



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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[REDACTED]  
Docket No: 7178-17  
FEB 12 2018

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED] USN,  
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) BUPERSINST 1900.2

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former sailor, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect [REDACTED] Medical Battalion, [REDACTED] Marine Division as the "most significant duty assignment".
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 November 2017 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, relevant portions of naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.
3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice finds as follows:
  - a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.
  - b. Petitioner was issued a DD Form 214 with [REDACTED] listed in block 28 as his "most significant duty assignment".
  - c. Petitioner considers his time assigned to [REDACTED] Medical Battalion [REDACTED] Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force as his most significant duty station because he served in a rifle platoon in Korea on the front lines.
  - d. Reference (b) states that block 28 should contain the name of the ship, station, or organization "the individual considers to have been the most significant duty to which assigned during the current period of active duty."

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

The Board notes it is in the interest of justice to correct block 28 to reflect Petitioner's choice of "most significant duty assignment" on his DD Form 214.

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner shall be issued a Correction to Form DD Form 214 (DD Form 215) reflecting his most significant duty assignment as [REDACTED] Medical Battalion, [REDACTED] Marine Division" when he was discharged on 19 May 1953.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

Upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 24 August 2017.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

[REDACTED]  
Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulation, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

[REDACTED]  
Executive Director