



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

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Docket No: 4707-02  
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This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, 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 14 August 2002. 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.

The Board found that you enlisted in the Navy on 31 August 1951 at age 17. A special court-martial convened on 23 May 1952 and found you guilty of stealing a camera from a shipmate. The court sentenced you to confinement at hard labor and a bad conduct discharge. Subsequently, you received nonjudicial punishment for failure to obey a lawful order. You received the bad conduct discharge on 10 February 1953.

In its review of your application the Board carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity and the contention that you lied about taking the camera. However, the Board concluded that these factors were not sufficient to warrant recharacterization of your discharge due to the seriousness of stealing personal property from a shipmate. Further, the Board noted that the record contains no evidence to support your contention of innocence and you submitted no such evidence. Based on the foregoing, the Board concluded that no change to the discharge is warranted. 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