DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket No. 109-96

FINAL DECISION

Deputy Chairman:

This is a proceeding for correction of a record under section 1552 of title 10, United States Code. The application for correction was received by the BCMR on April 29, 1996.

The final decision in this case, dated May 9, 1997, is signed by the three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case.

The applicant, an paygrade E-5), asked the Board to correct his most recent DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Coast Guard Active Duty). He asked the Board to direct that the Form show 5 months and 10 days as his total prior active service (line 12 d. on the DD 214) rather than 6 months and 14 days.

The applicant stated that a previous DD Form 214, which was issued in August 1981 by the United States Marine Corps (USMC), showed that his total active service for that period totaled 5 months and 10 days.

Views of the Coast Guard

The Coast Guard recommended that the applicant's request be denied. It stated stated that the applicant's DD Form 214 is correct as written.

The Coast Guard stated that prior active service comprises all forms of active duty, including SADT (special active duty), EAD (extended active duty), TEMAC (temporary active duty), and ADT (active duty training). The Service submitted a copy of the statement of creditable service worksheet from the applicant's record. The applicant's service in the USMC and Army National Guard (ANG), active and inactive, are included on this document. The Coast Guard stated that in addition to the 5 months and 10 days of active USMC service, the applicant also served one month and 4 days of active service in the ANG. Thus, the applicant's total prior active service is 6 months and 14 days. The applicant's periods of active duty in the ANG are documented on the back of his initial reenlistment contract with the Coast Guard.

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Response of the Applicant

The BCMR sent a copy of the views of the Coast Guard to the applicant and gave him an opportunity to respond. The BCMR did not receive any response from the applicant.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board makes the following findings and conclusions on the basis of the submissions of the applicant and the Coast Guard, the applicant's military record, and applicable law:

1. The Board has jurisdiction of the case pursuant to section 1552 of title 10, United States Code. The application was timely.

2. The applicant alleged that his most recent DD Form 214 does not correctly reflect his total prior active service.

3. The applicant submitted no evidence, except for his own statement, to show that his total prior active service was not correctly reflected on his most recent DD Form 214.

4. Based upon the Coast Guard's submission and the applicant's record, the Board finds that the applicant's most recent DD Form 214 does reflect his total prior active service, which was 6 months and 14 days.

5. The applicant has failed to prove that the Coast Guard committed an error on his most recent DD Form 214. Accordingly, the applicant's request should be denied.

[ORDER AND SIGNATURE TO FOLLOW]

Final Decision: BCMR No. 109-96

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ORDER

The application of of his military record is denied.

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