DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction of Coast Guard Record of:

BCMR Docket No. 2000-004

FINAL DECISION

Chairman:

This is a proceeding under section 1552 of title 10 and section 425 of title 14 of the United States Code. The proceeding was docketed on August 10, 2000, upon the BCMR's receipt of military records necessary to make an application for correction received by the Board on October 7, 1999 complete.

This final decision, dated October 26, 2000, is signed by the three duly appointed members who were designated to serve as the Board in this case,

The applicant, a former grade E-5), asked the Board to correct the answer to block 17 of the DD Form 214, that he received upon his discharge from the Coast Guard. Block 17 stated that the member "was provided a complete dental examination and all appropriate dental services and treatment within 90 days prior to separation." The response that was checked next to this statement was "Yes."

The applicant alleged that the answer was incorrect on the ground that all appropriate dental services and treatment were not completed within 90 days of his separation. By the time the applicant was separated, on September 17, 1999, his dental work had not been completed. He asked that the answer be changed so that he could get his "dental care completed."

On August 16, 2000, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard submitted his views on the application to the BCMR. The Chief Counsel said that dental records "indicate [that the applicant] was to return to the clinic for follow-up treatment which never occurred. Specifically, Applicant had four teeth that required additional attention . . . Therefore, the Coast Guard will not contest a Board decision granting Applicant the relief sought."

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ORDER

Accordingly, the application of for the correction of his military record is granted. This record shall be corrected by changing block 17 of his DD Form 214 from a "yes" response to a "no" response.

