



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

TRG
Docket No: 1358-01
24 August 2001

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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 21 August 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 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.

You enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 15 September 1943. The record shows that you satisfactorily completed training as an aviation machinist mate and were promoted to corporal on 16 December 1944. On 1 October 1945, your military specialty was changed to automobile mechanic, however, the reason for this change is not reflected in the record. You were honorably discharged on 2 July 1946. The report of separation shows that you were a corporal at that time.

With your application, you have submitted a copy of temporary flight orders, dated 20 June 1945, which show that your rank was sergeant. You also contend that the report of separation should show that you were an aviation mechanic instead of an automobile mechanic.

As indicated, there is nothing in your record to show that you were ever promoted to sergeant. Accordingly, the Board concluded that the flight orders must be in error. Further, the record clearly shows that your military specialty was changed to automobile mechanic. Given the passage of over 55 years since your discharge from the Marine Corps, the only documentation

available is your service record. The Board concluded that you were properly discharged in the grade of corporal and there is no basis to change your military specialty. 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,

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Executive Director