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ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW OF ROY CONKLIN

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2 MR. RUSSERT: This is an
3 interview of New York State Military Museum,
4 Saratoga Springs, New York. 27th of August, 2004.
5 one p.m.

6 The interviewers are Wayne Clark
7 and Mike Russert.

8 MR. RUSSERT: Could you give me
9 your full name, date of birth, and place of birth,
10 please?

11 A. Yes. My name is Roy Conklin. I
12 was born on January 16th, 1930 in Monsey, New York
13 which is in Rockland County.

14 Q. Okay. What was your educational
15 background prior to entering the service?

16 A. I was a graduate of State
17 University of New York at Cortland with a Bachelor
18 of Science degree in education. I graduated in
19 1951.

20 Q. Okay. Did you enlist or were you
21 drafted?

22 A. I enlisted in my senior year
23 which was 1950/51, the Korean War had already
24 begun, June of '50. I wanted to be a part of the

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2 war and I knew eventually I'd be in it so I
3 volunteered for an OCS program, Officer Candidate
4 School.

5 So, while I was at Cortland, I
6 applied for OCS and was accepted. So upon
7 graduation, June of 1951, I went to Fort Dix for
8 basic training.

9 Q. Okay. Why did you select the
10 army?

11 A. That's a good question. I -- I
12 just thought the army was where it would be. I'm
13 not -- I'm not a sailor. I don't particularly like
14 to be on ships. And I wasn't -- never had a big
15 for flying so I guess I wanted to be a ground
16 pounder.

17 Q. Okay. All right. Could you tell
18 us about going into the OCS program? And --?

19 A. Yes. Being that I was accepted
20 into OCS, we went through sixteen weeks of basic
21 training at Fort Dix. Most of us in that basic
22 training company were college graduates with OCS in
23 the future.

24 After sixteen weeks of basic

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2 training at Fort Dix, we were given eight weeks of
3 leadership school at Fort Dix. And then we each
4 went to the flanks of our choice. And I chose
5 infantry.

6 Not -- my father wasn't too happy
7 about infantry. He said you know, there's a lot of
8 flanks, why did you choose infantry? Well, if I'm
9 going to be in the army I might as well be in the
10 infantry.

11 So I went to Fort Benning,
12 Georgia. And we had six months of OCS training at
13 Fort Benning. I graduated in May of '52, 1952 as a
14 second Lieutenant.

15 Upon graduation, my assignment lo
16 and behold was Fort Dix leading basic trainees
17 through their program. So as a second Lieutenant,
18 I really went back and took sixteen more weeks of
19 basic training, because the second Lieutenant at a
20 basic training program, pretty much was with the
21 troops all day long.

22 So, come about November of 1952,
23 I volunteered for Far East Command. And I did get
24 assignment to go to the Far East. On my journey to

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2 the Far East I was at Fort Lewis in Washington and
3 they froze all infantry officers for training
4 purposes.

5 I wasn't too happy with that.
6 And another Lieutenant and I went to the Inspector
7 General which probably was a big mistake as far as
8 career design. And then we went and shipped
9 overseas.

10 So, within a matter of hours I
11 was on a plane. And the plane took us to Canada,
12 Alaska, Aleutian Islands, and landed in Tokyo.

13 So within a matter of hours, I
14 was in far east and command. At Tokyo, we went to
15 Camp Drake, which was kind of a reception center in
16 Far East Command. I was in Camp Drake for a week
17 when I received orders to move to Korea.

18 And as infantry officer, I
19 boarded a ship at Yokohama and sailed around the
20 Red Sea and China's Yellow Sea into Incheon. And I
21 came into Incheon in December of '52. I wasn't
22 there when Incheon was taken by the marines
23 probably back in '50.

24 When I arrived at Incheon, as an

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2 officer, second General Officer, I was made a
3 trained commander. And that meant I was on the
4 docks greeting the troops as they came off, and
5 putting them upon the train that I was assigned to.
6 And that train went up into Yeongcheon and
7 eventually Chuncheon. Chuncheon was a repo depot,
8 replacement depot.

9 And being a replacement officer,
10 I had no idea where I'd end up or where I would be
11 so at the repo depot, they assigned each of us a
12 Division to report to.

13 Some went to the second, some
14 went to the seventh. Some went to the third. I
15 went to the fortieth Division with the California
16 National Guard. The Guard had already rotated home
17 at that time so it was really a regular army
18 division at that time.

19 So, my first assignment in Korea
20 was the second Lieutenant tuned ear at a 1st
21 Battalion, 223rd infantry regiment, 40th infantry
22 Division. And my arrival at Korea was at a repo
23 depot to get in the back of a two and a half-ton
24 truck and go to the Division assignment.

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2 It was forty degrees below zero
3 at that time. I remember that very vividly.
4 Sitting in the back of a two and a half ton truck
5 climbing the mountains of Korea to go to the
6 Division I was assigned to. And upon arrival to
7 the Division headquarters and then being processed,
8 I ended up with my company. My company was A
9 company, A Company at the time.

10 And the first thing, with the
11 matter of days that I was there, the regiment
12 commander came down to greet the new officers. And
13 I was one. There was another officer who followed
14 me about two weeks later. And he was outside of
15 the bunker and a mortar shell hit and killed him.
16 So two days in combat, I lost my regimental
17 commander.

18 It got a little scary. And I
19 said, you know, here I'm up in the mountains in
20 Korea and I didn't know what to expect at all.

21 Well, that winter of '52, and
22 into the spring of '53, we were in trenches. At
23 that time in Korea, 1952 and most of '53 was the
24 trenches and bunker war. And maybe this is why

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2 they called it forgotten war. It was all the
3 activity that happened previously where the troops
4 went to Daegu and back to Seoul and back to
5 Anseong, back to Seoul again. All that was over
6 when I was there. We were static, very static. So
7 I put --.

8 Q. Can I go back a second?

9 A. Sure.

10 Q. How -- what was your equipment
11 like? How would you rate your winter equipment?

12 A. Well, the winter before and the
13 winter before that, they had leather boots and a
14 lot of people got frostbite in Korea. When I got
15 there, they issued what they called Mickey Mouse
16 Boots. Big rubber insulated boots, which were
17 excellent because you could get water in them and
18 you could still stay okay.

