



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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WASHINGTON DC 20370-5100

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Docket No: 2672-00

9 June 2000

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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 7 June 2000. 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.

Documentation submitted with your application and filed in your service record reveals that the Military Awards Branch, Headquarters Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Historical Center have not been able to establish your entitlement to any campaign or unit awards for your participation in Operation Teamwork in 1955. Further, the National Archives has reviewed the deck logs of the ship you claim to have been aboard but could find no evidence of such service. Therefore, Headquarters Marine Corps has concluded that you are only entitled to the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Rifle Sharpshooter and Pistol Marksman Badge.

Campaign and unit awards cannot be issued unless there is evidence to support them. Since there is no evidence to this effect, the Board concluded that the actions taken by Headquarters Marine Corps in this matter are correct. In addition, the absence of any records means that there is no basis for favorable action by this Board. 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