

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 18 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009294

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 4 April 1972, to show award of the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB).

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 his DD Form 214 does not reflect he was awarded the CIB. He was a member of (Military Assistance Team) MAT 3T and Sergeant First Class (SFC) E-7 S contacted him after he returned to the United States saying he had the applicant's CIB. He never heard from SFC S afterwards. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 in a Military Assistance Command - Vietnam (MACV) Teams 34, 3T and 105. He was an infantry officer engaged in combat and deserves the recognition. He would appreciate this award above every other. Before he dies, he would like it to be a part of his record.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He was appointed as a Reserve commissioned officer of the United States Army on 7 June 1968.
 - b. His DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record) reflects the following information:

- Item 9 (Military Occupational Specialties (MOS)): 1542 Infantry Unit Commander effective 18 Aug 68, in accordance with AR 611-103 (Commissioned Officer Classification System)
- Item 17 (Foreign Service): Vietnam from 21 June 1969 to 6 June 1970
- Item 18 (Record of Assignments): United States Military Assistance Command
- Item 21 (Awards and Decorations): shows no indication of award of CIB

c. On 4 April 1972, he honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years, 9 months and 28 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960)
- Two Overseas Service Bars
- Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device
- Purple Heart
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar

5. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for award(s) and campaign credits that are not recorded on his DD Form 214. The entries will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. A review of the Awards and Decorations Computer-Assisted Retrieval System (ADCARS), an index of general orders (and in some instances special orders) issued during the Vietnam era between 1965 and 1973 maintained by the Military Awards Branch of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, failed to reveal any orders for the CIB pertaining to the applicant.

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 applicant's record showing he was an Infantry officer, serving in an infantry unit during a deployment to Vietnam, and received a Purple Heart during that service, the Board concluded by a preponderance of the evidence that there was sufficient evidence to award the Combat Infantryman Badge to the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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 (CIB).
2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended those changes also be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's service records show he is authorized additional campaign credits and awards not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to show:

- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- four bronze service stars with his previously awarded Vietnam Service Medal

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 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.

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