19 MR. CLARK: Were those, those
20 white rubber boots?

21 MR. CONKLIN: No, they were
22 black.

23 MR. CLARK: Black. Okay.

24 MR. CONKLIN: And of course we

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2 had long underwear. We had -- which at that time
3 was wool. And then we had a parka, Korea, if you
4 know Korea, they did wear parkas, the marines did
5 too. And pow caps. That's unique to Korea the pow
6 cap. We all put on a pow cap. And we were pretty
7 much bundled up. You had a trigger finger in your
8 glove and you practically stood there you know,
9 saying okay, now keep warm. Going to the bathroom
10 was quite difficult, as you might imagine
11 without -- with trainees and things of that sort.

12 So yeah the dress and the
13 equipment was much different I think in Korea than
14 if you continued on to the Vietnam and so forth.

15 So my -- my platoon and my
16 company and my division was on Heart Break Ridge
17 when I got there. But as soon as I got there, my
18 division was pulled off of Heart Break and we moved
19 over to Punch Bowl. The Punch Bowl was like the
20 name it sounds. Like a big punch bowl, a huge
21 river around it. And the punch bowl was taken
22 about a year before that by the second division.
23 And we went into trenches. We relieved a South
24 Korean Division and went into their trenches and

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2 took up a defensive position in the punch bowl.

3 We were in the punch bowl for
4 about three months. And then we were pulled off
5 and moved to a replacement -- to a rest area which
6 really wasn't a rest area. It was just a place
7 behind the lines. And then back up to the punch
8 bowl again.

9 And in late June, early July and
10 now I'm leading up towards the end of the war, a
11 lot of talk about Monteleon. A lot of talk about
12 prisoner exchange. And everybody was saying well,
13 the war is coming to an end.

14 The last three or four months of
15 the Korean War in my experience was, there was an
16 awful lot of activity because the Chinese and the
17 North Koreans were trying to take the higher ground
18 so that when the cease-fire went into affect, they
19 had a very good defensive position along the
20 so-called DMZ.

21 A lot of activity. My job as a
22 platoon leader, not only placed my platoon in a
23 defensive position but we had to take out patrols
24 every night. And every officer rotated so every

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2 third night you had a patrol that you had to take
3 out into the so-called no mans land. Our trenches
4 and the Chinese trenches and North Korean trenches
5 were visible. They were that close.

6 In mileage, it might have been a
7 mile but on that strict line you could see trench
8 to trench. You had three patrols. We had a recon
9 patrol, where you went out and did recons and tried
10 to find out any activity, anything in the area that
11 might be of interest to the Intelligence people.

12 You had a -- an ambush patrol where you tried to
13 catch an enemy prisoner. And then you had a
14 contact patrol, where you had contact with the
15 enemy.

16 So, those three patrols were
17 assigned to 2nd Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant platoon.
18 And I -- I can't tell you how many patrols would go
19 on but there were quite -- quite a few. And it was
20 very interesting in the beginning because when you
21 take a patrol of six, eight, nine men you really
22 don't know in the middle of the night if we were to
23 patrol out at about nine o'clock at night came back
24 about four or five in the morning, you really

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2 didn't know the terrain that well, you know.

3 So, in the beginning, all of the
4 patrols used to run out camo wire with W-8
5 telephone. So, when I was there it was just one
6 big black group of wires which I followed out and
7 followed back. There's nothing exciting about
8 that.

9 But then I started using the
10 compass and I would take azimuth before I left the
11 trench then take a back azimuth so I knew I was
12 coming back in the right direction.

13 Well, it wasn't that easy but it
14 was so steep, the mountain was very steep so when
15 you took patrol into the valley you lost all
16 perspective of you know, where did the other
17 trenches were.

18 And if you were on a contact
19 patrol you actually started up the hills on the
20 other side where the North Koreans and the Chinese
21 were. And if you drew fire, that's about what you
22 wanted to do, and then you would mark position and
23 come back.

24 If you were on ambush control,

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2 you would lay an ambush, oh maybe four five
3 hundred, six hundred yards out in no man's land and
4 then hope that a Chinese or a North Korean patrol
5 would make your area and then try to throw a
6 grenade a concussion grenade into that group of
7 people and try to get yourself a prisoner.

8 And on recon patrol obviously it
9 was defined. And I had experience in all three.

10 MR. RUSSERT: Now, did the same
11 number of men go out in each one of these or?

12 A. Let's say, it averaged about an
13 officer, a sergeant, and about six or seven
14 infantryman. And we took out patrols at night
15 therein.

16 However, in June when the winter
17 got a little better, I asked the battalion
18 commander, Colonel Spellman if I could take out a
19 daylight patrol and he said there's no way we're
20 going to send anyone out in the daylight you know,
21 and I said we -- we don't know the terrain and
22 we're really groping around at night trying to find
23 trails and paths and so forth, and they were mined,
24 a lot of them mined.

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2 So, Major McDonough who was the
3 S-3, both of them West Point graduates, talked to
4 me. They said I'll tell you what, I'd like to have
5 you go out there and I'm going to put a cap over
6 your head, which is Combat Air Patrol. Whatever
7 the cap was I don't know.

8 And he says I want you to take a
9 PAC ten, which is the backpack radio. Keep in
10 touch with the plane. And in the daylight, he
11 can -- you can spot him and he can spot you. And
12 we did. We went out in the daylight. It was after
13 five o'clock in the morning and worked our way to
14 get to our barb wire because we had barb wire in
15 front of our trenches and mountains.

16 We had a patrol gate, we worked
17 our way through it. Daylight was a heck of a lot
18 better because I could see you know, where I was
19 going and I had a good eye sight and a line of
20 sight on the Chinese and North Korean trenches.

21 So after about two or three hours of -- of working
22 our way down into the valley, very carefully you
23 can cover concealment, I saw a bunch of enemy
24 activity up ahead.

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2 Patrols generally laid out a
3 prefixed artillery fire, by number. You call in a
4 number and you say fire number six, fire number
5 seven, based on the adjustment. So, I decided to
6 call in a mission.

7 And talked to the plane upstairs
8 and said I have a fire mission. I said I'm going
9 to give you the coordinates but it's basically
10 artillery position number six but the coordinates
11 are right off the coordinates of the map.

