

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007212

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show in Block 23a (Specialty Number and Title) Track Vehicle Mechanic (91H).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- VA Form 21-4138 (Statement in Support of Claim), dated 5 February 2024

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 Third Army Cavalry, Fort Lewis, Washington. He further contends he was assigned as a Track Vehicle Mechanic (91H). After approximately seven months, he was reassigned to the orderly room as a personnel specialist (71H).
3. The applicant provides a statement from Mr. RA dated 5 February 2024, his prior roommate during basic training at Fort Leonard Wood and they remain friends to date. Upon completion of basic training, the applicant informed him that he was assigned to 3rd Army Cavalry in Fort Lewis, WA, as a tracked vehicle mechanic. After approximately 7 months, he was assigned to the orderly room and his military occupational specialty was changed to personnel specialist.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 9 June 1969.
 - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in Block 38 his

assignment to Third Armed Cavalry, Fort Lewis Washington as a Mechanic Helper (63A10).

c. His available service record includes the below listed orders:

- Special Orders Number 328, dated 24 November 1969, assigning him to the 3rd Armed Cavalry in the MOS 63B10 (Wheel Vehicle Mechanic).
- Unit Order Number 29, dated 30 April 1970, promoted the applicant to Private First Class as a 63B10.
- Special Orders Number 171, dated 22 June 1970, awarded the applicant the 71B20 (Clerk Typist).

d. The available service record is void of supporting documentation to show the applicant held MOS 91H.

e. On 1 July 1971, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 9 months and 3 days of active service. It also shows in Block 23 (Specialty Number and Title), 71H30 – Personnel Specialist.

5. By regulation (AR 635-8), the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 11: Primary Specialty. Enter the titles of all MOSs or areas of concentration (AOCs) awarded and held for at least 1 year during the current period of service and include for each MOS/AOC the number of years and months held. For time determinations, 16 or more days counts as a month. Primary specialty MOS or AOC is awarded by Service school completion or by publication of orders awarding the MOS or AOC.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant's military record failing to show he ever was awarded the requested MOS during his military service, the Board concluded the requested relief was not warranted. However, based the information reflected on the applicant's DA Form 20, as well as other evidence in the record, showing the applicant was previously awarded the 63B MOS, the Board recommended adding that PMOS to the applicant's DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	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 63B (Wheel Vehicle Mechanic) to block 23a.

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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. 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) states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 11:

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