

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007013

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his service in Mogadishu, Somalia.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Article from the Center of Military History about Transportation Units
- 24th Transportation Battalion Family Journal Newsletter to the Families of Deployed Soldiers (1 February and 1 March 1993)
- DD Form 214, October 1990 to October 1993

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 he was assigned to the 24 Transportation Battalion in Mogadishu. He is asking for the remarks section of his DD Form 214 to reflect this. This correction is being requested due to having to prove he served in a hostile environment during his time in 24th Transportation Battalion in Mogadishu.
3. The applicant enlisted in Regular Army on 16 October 1990 and held military occupational specialty 88M, Motor Transport Operator.
4. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:
  - Item 5 (Overseas Service) does not list service in Somalia; however, it lists service in Southwest Asia from 4 May 1991 to 20 August 1991.
  - Item 38 (Record of Assignment), he was assigned to 567th Transportation Company at Fort Eustis, VA on 5 April 1991 and transferred to the 119th Transportation Company (24th Transportation Battalion) also at Fort Eustis around December 1991

5. He was promoted to specialist/E-4 on 1 January 1992 by authority of DA Form 4187 (Personnel Action) signed by the commander of 119th Transportation Company, 24th Transportation battalion.

6. He was honorably released from active duty on 15 October 1993 due to completion of his required service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years of active service with no lost time, and he was fully eligible to reenlist. His DD Form 214 also shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service), 3 months and 16 days of foreign service.
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar, and Expert Badge with Grenade Bar
- Block 18 (Remarks) "Service in Southwest Asia, 4 May to 20 August 1991
- December 1990 to 12 June 1991

7. There are no documents in his service record (such as deployment orders, temporary duty orders, manifest report, award reflective of deployment, or Leave and Earnings Statements reflective of receipt of hostile fire pay) that show he served in Somalia or exact dates of such service. He provides:

a. Center of Military History Article listing the subordinate units of the 24th Transportation Battalion. These include the 119th Transportation Company. The article states in pertinent part, "In December 1992, a Marine Expeditionary Unit landed and secured the port Mogadishu then the 7th Transportation Group deployed two battalion task forces to Mogadishu to deliver humanitarian aid to the humanitarian relief organizations. The 24th Battalion, commanded by LTC Flood, lead Task Force 24 to operate the seaport and provide lighterage, reverse osmosis water purification, heavy crane, and cargo."

b. 24th Transportation Battalion Family Journal Newsletter to the Families of Deployed Soldiers, 1 February 1993. This is the first edition of "The Family Journal", information exchange from the staff to the families of Soldiers deployed to Somalia. A special enclosure in this first edition are excerpts from the "Somali Journal", the official newsletter of the 24th Transportation Battalion in Somalia. They try to publish it at least once a day, so that everyone back home can read firsthand about their daily activities. The Somali Journal is a lighthearted story of their work and life in the port of Mogadishu.

c. 24th Transportation Battalion Family Journal Newsletter to the Families of Deployed Soldiers, 1 March 1993. This edition mentions various staff updates, training updates, and other activities of units and/or individuals within the 24th Transportation Battalion.

d. Note: None of the documents provided (or contained in his service record) list his name or show the exact dates of service in Somalia.

8. As a related award, the applicant's service record does not contain any derogatory information or a commander's disqualification memorandum that would have disqualified him from receiving his first award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

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. Although some of the evidence may show the applicant's unit served in Somalia, without specific documents annotating the applicant participated in Somalia service with a specific start date and end date, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to grant the applicant's requested relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:X	:X	:X	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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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) establishes the standardized policy for processing the DD Form 214. The purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of their military service. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. The instructions for completing:

- Block 12f, enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- Block 13, enter all awards and decorations.
- Block 18, For an active-duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "Service in (Name of County Deployed) from (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD – YYYYMMDD)."

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace there over, on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. One bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon for participation in each designated campaign. The designated campaigns for Southwest Asia are:

- Defense of Saudi Arabia (2 August 1990 to 16 January 1991)
- Liberation and Defense of Kuwait (17 January to 11 April 1991)
- Cease-Fire Campaign (12 April 1991 to 30 November 1995)

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Kuwait was approved on 9 November 1995 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993.

c. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, and U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. Qualifying service for this award includes participation in Operation Restore Hope and Operation United Shield in Somalia from 5 December 1992 through 31 March 1995.

d. The Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of active Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified.

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