12 And he said okay, wait one. And
13 about two or three minutes I heard this tremendous
14 noise and it sounded like a railroad car, boom.
15 And the mountain disintegrated. And another one
16 came back, boom and I called up, what are we doing?
17 He says you're firing at the big mo. Sixteen
18 inches.

19 Now, I'm a little lieutenant with
20 a backpack radio calling for a fire mission with
21 the Missouri sitting twelve miles off the coast.
22 That was quite an experience and I'll tell you
23 later on the business with the Missouri.

24 So that patrol was really -- that

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2 was interesting. Then we came back with the
3 intelligence we found. I found a bridge, I found a
4 footpath. I found that the Chinese were coming
5 over at night for their patrols. And that all went
6 back and reported.

7 Another patrol, and I don't want
8 to get into every patrol. But I think these are
9 the interesting ones. It was a long patrol. In
10 Vietnam they had what they called works, long range
11 patrol. We didn't have anything like that in Korea
12 but we had donut rolls which were roughly a half a
13 mile or quarter of a mile as you went out. And I
14 had a Fort donut roll mission.

15 So, what he did -- McDonough S-3,
16 he sent out two patrols ahead to set up bunking
17 positions for fire expeditions. And one patrol
18 went out and set the fire base for me. Another
19 patrol went through and set up another fire base
20 but way out. And my patrol went through the first,
21 went through the second, and went through the
22 third.

23 It's now about one -- two o'clock
24 in the morning. I'm pretty well -- way out there.

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2 And like a John Wayne movie I hear, G.I., G.I. and
3 I turned around and I pulled the pin out of the
4 grenade and three Chinese came out of the bushes
5 with their hands up, with their Burp Guns and
6 everything else. And I've got a live grenade in my
7 hand.

8 And I got three prisoners. It's
9 pitch black. And we always took a ROK with us, a
10 Republic of Korean soldier who could speak the
11 language. And we were in -- in an indigenous
12 company because north and south Koreans looked
13 alike and spoke alike too.

14 So, he's talking to them. In the
15 meantime, we've got a grenade and I don't want to
16 release this spoon you know, so I took a piece of
17 the camo wire, we cut that off and I tried to
18 thread it through as best I could. And then I took
19 it and I laid it down with the spoon down on the
20 ground and then dropped -- walked away and thank
21 God it was enough weight to keep the spoon down.

22 So, now I've got the three
23 Chinamen and waited awhile and I called back and I
24 said I just picked up three prisoners, I want to

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2 come back and you know, complete the mission, take
3 them with you.

4 So, I -- I suspected something
5 was wrong, the fact that they gave themselves up.
6 And as I move forward, I heard an awful lot of
7 activity. I heard foreign voices, -- voices. I
8 heard a lot of crack. And I said, you know what?
9 I think I'm being ambushed. I think that's what
10 they're doing.

11 So, I stopped my patrol, set up a
12 defense. Called back in again and I said I want
13 you to fire some more artillery or we aren't
14 getting out of here. So, as soon as we started
15 firing our artillery, all hell broke loose.
16 There's a bunch of Chinese -- either Chinese or
17 North Korean, I don't remember at that particular
18 time came after us. But we managed to pull out.

19 Now, by pulling out that second
20 line gave me a basic fire. So, we had some fire
21 coverage and they were firing artillery and mortars
22 too. And then I got the first line of defense and
23 they're gone. Lieutenant Sheron, I'll never forget
24 his name, I don't know if he was one of the names

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2 on television and I had no base of fire. So we
3 managed to scramble back to the trenches after --.

4 MR. CLARK: So he just left his
5 position?

6 A. Yeah. So we stopped at the
7 intelligence bunker to get debriefed and I saw him
8 sitting there with a cup of coffee and I almost
9 went crazy. I said, you know, you left me out
10 there with my patrol. He said, you know, I heard
11 all that fire, all that shooting I figured you guys
12 had had it so I booked out.

13 MR. CLARK: So, he was replaced
14 the next day.

15 Q. But did you take the three
16 Chinese with you?

17 A. Yeah, I brought them back. Yeah.
18 They had a thing in Korea if you picked up a
19 prisoner you got a day -- you got an R and R, rest
20 and recreation. Well, when I asked for my R and R,
21 no, they gave themselves up, it doesn't count.

22 I never got an R and R and I was
23 in combat for eight months. Never got an R and R.
24 That's another story too. So that's -- that's one

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2 of the night patrols, Geek patrol. And we had -- I
3 have had a lot of experience with patrols.

4 One time -- am I rambling on too
5 much?

6 Q. No, no, not at all.

7 A. We got sniped at every day, just
8 because we were so close and our trenches were
9 about six foot deep. We had fire in positions in
10 them. And during the day if you walked in
11 trenches, because I did check in my positions, you
12 would hear a crack, and you know that a bullet over
13 your head was a crack. Then you heard bump. Oh we
14 were taught in OCS between the crack and the bump
15 it's how far out they were you know. And that
16 never really worked that form.

17 But my radio man, a young man, I
18 think it was Sullivan he said I thought I saw a
19 muzzle flash. So, -- well show me where you saw it
20 so -- the fire positions with sand were only about
21 that wide. And he's here, and I'm here, we're
22 chest to chest looking in this little hole. And
23 now I heard, not a crack, I heard a splash. And
24 oh, the sand blew, he went down, I went down and

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2 oh, I'm hit. And I looked over and he got it right
3 through the shoulder, so we're chest to chest and
4 it hit him here, a 51 caliber.

5 What they do is they used to take
6 their 51's and strap them to a tree and zero in on
7 an aperture. And when they saw somebody looking
8 out and just squeeze the trigger. So that fifth
9 one hit him in the arm. He -- he got knocked down,
10 I got knocked down, and the bullet over our head
11 but he was hit.

12 So I gave him a shot of morphine
13 and called in for helicopter and he got in the
14 helicopter first, in Korea as evacuation mostly.
15 You know, or either a MASH hospital. And they took
16 him away and two or three or four weeks later I got
17 a letter from him and he was in Japan and he was
18 okay. It didn't hit any major organs so he went
19 home.

