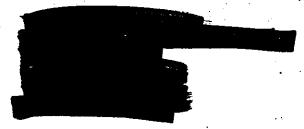


DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

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Docket No: 3649-13 25 March 2014



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 25 March 2014. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. 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 the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

You enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 13 August 1945. You served for a year and eight months without disciplinary incident, but during the period from 6 April to 20 July 1947, you were convicted by summary court-martial (SCM) on three occasions. Your offenses were three periods of unauthorized absence (UA) totalling 28 days and missing the movement of your ship.

On 20 July 1947 you were sentenced at your third SCM to a \$240 forfeiture of pay and a bad conduct discharge (BCD). The BCD was subsequently approved at all levels of review, and on 26 September 1947 you were so discharged.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your desire to upgrade your discharge and assertion that the only reason you missed the movement of your ship was because it left a day ahead of its scheduled departure time. Nevertheless, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant

recharacterization of your discharge because of the seriousness of your misconduct which resulted in three SCMs. Finally, there is no evidence in the record, and you submitted none, to support your assertion. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

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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