

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010925

APPLICANT REQUESTS: Vietnam service to be shown on his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) ending on 16 August 1967.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) Form 270-R (Malaria Debriefing) dated 14 March 1967, showing the applicant indicated he had been taking chloroquine-primaquine antimalarial tablets weekly and will take one tablet a week for 8 weeks following departure from Vietnam
- DD Form 214 ending on 16 August 1967, which shows he was inducted into the Army of the United States (AUS) on 1 September 1965 and was released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Annual Training)
- First of the Blackhorse certificate, which shows, the applicant was recognized for honorable and faithful service while assigned to B Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment from September 1966 to March 1977, and was appointed a lifetime Blackhorse Trooper

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 stationed in Vietnam, and this is not on his DD Form 214
- He was stationed in Vietnam, and he needs his DD Form 214 to show this
- He never noticed that Vietnam was not on his DD Form 214

3. A review of the applicant's military service record shows:

- On 1 September 1965, the applicant was inducted into the AUS
- Item 31 (Foreign Service) of his DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows he served in Germany from 11 April 1966 to 11 August 1967
- a "Malaria Debriefing" form dated 14 March 1967 shows the applicant was exposed to malaria in Vietnam and he was required to continue taking malaria pills after he departed Vietnam
- On 16 August 1967, the applicant was released from active duty and was transferred to the USAR Control Group (Annual Training); his DD Form 214 shows in item:
  - 22c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) – "USAREUR [U.S. Army Europe]" 1 year, 4 months, and 14 days
  - 30 (Remarks) – No entry showing Vietnam service
- On 18 August 1971, Letter Orders Number 08-1165185 honorably discharged the applicant from the Standby Reserve, effective 31 August 1971

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.
2. The applicant provided a "Malaria Debriefing" form dated 14 March 1967, which states the applicant was exposed to malaria in Vietnam, unfortunately, alone, this evidence is not sufficient to establish the applicant served in Vietnam, nor is it sufficient to provide a specific period of service.

BOARD VOTE:

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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.

5/6/2025

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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 (AR) 15–185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR). In pertinent part, it states that the ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence. The ABCMR will decide cases based on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative agency.

3. AR 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribes the separation documents that will be furnished each individual who is separated from the Army. The preparation instructions for the DD Form 214 state for:

a. Item 22c (Foreign and/or Sea Service), to enter total active duty outside the continental limits of the United States for the period covered by the DD Form 214 and the last overseas theater in which service was performed, e.g., "Foreign and/or Sea Service (USAREUR)."

b. Item 30 (Remarks), the remarks section will be used to complete entries too long for their respective blocks.

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