20 So now the battalion commander
21 says okay, since you spotted his position what I
22 want you to do now is I want you to take patrol
23 route tonight. Get in that position and wait for
24 them to come back in tomorrow.

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2 So, I took patrol out. We found
3 the spider holes. There was three or four spider
4 holes because we couldn't find their direction.
5 And I put my -- I put my patrol in position at
6 night. It was pouring rain, all night long. It
7 rained like hell. And in Korea, we really just
8 wore ponchos. And I never wore a poncho on patrol
9 and I'll tell you another story about the memorial
10 down in Washington.

11 So come morning, we're in this --
12 in this position all night long, wet, cold, hungry.
13 We heard some people and we looked down and there
14 were two Chinese -- they were Chinese come into
15 position. Well one of my guys squeezed off a round
16 and they spooked them.

17 So I called in and I said the
18 snipers spotted us and they took off. It's okay,
19 stay there. We're going to send another patrol out
20 to relieve you.

21 Patrol came out, again, we had to
22 wait for night time. Brand new 2nd Lieutenant just
23 got assigned to the company and I said to him, look
24 you're going to be in position, but you're going to

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2 be here in the daylight. Don't move, just dig in,
3 stay here until night time. And then when he comes
4 tomorrow.

5 Went back to the bunker, went
6 back to the trenches with my patrol and oh I would
7 say about seven or eight hours later I got a call
8 from the company commander who said the Lieutenant
9 that replaced you just got shot in the leg by our
10 guys with a 50 caliber because they saw people
11 moving around in day time. They didn't know where
12 out there we were.

13 So, that guy lasted three or two
14 days, but he had a good wound. So that was another
15 kind of patrol. And but anyhow, this all leads up
16 to -- for instance one time we took a recon patrol
17 and I saw an awful lot of things that weren't there
18 before. There were caves dug in front of our
19 trenches with food in it, ammunition in it,
20 blankets in it. And I said you know, I think
21 they're building up through. Big push here.

22 So, intelligence said that you
23 know, the Chinese Division that was approaching our
24 position, this is getting toward the end now. This

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2 is like early July. We may be under attack and
3 we're very careful about what was happening. So we
4 kept watching -- watching and sure enough one night
5 like soon after I saw --. They came, and they
6 came, and they came -- you know, you heard the
7 whole story about the bugles and everything else.
8 And I jumped into the booth in my platoon and I
9 said to them, fire some rounds. So he started
10 firing and firing and firing.

11 I said, drop two hundred, drop
12 two hundred and they kept coming at us.

13 Well we had we had to go, when
14 you're in the trenches, you have they you have to
15 go outposts. Where you had dug in a post and then
16 out -- had a listening post. Those guys out there
17 were just struck by those. The Chinese ran right
18 to them and they couldn't get back to the MLR.

19 And we fired all night long.
20 That's the time we fired eight thousand rounds, we
21 fired everything we had. And -- and they actually
22 came into our trenches but we were in bunkers so
23 they would run over the top of bunkers and shoot
24 down at us.

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2 So, the next morning we had dug
3 up ammo because they continued to attack. And they
4 were laying all over the place. So, they started
5 cleaning up the bodies, both the Chinese and ours.
6 And the battalion commander came up, Spellman, and
7 said, you look at how funny they're positioned. I
8 would have waited, I see a bunch of bodies. And it
9 looks like a command group because they were
10 together. They kind of opened up like a flower you
11 know?

12 Except I'd like to go down and
13 bring back a couple of those bodies. So I got two
14 or three -- I think I took six with me. Daylight,
15 now. And we went out over the trenches, worked our
16 way down to the barb wire. And when we got to the
17 bodies, I said to the men, don't go near them
18 because they might be booby-trapped. They always
19 booby-trap dead bodies. And I went over and I
20 pulled a couple of them and he rolled over. And I
21 noticed they were Officers The had FM on their
22 shoulder.

23 So, after we checked two or three
24 bodies, I called the men forward, we carried the

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2 bodies back to the trenches. And we were under
3 fire now because they could see us out there.

4 There were mortar fire and
5 everything else coming in. But we managed to get
6 back with three bodies. And through intelligence,
7 it turns out they were Manchurian. And Manchurians
8 had trained for months on a hill that was similar
9 to ours.

10 So late at night they had
11 torpedoes and they had borrowed food, and borrowed
12 ammunition they had fired up ammunition. So there
13 were quite a few of them that really hit us. And
14 that was probably the biggest attack we were under
15 at that time.

16 So anyhow, all of this happened
17 and just enrolled in the lieutenant infantry
18 platoon leader. I became executive officer of the
19 company after that. And I still took patrols out
20 because we only had three officer's for the
21 company. We were very shorthanded.

22 So, we get orders early July,
23 middle of July that we're going to move to the
24 Heartbreak Ridge and lead the 45th Division.

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2 And Heartbreak Ridge was to our
3 west. And Heart Break are pretty close you've
4 probably heard of Pork Chop they were all in that
5 vicinity. And if you saw the movie Pork Chop Hill
6 with Gregory Penn that was probably the closest
7 thing I've ever seen. It was most realistic to our
8 experience anyhow.

9 So, the big move was to be made
10 and under secrecy we took up all of Zyndia
11 (phonetic spelling). We painted over the bumpers
12 of all vehicles. There was no indication that the
13 40th Division was moved.

14 So, at night we moved up man to
15 man, platoon to platoon, company to company,
16 equipment by equipment. What we did, we left the
17 equipment in place, machine in their places, so if
18 we pulled back we took theirs.

19 Well, after this night move, and
20 I was the first one up there, I was Executive
21 Officer and -- and worked with a company, we were
22 going to replace Heartbreak Ridge. And we moved
23 our people, took over their positions. He gave me
24 a briefing so the next morning there was a big sign

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2 on the Chinese trenches, now we're close. It says,
3 welcome 40th Division.

4 Now, all the secrecy and all that
5 goes on. And then they read off our names or a
6 roster. Lieutenant Conklin, Sergeant Warwick and
7 you know that gets pretty scary when you heard them
8 calling your name.

9 So, now we're on Heartbreak Ridge
10 and went on for maybe two or three weeks and the --
11 and the truce was now getting closer and closer.

