



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

TRG
Docket No: 2472-99
26 August 1999

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 24 August 1999. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 3 November 1992 at age 18. Two days later you were referred for a psychiatric evaluation. You told the psychologist about a prior psychiatric history and reported mood swings, chronic depression, extreme anxiety, impulsive behavior, identity disturbance, and chronic feelings of emptiness or boredom. The report of the evaluation states, in part, as follows:

... He reported poor sleep, poor appetite, impaired concentration, feelings of hopelessness/helplessness, low energy, poor self-esteem, crying spells. Recent and remote memory were generally intact. ... (He) does now wish to continue training.

The psychologist diagnosed you with a severe adjustment disorder with depressed mood and recommended administrative separation.

Based on the psychologist's recommendation you were processed for separation due to an erroneous enlistment. In connection with this processing you stated "I do not object to this separation." After review, the separation authority directed an entry level separation. You were so separated on 13 November 1992. At that

time you were not recommended for reenlistment and were assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code.

In your application, you state that you were sleepless during the three days prior to reporting for recruit training and the first day in training. You claim that this lack of sleep led to your adjustment problems.

Regulations allow for the assignment of an RE-4 reenlistment code when an individual is separated by reason of erroneous enlistment, or when an individual is separated as a recruit failure. The Board believed that the psychiatric history and the poor adjustment to recruit training were sufficient to justify the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code. Since you have been treated no differently than others in your situation, the Board could not find an error or injustice in the assignment of the RE-4 reenlistment code.

Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director