



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

LCC:ddj
Docket No: 3939-01
14 May 2002



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 14 May 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. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by CMC memorandum 1400/3 MMPR-2 of 14 August 2001, a copy of which is attached.

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. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. 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

Enclosure



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF
NAVAL RECORDS

Subj: ADVISORY OPINION IN THE CASE OF [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (SYD# 125525)

1. [REDACTED] a former Marine, requests that his military service records be corrected to show that he was promoted to corporal while serving in the Marine Corps. He states that his records show that he passed the test for promotion but he was not awarded the promotion.

2. A review of [REDACTED] service records indicate that he passed the GMST test for promotion to corporal. Having passed the GMST was just one of the qualifications for promotion, it does not imply that the Marine was promoted. It simply means the Marine satisfied the GMST testing requirement for promotion. Additional research shows that [REDACTED] did not meet the required cutting score of 117 for promotion to corporal. His composite score was 113, therefore [REDACTED] was not qualified for promotion to corporal. [REDACTED] was discharged from the United States Marine Corps on 2 March 1953 at the rank of private first class (Permanent).

[REDACTED]
Assistant Head, Enlisted Promotion
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By direction of
the Commandant of the Marine Corps