12 And -- oh, I now I became a Company Commander. I
13 was Company Commander of A company. And the
14 battalion commander, Carl Stoneblicka called all
15 his Company commander's back to where he was on
16 Bloody ridge, we were on Heart Break, he was on
17 Bloody behind us.

18 And he wanted to tell us where we
19 were going to go on -- on the cease-fire and where
20 to pull off. So, from my bunker to his field was
21 exposed. And my Jeep driver, Abernathy was his
22 name, and I would go back to the chief and he would
23 go as fast as he could and the motor would go boom,
24 boom, boom because they could rev the motor on the

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2 road.

3 And we get up to battalion
4 headquarters and Colonel Spellman says, Troops, it
5 looks like it's going to be signed. And it's going
6 to be ten o'clock on July 27th, the next night. So
7 he said, I want you to go back and brief all your
8 people. This is not the end of the war, it's not
9 an end it's a cease-fire. So no fraternizing with
10 the enemy, none of this stuff, no.

11 So, I go back. And then he
12 calls, the company commanders again, and he says I
13 want to show you the position you're going to go
14 into after we pull off the MLR. And that ride was
15 not a pleasant ride.

16 And then we got up to the
17 battalion and he took us down into the valley
18 behind us, and he said okay, your company's going
19 to go here, you're company's going to go there. So
20 I'm out with him and Major McDonough -- and I
21 looked down and I see three prongs, which are
22 Mountain Bay lines. The whole view was mine and
23 we're right in the middle of a mine field. I said
24 to him, you better stay where you are. And I kind

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2 of worked my way back in.

3 And the engineers came in. Then
4 we started getting artillery in the valley and
5 there were two tanks out there. So we ran and
6 jumped under the tanks and you hear tink, tink,
7 tink, the shrapnel and I felt that my feet were
8 sticking out.

9 And of course the fire stopped.
10 Went back to the Company, and now Abernathy turns
11 the Jeep around. Heartbreak Ridge was a razor type
12 bridge. And he goes over the side and he jumps out
13 and the Jeep goes boom, boom, boom down into the
14 valley.

15 And everyone's sitting there.
16 And the next day, July 27th, after briefing all the
17 squad majors and everybody else we're going to have
18 a cease-fire at ten o'clock at night. So, if you
19 sat that last day, and the Chinese fired every day,
20 they weren't going to take any off the hill with
21 them, no. We were told you couldn't fire. You
22 could only fire anti -- anti debaucher fire. And
23 we fired a little 60's, we fire you know, 80's.
24 They were your 4.5 mortars and so forth.

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2 And it was a long -- long day.

3 And guys stayed in their bunkers. They didn't want
4 to move, you know, if you read my little story
5 you'll see where they're trying to get inside your
6 helmet, you know.

7 And at about a quarter to ten we
8 got the word, have a checks. No, infantry company
9 or platoon is basically you know, M-1 rifles,
10 machine guns, we had a couple of heavies.

11 MR. RUSSERT: What did you carry?

12 A. I carried a carbine and a
13 forty-five. I'll tell you about the carbines soon.

14 So quarter to ten we had a put -- the Chinese let
15 the Turkish shoot too, and it was like -- in a way
16 it was bizarre, it was beautiful. It was just one
17 solid band of tracers going back and forth.

18 Really.

19 And then at ten o'clock
20 cease-fire. Prior to that though, I had a patrol.
21 And in order to take patrol from Heartbreak Ridge,
22 there -- you couldn't go very far because the
23 Chinese trenches were so close. We would lower
24 ourselves on a rope from the ridge line and work

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2 our way out into a little position that we had dug
3 in.

4 And I said to them, you know,
5 this is going to be a tough night. I drew contact
6 that night. You know, of all nights to get contact
7 patrol. And a new second lieutenant just joined.
8 His name was Tom -- Thomas Cunningham West Point.
9 And he came to me about a week before and he said
10 look, I'm a regular army officer. I am just back
11 and I want to take that patrol.

12 I said Tom, I don't want to make
13 contact. I want the guys to go out there and throw
14 a couple of grenades and that's it. And you know,
15 he said no, I really want to take patrol. This was
16 the night before the truce.

17 And I called Colonel Spellman who
18 is a West Point graduate too and he came up to the
19 trenches and I said look, I'm going to give him an
20 order that I don't want to make contact but to
21 throw a couple of grenades and come back. And he
22 said, well, I don't think we should make contacts.
23 We're getting too close the end.

24 So anyhow, he went out. And I

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2 said stay on the double eight, which is the
3 telephone. And he met patrol base, the outpost
4 base, and he called in and he said I'm going to
5 move forward. And I said, don't move from where
6 you are. And the next thing I know I don't hear
7 them again. And then he tried to pick up on a the
8 walkie talkie and that was the Chinese voices and
9 everything got in, and that made me really
10 scramble.

11 And then about a half an hour
12 later, I heard burp guns. And no Thomas Cunningham
13 and no patrol. He never came back. So the next
14 day in the cease-fire business, it's now leading up
15 to ten o'clock at night, one of the guys out on
16 patrol on the fire base went berserk. And he said
17 so forth and so on. And I just gripped my helmet
18 and my rifle and I jumped out and I grabbed the
19 other guy with me and we worked our way down the
20 route.

21 We got out there and he was
22 really in bad shape. So, we carried him back to
23 the trenches. As soon as I got back to the
24 trenches at ten o'clock at night, no -- cease-fire.

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2 And they got on the loud speakers and they
3 played --. Then they called us again by name, go
4 home, you don't go home Korea, we don't belong in
5 Korea. The Chinese wanted out of there just as
6 much as we did, you know?

7 And that was it. Ten o'clock at
8 night, July 27th 1953 cease-fire.

9 We pulled back two thousand yards
10 the next day and dug in defensive position. And
11 after eight months I finally got an R and R. We're
12 now in a squat position. And I didn't get rest and
13 recreation. They sent me to air ground operation
14 school which is with the air controllers and so
15 forth.

16 So, at least I had, you know, a
17 little break. I was back in Japan, actually in
18 Yokohama.

19 Q. Did you ever find that patrol?

20 A. No. No, he's listed missing in
21 action. But as I read in the West Point yearbook
22 they've got them killed in action.

