RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

FEB 5 1999

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00589

COUNSEL

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his undesirable discharge be upgraded to honorable. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Mr. Michael P. Higgins, Mr. William E. Edwards, and Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler considered this application on 1 December 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552,

MICHAÉL P. HIGOTAS Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion
- E. Applicant's Response



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS

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The applicant, while **serving** in the grade of airman basic, was discharged from the Air Force 15 Aug 55 under the provisions of AFR 39-17 (Unfitness) and received an undesirable discharge. He served 01 year, 10 months and 20 days total active service.

<u>Reauested Action</u>. **The** applicant is requesting that **his** undesirable discharge **be** upgraded to honorable.

<u>Basis for Request.</u> Applicant claims he was **AWOL** for over a month because of weather condition. He states he requested no charges be filed upon returning to the base and his discharge was unfair.

Facts. On 18 Jul 55, applicant's commander recommended that the applicant be required to appear before a board of officers for evaluation concerning his retention in the Air Force. The commander indicated the applicant had been court-martialed three times for being AWOL. He had a total of 301 days loss time. Repeated efforts to rehabilitate the member have been unsuccessful. On 01 Jun 55, applicant submitted a request to be discharged and waived his right to the benefit of a discharge board, He also acknowledged that the discharge he could receive could be undesirable. On 05 Aug 55, the discharge authority approved the applicant's request for discharge and directed the applicant be issued an undesirable discharge.

<u>Discussion</u>. This case has been reviewed and the discharge was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the discharge regulation and was within the discretion of the discharge authority and that the applicant was provided full administrative due process. The records indicate member's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken.

<u>Recommendation</u>, Applicant did not submit evidence or identify any errors in the discharge processing nor provide facts which warrant an upgrade of the discharge he received. Accordingly, we recommend applicant's request be denied. He has not filed a timely request.

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