



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

TRG
Docket No: 7105-01
7 November 2001

[REDACTED]

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 6 November 2001. 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 late father's 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.

Your father enlisted in the Naval Reserve on 5 January 1944 at age 29 and reported to active duty on 12 January 1944. He successfully completed initial training and on 19 May 1944 he reported aboard the USS LCI (L) 231. On 6 June 1944 he participated in the invasion of Normandy and subsequent operations. The record shows that he was hospitalized from 2 July 1944 until 1 August 1944 for treatment of conjunctivitis, and there is no other instance of hospitalization in the record. After his return to duty, he served in an excellent manner until his honorable discharge on 14 February 1945. I am enclosing for your information a copy of the examiner's case summary with its attached entry from your father's medical record.

Because your father was hospitalized shortly after the invasion of Normandy you believe that he may have been wounded in action. If so, he would be entitled to the Purple Heart. However, as indicated, he was not hospitalized because he was wounded in action but because of conjunctivitis. Therefore, there is no basis for the award of the Purple Heart. 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

Date	Type Action	Description/charges	Comments/Sentence
5Jan44		Inducted USN and voluntarily enlisted USNR - age 29/11	
12Jan44		Reported to active duty	
18Mar44		Completed recruit training	
29Mar44		Reported RECSTA New York	
19May44		Reported USS LCI(L) 231	
		(Subject) served aboard this vessel during the invasion of Normandy and the follow up. He performed his duties creditably and in a traditional Navy manner.	
2Jul44		Hospitalized	
		<u>See attached</u>	
1Aug44		Treatment Completed	
1Aug44		Reported USS LCI (L) 231	
10Oct44		Advanced to S1c	
16Nov44		Transferred	
3Dec44		Reported RECSTA NORVA	
25Jan44		Transferred	
8Feb45		Reported NAS Daytona Beach FL	
10Feb45		Report NAOTC Boat Facility, New Smyrna FL	
14Feb45		Discharged under honorable conditions "Dependency arising subsequent to enlistment" Issued honorable service lapel button -----	

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NAVY MED H-8
(1943)

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MEDICAL HISTORY

(Christian name(s))

Born: Place _____ Date 7-2-44

STATE NAME OF PLACE DATE EACH NEW ENTRY

U.S. NAVAL BASE HOSPITAL 12

NAVY #814.

% FPO N.Y., N.Y.

R DATE: 7-2-44

A DIAGNOSIS: CONJUNCTIVITIS, Acute

No. 615. KEY LETTER:

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DID 2 EXIST PRIOR TO ENLISTMENT.

PE: Diffuse purulent discharge.
Photophobia and lacrimation.

7-4-44: Marked improvement from
cleansing and mercurochrome 1%.

Application to lids of both eyes.

7-7-44: Gradual improvement.

7-9-44: Very little purulent dis-
charge, but some conjunctival con-
gestion remaining.

7-12-44: No mucoid or purulent dis-
charge. Moderate conjunctival con-
gestion. Very slight photophobia.

7-22-44: Improvement.

7-29-44: Gradual improvement.

7-31-44: Condition has improved.

There is only very slight conjunct-
ival congestion remaining.

D 8-1944: DISCHARGED TO DUTY.

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R. A. Rollweiler

R. A. ROLLWEILER
Lt. Comdr. (MC) USNR

Approved: _____

SURGEON
(MC) USNR

Some disabilities given discharge titles as listed in Navy
Department Manual of Personnel of the Naval Reserve when
enlisted for the Naval Academy, see paragraph 1408, and
"voice" (ordinary conversation) shall be recorded in all
of which Snellen's 20-foot test letters can be determined

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