

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008886

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214

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 should have received the expeditionary operations medal, in effect, the AFEM.
3. On 15 April 1959, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army for 3 years. He held specialty Number 813.10 (Cartographic Draftsman) [Mapp Making].
4. Two DA Forms 24 (Service Record) shows in:
 - a. Section 4 -Chronological record of military service showing he was assigned to the following units from:
 - 27 November 1959 to 20 December 1959, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 29th Engineer Battalion (BT), Army Post Office (APO) 94 [Tokyo, Honshu, Japan]
 - 21 December 1959 to 30 June 1960, the U.S. Army (USA) Mapp Service FE (5903) APO 94 (Redesignated)
 - 1 July 1960 to 10 October 1960, USA Mapp Service FE (5903) APO 67 (CO Trfd) [Tokyo, Japan]

- 11 October 1960 to 12 April 1962, USA Mapp Service FE (5903) APO 67
- b. Section 5 - Service Outside Continental United States, confirms:
- he departed Seattle, Washington, on 14 November 1959, and he arrived in Yokohama, Japan on 27 November 1959
 - he departed Japan, on 13 April 1962, and he arrived at Travis Air Force Base, CA, on 16 April 1962
- c. Section 9 – Medals, Decorations and Citations, does not list the AFEM.
5. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:
- a. Item 29 (Foreign Service), he served in Japan from 14 November 1959 to 14 April 1962.
- b. Item 33 (Record of Assignments) confirms he was assigned to USA Map Services, FE Japan from 27 November 1959 to 16 April 1962, with the principal duties of senior cartographic draftsman.
6. His DD Form 214 shows, on 12 December 1969, he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the United States Army Reserve. He completed 3 years, and 2 days of net active service this period, of which, 2 years, 5 months, and 3 days were credited as foreign service in [Japan]. Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) lists the:
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle and Machinegun .30 Caliber
 - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge Carbine
7. There is no evidence that he completed foreign service in a country other than Japan, and the AFEM is not listed on the DD Form 214 as an authorized award.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition, and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence of record shows the applicant served on active duty between 15 April 1959 to 12 December 1969, during that time, the applicant served in Japan. The Board determined that the applicant was not eligible based on the location and period he was

in Japan for the award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Therefore, the Board denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XX	XX	XX	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.

X //SIGNED//

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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in military operations within a specific geographic area during a specified time period. An individual, who was not engaged in actual combat or equally hazardous activity, must have been a bona fide member of a unit participating in, or be engaged in the direct support of, the operation for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involved entering the area of operations.

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