

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

Application for Correction  
of Coast Guard Record of:



BCMR Docket  
No. 2000-075

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 February 18, 2000, upon the BCMR's receipt of the applicant's request for correction and his military records.

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 ; pay 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 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 13, 1999, "he did not receive cleaning and treatment after tooth extraction . . . Item 17 was entered in error. [DVA] stated they could not treat until [he] got Item 17 changed."

On August 15, 2000, the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard submitted his views on the application to the BCMR. The Chief Counsel said that "it appears [the applicant] relied to his detriment on the implied understanding that he could receive treatment from the DVA if he decided to forego treatment with the Coast Guard." Accordingly, the Chief Counsel said that the Coast Guard or he would not contest a Board decision granting applicant the relief sought.

On September 5, 2000, the applicant agreed with the Coast Guard's recommendation.

ORDER

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