23 Q. So all the men in the patrol?

24 A. All the men in patrol two, every

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2 one of them. I had a little problem about that and
3 I don't know where this is going to go but I got a
4 hold of Colonel Spellman afterwards.

5 But another thing, when I came
6 back from my one week the CIC unit, Combat
7 Intelligence Corp interviewed me why -- why did I
8 speak to the Chinese Officer? Well, what happened
9 is when they came over that next morning after
10 cease-fire, they came into our trenches. They
11 tried to get into our trenches.

12 So I got out of my trench and I
13 met them at the barb wire. And it was all ready
14 defined with bodies and that Heartbreak Ridge was
15 there for two or three years. It was messy. And
16 we tired to communicate and I said patrol night
17 before. And he went hmm. And I said, patrol and
18 he went pop-pop-pop- which meant burp gun, you
19 know.

20 So anyhow, when I came back -- oh
21 I took pictures of this guy too. So I came back,
22 they took my camera, they confiscated my camera and
23 they said you're not supposed to talk to these
24 people. You know, you're not supposed to

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2 fraternize -- I wasn't fraternizing, I was trying
3 to find our patrol, you know?

4 So, Spellman never backed me
5 about my order about not going out. And this is
6 one of the reasons I didn't stay in. I was a -- I
7 was in the regular army. They appointed me regular
8 army officer.

9 And I had that experience and I
10 said you know what? If you're not a West Pointer
11 you're in a different ball game you know? You're a
12 reserve officer. Which most of the reserves and
13 the guard did the fighting in Korea you know. As
14 far as men on a line.

15 So anyhow, they -- they didn't
16 give me a reprimand because - I had just gotten the
17 silver star from the action, I'll tell you about
18 it. And I had the bronze star and all -- so they
19 didn't -- they didn't give me a hard time.

20 And they said, you still want to
21 go to regular army? I said no. I just assumed
22 stay on reserve for awhile and go home.

23 MR. RUSSERT: I want to go back
24 to the thing about ponchos.

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2 A. Yeah.

3 Q. You said something about --?

4 A. Okay. I guess it's 1995 they had
5 a dedication at the Korean War Memorial. And they
6 got a hold of my memoirs and they took chapter
7 thirteen, which was the last day of the war and
8 nothing written about the last day of the war
9 today, what was like being there? It's like you
10 know, in the arms of November 11th you know, the
11 first world war and so forth.

12 So they took my article and they
13 put it in my magazine and I gave you the copy of
14 the magazine. The Korean War magazine opened up,
15 it had Heartbreak Ridge on the cover, which I took
16 the picture of you know?

17 And I couldn't get there for the
18 dedication and my division wanted me to come and
19 say a few words and I thought I would now. So,
20 Labor Day my wife and I went down right after that
21 and best time to go to Washington. Because
22 Washington's closed Labor Day. And you could ride
23 around and go to all the Memorials.

24 So I went to the Korean War

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2 Memorial and I was quite impressed. I think
3 there's seventeen seven foot figures and a V and
4 they introduced it as -- or they said it was a
5 contact patrol in Korea.

6 So, the Korean War veterans asked
7 me to write my impressions of the memorial. I said
8 very moving. I -- I really love the eyes and
9 everything but I said, I want to tell you
10 something, we would never wear ponchos and steel
11 helmets out on patrol. They're too cumbersome,
12 they're too noisy. And I said that really doesn't
13 depict me a infantry patrol.

14 And they wanted to know about
15 what was it like and so forth. So I said I'm going
16 to tell you if I wanted to call it anything I would
17 call it a Forward -- forward patrol ahead of
18 Division and moving out you know, not a combat
19 patrol.

20 Q. And what did you wear if you
21 didn't wear your helmet?

22 A. We wore fatigue caps.

23 Q. It was a cap.

24 A. We wore our fatigues. You took

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2 camo wiring and you tied -- and you tied your pant
3 legs in tight. And you tied your sleeves in tight.
4 You blackened your face. And you didn't wear a
5 flack jacket either because too cumbersome. And
6 Korea was so steep in those mountains you know.

7 So, we went on patrol, we were
8 pretty much stripped down and that memorial doesn't
9 depict that. So it's been changed. It's -- if you
10 read anything about it now, it's not called a
11 patrol it's called a forward moving element,
12 something like that.

13 He asked for a report on my
14 carbine. The carbine is a good weapon you can put
15 it on an automatic too. But being new to Korea and
16 being a new combat position and I was platoon
17 leader, you had -- they had a thirty round banana
18 clip. Well gung ho is a binocular point -- this is
19 two clips, a paper going down.

20 And that looked real -- you know
21 tough stuff. And I had a flashlight around it and
22 well anyhow, going out on patrol. We were coming
23 back one morning, it was just about four, five
24 o'clock. And a Chinese patrol was coming the other

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2 way because they had already made their recon.

3 And I run right into the Chinese
4 patrol. I took the safe off on the carbine and the
5 magazine fell out. Too much weight on there you
6 know? And my sergeant behind me pushed me down and
7 fired off my head. And he hit the Chinese officer.
8 The Chinese officer landed up on top of me.

9 So, I'm scrambling around looking
10 for my weapon and my magazine and then the other
11 patrol scattered. So at least I didn't get the
12 time.

13 So I took his hat and I took his
14 Burp Gun and they're at West Point Library right
15 now. I donated them to the library. And when I
16 came back, I felt like whoa, threw that carbine
17 away, I took an M-1 and that's my rifle from now
18 on.

19 Anyhow, that -- so what happened
20 is I did not stay in the army. I did not make a
21 career of it. And I -- I was in pretty good shape
22 because I had my combat experience. I got my
23 declarations and I had a good write up in all my --
24 my Reginald commanders recommended me and it's

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2 just -- I didn't like the good old boys society. I
3 was trained to be an educator. So I began
4 teaching.

5 Q. Can I talk to you a little
6 about -- how did you feel about the ROK soldiers?

7 A. They were very good. Like the
8 barrier obviously but they were very -- they were
9 very trainable. Obviously you couldn't teach them
10 how to shoot an M-1 but they let them use the
11 mortars. They were very good on patrolling with us
12 because they were very stuffy also the language and
13 so forth. They were pretty good soldiers.

