

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011302

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show in Item 25a (Specialty Number and Title) 12C (Combat Engineer).

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:  
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record).

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 547th Engineer Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany in November of 1961, his Primary Specialty Number was 12C (Combat Engineer). He never served as a 710.00 (Clerk).
3. The applicant provides an undated page 3 of a 4-page report of denial for hearing loss from the Veterans Administration Office
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 26 June 1971, for a service term of 3-years. The DD Form 4 (Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States) shows on item 13 (Initial Assignment) "71 Administration."
  - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows the applicant served in Germany from 14 November 1961 to 5 June 1964. It also shows in Item 26 (Military Education) – 710.00 (Clerk) and Item 32 (Classification in Military Occupational Specialties) - Clerk, 710, 10 November 1961 – Clerk Typist 71, 10 July 1969.

c. Item 33 (Record of Assignments) of the DA Form 20 shows on 25 December 1963 he held military occupational specialty (MOS) duties of 121.00 (Combat Engineer) in Company D, 547th Engineer Battalion for 8 weeks

d. Special Orders 162 dated 10 June 1964 shows his MOS as 710.00 (Clerk)

e. On 15 June 1961 he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 11 months and 20 days of active service. It also shows:

- Item 25a (Specialty Number and Title) -710.00 (Clerk).
- Item 28 (Service Schools or Colleges) U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Special Training Regiment, Fort Dis New Jersey, from 15 September 1961 to 8 November 1961.

5. The applicant record is void of orders awarding him the MOS of 12C (Combat Engineer).

#### 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 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. The evidence of record confirms that the applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) reflects service in Germany from 14 November 1961 through 5 June 1964. Item 26 (Military Education) documents completion of the 710.00 Clerk course, and Item 32 (Classification in Military Occupational Specialties) shows award of MOS 710 (Clerk) on 10 November 1961 and MOS 71 (Clerk Typist) on 10 July 1969. Item 33 (Record of Assignments) further indicates that on 25 December 1963 the applicant performed duties in MOS 121.00 (Combat Engineer) while assigned to Company D, 547th Engineer Battalion, for a period of 8 weeks.

2. The Board acknowledges and appreciates the applicant's service in the Combat Engineer role during this period. However, the evidence of record is void of official orders awarding the applicant MOS 121.00. The Board notes that it is not uncommon in military service for Soldiers to perform duties outside of their awarded MOS; nevertheless, formal orders are required to confer an MOS. In the absence of such documentation, the Board finds no probable material error or injustice in the applicant's records regarding MOS classification.

BOARD VOTE:

| <u>Mbr 1</u> | <u>Mbr 2</u> | <u>Mbr 3</u> |                      |
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| :            | :            | :            | 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.

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 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management System) states the MOS, including the skill level character, identifies the capability of an individual to perform duties required of the MOS at the current or higher grade and is made a matter of record by the classification authority by an entry on DA Forms 20 and DA Forms 2-1

(Personnel Qualification Record – Part II). The commandants of Army service schools or other Armed Forces schools conducting training for qualification in an Army MOS and training activity commanders are authorized to award an MOS. The duty MOS identifies the authorized manning table position to which an individual is assigned and in which he/she is performing duty, or the MOS of the duty he/she is performing if not assigned to an authorized manning table position.

3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations), in effect, at the time, prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. Chapter 2 (Instructions for Preparing DD Form 214) provides detailed instructions for data required in each item of the DD Form 214. Item 23a and b: In item 23a, enter primary MOS code number, title and date of award. In addition, enter PMOS score and date of score. If the enlisted person has not received a PMOS evaluation score, enter none.

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