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Bid to Change Discharge Of Oswald Denied

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Washington—The Navy has turned down Mrs. Marguerite Oswald's request that her son's undesirable discharge from the Marine Corps be changed to honorable.

A Navy spokesman said Wednesday:

"The department of the Navy board for correction of Naval records has denied Mrs. Marguerite Oswald's request that the undesirable discharge of her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, be changed to honorable. The action was taken because of insufficient evidence to indicate probable material error or injustice."

Oswald, charged by the Warren Commission as the assassin of President Kennedy, was discharged from the Marine Corps under honorable conditions in September, 1959, "for reasons of hardship in order to support his mother." He was placed on inactive reserve status.

He had served all but three months of his three-year hitch.

A month after his discharge, he moved to Russia and announced his decision to renounce his American citizenship.

In September, 1960, the Marine Corps changed his discharge to "undesirable."

Three years later, Oswald was shot to death in the basement of the Dallas police station, the day after being charged with the assassination of the President.

Oswald's mother later requested that her son's honorable discharge be reinstated since he had never been convicted of the crime.