

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009360

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 31 March 1970 to change item 30 (Remarks) and his identification (ID) tags (dog tag) to reflect his blood type as "A Negative" vice "A Positive."

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Congressional Representative Email Correspondence

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 and dog tags show his blood type as A positive, but he is A negative.
3. Regulatory guidance states Soldiers will be issued two ID tags as soon as possible after entry on active duty, initial active duty for training, or assignment to a Reserve Component unit. ID tags are used for identification, casualty reporting, and graves-registration purposes.
4. The applicant did not provide documentation showing his blood type.
5. The Board will not consider the applicant's request to update his identification (ID) (dog) tags, as they are considered items of personal wear and do not require documentation or annotation on the DD Form 214.
6. A review of the applicant's service records shows:

- On 13 June 1967, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army and served in Vietnam from 27 August 1968 until 25 August 1969
- His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) is void of a blood type entry
- His DA Form 428 (Application for Identification Card) shows his blood as type A but does not specify whether it was positive or negative
- His Standard Form 601 (Health Record – Immunization Record) is void of a blood entry
- On 31 March 1970, the applicant was honorably transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training)
- His DD Form 214, show he was credited with completing 2 years, 9 months, and 18 days of service including 11 months and 29 days of service in U.S. Army Pacific
- item 30 (Remarks) of his DD Form 214 includes "Blood Group: A Positive"

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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military record, the Board found no evidence to support the applicant's contention as he did not provide documentation that shows his blood type as "A Negative." The DD Form 214 shows "Blood Group A Positive." The Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. 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
XXX	XXX	XXX	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), effective 1 February 1967, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active-duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for the preparation of DD Form 214, including the DA Form 20, DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record), and orders. The specific instructions for item 30 for enlisted personnel blood type stated to enter the blood group from the Standard Form 601 or DA Form 20.
3. Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-8-14 (Army ID Tags) establishes the procedures for standardizing all Army ID tags and prescribes that all ID tags are used for identification, casualty reporting, and graves registration purposes. Each Soldier must have two ID tags, and the information contained on the tags must be current.

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