14 And Republic of Korea you know
15 they called them KATWUSA, Korean army training with
16 the United States Army. The idea was they were
17 training with us and then go back to a Korean Unit.
18 And that happened but not too often. Most of the
19 time they stayed.

20 I had a platoon, believe it or
21 not, of about forty-five men. I must have had
22 fourteen Katwusa's. I had about twenty-four Puerto
23 Ricans. I had some Mexicans and I had some regular
24 GI's you know? And I say regular GI's because

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2 these were so different, you know? And it was
3 quite a platoon to have. Because --.

4 MR. RUSSERT: Did you have any
5 blacks in your unit or was it --?

6 A. Yeah. Yeah. Abernathy, my chief
7 sergeant was black. What happened though in the
8 third division, they had a Puerto Rican regiment.
9 And it was a Puerto Rican regiment training, Puerto
10 Rico but it was a part of the third division. When
11 they went to Korea they took that regiment with
12 them.

13 They were in a defensive position
14 on the MLR and they were overrun by a big Chinese
15 unit. And we had artillery called 555 triple
16 nickels, set in the valley. And this Puerto Rican
17 Regiment was defending the way it bugged out and
18 the 555 was overrun. All of the equipment was
19 gone. First time we ever lost our colors in
20 battle. And they took the Regiment. And they
21 court marshaled the officers and they broke up the
22 regiment, so that's how I ended up with fifteen
23 Puerto Rican, all with stripes because they had --
24 I didn't care about stripes.

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2 If I liked you, you were my
3 platoon leader. If I liked you, you were my squad
4 leader, you know? And that was a pretty bad name
5 because they gave you that language, no comprende,
6 no comprende, you know, and all that kind of stuff.
7 But it was -- it was quite a mix for a platoon.

8 Q. And you were there after the
9 relief of MacArthur?

10 A. Yeah.

11 MR. RUSSERT: How -- did you have
12 any feelings about that at all?

13 A. Well, this was before I went
14 there.

15 Q. Yeah, right -- right.

16 A. And --.

17 Q. Oh, you were in the army at the
18 time?

19 A. Yeah. And they were pushing to
20 the Yallow and I guess MacArthur felt that if you
21 crossed Yallow and -- and took care of the
22 so-called Chinese communists that would be a end of
23 the war and for a long period of time.

24 And MacArthur released him and I

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2 guess in terms of his position as commander and
3 chief, he felt that he didn't have the right to do
4 certain things. And MacArthur was a very strong
5 man.

6 Q. Yes.

7 A. They used to call him Empire from
8 Japan when I got there, you know? This is what he
9 was. So, anyhow, Riffley came in then. And
10 Eisenhower came over as president to visit. And
11 what upset me personally and I know about a lot of
12 guys, we're in the trenches now. This is getting
13 towards the end.

14 And one of our regiments was
15 assigned to Koje-do which was a prisoner of war
16 island. And Sigman Rhee saw the war coming to an
17 end and he wanted to extend the war so he let the
18 prisoners go. He repatriated all the prisoners.

19 So, now behind me I've got
20 thousands and thousands of North Koreans, Chinese,
21 being repatriated and in front of me I've got
22 thousands and thousands trying to take our
23 position. And it's a very demoralizing feeling. I
24 said, what am I doing here? We're defending the

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2 man's country and he's letting all these people go
3 because he wants to extend the war, for many
4 reasons. We were building roads, we were building
5 schools and so forth and so on.

6 And then of course we didn't mind
7 the cease-fire.

8 I mentioned to you that I went
9 back two years ago. In 2001 the Korean Government
10 was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the
11 Korean War. Started in '50, ended in '53. And
12 they invited Veterans back as their guests for five
13 days.

14 And it was in kind of a lottery
15 system and I was picked as one of the guys to go in
16 October of 2001.

17 Well, after 9/11, they cancelled
18 everything. Nobody was going to go on that trip.
19 But I -- I wanted to go so I went on my own with my
20 wife, who's now my wife. And we went to Korea. I
21 had already contacted the mayor because I was the
22 guest speaker of New York State Korean War Veterans
23 here in Saratoga and he was a guest, Mayor of
24 Seoul.

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2 And he get in his car and he was
3 going to come over. So, now I'm going back after
4 fifty years and I flew in Incheon. Before I came
5 in, in a landing craft, now I'm flying in, big
6 airport. And Seoul is magnificent. I mean they
7 really built this city up. When I left it was
8 nothing. Just main gates you know the north,
9 south, east.

10 So, my first experience was you
11 know, well I can't believe that they really did
12 this in fifty years. That's a very -- very modern
13 city and they've done so much with it, you know.

14 So, while I was in Seoul, we stayed in an army
15 base in Incheon and we stayed in what they call an
16 army recreation center. It's a beautiful hotel.
17 And from there I took tours.

18 We went back to Ganande but you
19 couldn't obviously go into the Theve Peta because
20 they had observation towers. South Korean pretty
21 much had the observation towers. And the first
22 thing in the observation tower you looked across
23 there, the North Korean flag flying with the gold
24 star and the red flag. And you're looking across

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2 and you know, fifty years later it's still two
3 thousand yards each way, you know. With tanks,
4 artillery pieces and soldiers on both sides, a
5 hundred and sixty miles long, a fence.

6 So -- so that was quite an
7 experience to go. And then I went to Ochan and
8 It's still there. And the -- they still meet to
9 talk about the infractions of the cease-fire.

10 So you you could of been a JON
11 now and this side of the room where they had the
12 negotiations is two South Korean soldiers standing
13 there. On the other side was two North Korean
14 soldiers. I'm looking at the North Korean
15 soldiers, you know.

16 Now you look over on their side
17 and they've got a tower and all of North Korean's
18 steps. And it was just a weird feeling to be
19 looking at North Korean's again.

20 Then there was what's called a
21 frigid feeling that we went down to visit. When
22 they repatriated the prisoners in 1953, you would
23 cross that bridge, north or south, if you were a
24 prisoner of the United States or United Nations you

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2 could come into South Korea. Or if you were an
3 American you could come into South Korea. But once
4 you crossed that bridge, there's no return.

5 So, it was a very interesting
6 thing, that bridge is still there. And they still
7 have people who are being patriated by crossing
8 that bridge.

