is enough evidence to convince the Board that he meets all the criteria for the Combat Infantryman Badge that he is owed from time in the Gulf War.

He was an 11C (Indirect Fire Infantryman), assigned to an infantry unit, and he was personally present and very active participating in ground combat for the full 100 hours of the Gulf War.

3. The applicant provides:

- a. An internet excerpt of the Association of 3d Armored Division Veterans, which is an introduction to the units that fell under the authority of the 3d Armored Division during Operation Desert Storm.
- b. An internet excerpt of the 3-5 Cavalry, which shows, in pertinent part, as outlined by the applicant, the unit was equipped with Bradley's.
- c. An internet excerpt for HHC, 3-5 Cavalry, which shows the roster that the applicant served as an assistant gunner.
- d. An internet excerpt of the 3d Armored Division casualties.
- e. An internet excerpt for 1st Brigade, 3d Armored Division casualties.
- f. A map, which shows, in pertinent part, as outlined by the applicant, where the divisions deployed.
- g. Three letters of support from members the applicant served with, which state, in pertinent part, they were awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the applicant served as a member of their unit.

4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

- a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 10 June 1987. He held military occupational specialty 11C (Indirect Fire Infantryman).
- b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in:
 - (1) item 5 (Oversea Service):
 - Germany, 16 November 1988 to 27 December 1990
 - Saudi Arabia, 28 December 1990 to 13 June 1991
 - Germany, 14 June 1991 to 25 July 1991
 - (2) item 9 (Awards, Decorations & Campaigns):
 - Army Service Ribbon

- Army of Occupation Medal
- Expert Infantryman Badge
- Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award)
- Army Commendation Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars
- National Defense Service Medal
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Mortar Bar (81mm)

(3) item 27 (Remarks): Duty in imminent danger pay area (Southwest Asia) during the period 28 February 1990 to 13 June 1991.

(4) item 35 (Record of Assignments):

- 1 August 1989, 11C, Mortar Gunner, Combat Support Company, 4th Battalion, 502d Infantry Regiment, Berlin Brigade, Germany
- 25 July 1991, Casual, Enroute to CONUS

c. On 26 July 1991, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), as amended by his DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) shows in:

(1) item 11 (Primary Specialty): 11C

(2) item 12f (Foreign Service): 2 years, 8 months, and [sic] days

(3) item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): no entry for the Combat Infantryman Badge.

(4) item 18 (Remarks): Service in Southwest Asia (inclusive dates are unreadable).

5. On 16 January 2024, the Board considered the applicant's request regarding award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. There is no evidence he was personally present and actively participating in ground combat while assigned or attached to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat. The Board determined he does not meet the criteria for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

6. By regulation, there are three requirements for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The Soldier must be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties, the

Soldier must be assigned to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat, and must actively participate in such ground combat.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the statements from the applicant's fellow Soldiers, and the available documentation showing he served in ground combat with the same unit as those fellow Soldiers, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to grant the Combat Infantryman Badge.

BOARD VOTE:

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GRANT FULL RELIEF

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 awarding and adding the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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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. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantry officers and to enlisted and warrant officer persons who have an infantry military occupational specialty (MOS). They must have served in active ground combat while assigned or attached to an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size. Additionally, Appendix V of U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV) Regulation 672-1 states that during the Vietnam era the Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded only to enlisted individuals who held and served in MOS 11B, 11C, 11D, 11F, 11G, or 11H.
2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantry officers and to enlisted and warrant officer persons who have an infantry military occupational specialty (MOS). They must have served in active ground combat while assigned or attached to an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size. U.S. Army Vietnam Regulation 672-1 (Decorations and Awards) provided for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge to infantry personnel who were members of infantry platoons and squads in armored cavalry squadrons and regiments.

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