9 So, seeing that and seeing Korea
10 was quite an experience for me. And then they had
11 the Korean War Museum which just opened up about
12 seven or eight years ago. Beautiful. Right --
13 right there where I was staying in Yeongcheon.

14 And I toured the museum and it was beautiful. It
15 was a Korean War Museum and they had a Korean War
16 section, when you walked in there and you could
17 see -- very little on the United States. And I
18 said to the curator I said, you know, I don't see
19 too much about the United States. He says, this is
20 the Korean War Museum, it's not the United States
21 War museum you know, but it's good.

22 So he took me in the back he gave
23 me a beautiful color catalog of the whole museum.
24 He says, I want you to take this and I want to

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2 thank you for saving our country. Actually it's
3 his country you know. But I heard that over and
4 over again from the old Koreans. Thank you, thank
5 you, thank you. The little ones don't know
6 anything about it because it was too many years
7 ago.

8 So, just going back and seeing
9 the South Korean Government being reconstructed
10 that way, and the people being prosperous, made me
11 feel that yes, it was worthwhile. That what I did
12 and so many hundreds of thousands did was
13 worthwhile and I think saved the Korean Government.
14 And even today where it is, it's very -- very
15 rewarding.

16 North Korea is in bad shape.
17 What we heard about the North Koreans because I did
18 talk with a couple of Bosses who had talked with
19 some defectors they said they had no radios, no
20 telephone. They can't correspond with anybody
21 outside of North Korea. They don't know what's
22 going on in South Korea. They don't realize what's
23 going on in their own country.

24 When I looked across at North

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2 Korea, it was all these buildings. But through
3 binoculars they were fake. It was just a facade.
4 And they played loud speakers all day long, music.
5 So what they told us, being told to the people they
6 play this music all day long and at night they turn
7 on the lights and until ten o'clock they turn them
8 off but there's nothing there.

9 They're trying to show South
10 Koreans that they're very prosperous. So you know,
11 that kind of play was something very interesting to
12 find out what happened to the inside of the
13 country. And hopefully you know, that they will be
14 someday reunification. And they do -- South Korean
15 government built a roadway right to the Korean
16 border, a major highway. And the North Koreans
17 never finished it. And it had been constant talk
18 about reunification back and forth. And it hasn't
19 happened yet. But there are some cracks. They are
20 letting some people visit, relatives in North Korea
21 under their control in a -- in a village that's set
22 up specifically for that.

23 And there were some Korean units
24 in not this one but the last couple visits. And

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2 then when I was there they were hosting the World
3 Cup Soccer, South Korea and -- and Japan. And
4 North Korea was participating. There's a lot of
5 cooperation there.

6 So, maybe someday they will.

7 There is a -- it's like the
8 Korean War Memorial in Washington, they'll raise
9 the flag of Iwo Jima. They have a huge glow in
10 their museum outside. And it's got a big crack in
11 it. And the top of the crack there's two soldiers
12 hugging each other. One is a North Korean, one is
13 a South Korean, brothers, fourth brothers. And
14 it's a very symbolic monument to people.

15 And so I went to a land I never
16 heard of and people I never met. I was residing in
17 Korea, forgotten war. And I had -- I enjoyed my
18 experience because that's what I wanted to do. And
19 I became a teacher and an administrator -- I was an
20 administrator for thirty years.

21 And what I learned -- in my
22 training being a platoon leader and an officer and
23 so forth, his good organization skills, good
24 management skills, good people skills, and that

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2 really helped me in my civilian life.

3 So, I stayed with reserve
4 program. I tried to set the seventh Division out
5 of New York chapter and when they were disbanded I
6 went to the Civil Affairs Unit in the Bronx. And I
7 spent thirty-one years all together between my
8 active and my reserve time. And I retired as a
9 full colonel in the -- in the reserves.

10 Q. In what year did you retire?

11 A. 1981. You get thirty-one years
12 of service. Thirty years and I got thirty-one.
13 But my unit in -- in New York City, the Civil
14 Affairs Unit has been recalled now seven times
15 since we started in Afghanistan and Iraq and
16 Somalia. Because Civil Affairs -- you really deal
17 with populace after the Battle, you know
18 reconstruct a school, reconstruct a hospital,
19 reconstruct the banking system. And that's what we
20 were doing. And I was an educational officer, you
21 would be a legal consultant, you would be a
22 financial consultant. So they get called up quite
23 a bit.

24 And my unit's been over there

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2 many, many times. In 1990, I guess it was, yeah
3 '90, a good friend of mine was served with -- given
4 instruction in Washington and became Chief of the
5 Army Reserve, Officer Chief of Army Reserve, OCOR,
6 Major General William Ward
7 (phonetic spelling). And we got very friendly.
8 And I said to Bill, I called him at the Pentagon, I
9 said Bill, recall me. Because I had -- I had a
10 general slot for recall. And he said how old are
11 you? I said just turned fifty. He said no, called
12 me the day before I would have taken you. So I
13 never got back in again.

14 So, most of my time has been
15 reserve. But a good experience in reserve because
16 we worked with major headquarters. Being at Civil
17 Affairs, I worked with ForceCom and that was a
18 great experience, a great learning experience.
19 Learned what the whole military is all about.
20 Because in trade off which is down in Fort Monroe
21 is called the training of Doctrine Command. And
22 these were Four Star General slots. And their job
23 was to predict the training and the Doctrine for
24 the next ten years. And they put it all through

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2 computers and they went through everything,
3 threat -- threat plans which they checked the
4 threat around the world every day. And they
5 developed a training program to fight a war ten
6 years down the line.

7 Then you go to FORCECOM which I
8 went to and that's the forces command which now
9 takes the forces, the instructor, the training to
10 fight that war. Then you go to REDCOM they take
11 the forces -- they take the training they put in
12 the field and that's when they go to Fort Irving
13 out in California. And they put it into live
14 action.

15 So, I said you know, the military
16 is not that dumb. Everybody says you know,
17 military intelligence is dumb. And Oxymoron. And
18 I said no, they're pretty smart, they know what
19 they're doing. We make a lot of mistakes,
20 obviously. I had a lot of faith in the military
21 after being in the reserves that many years, you
22 know.

23 So I spent my years as an
24 educator and ended up in Rutland County, principal

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2 of a middle school and a high school. And I went
3 to Connecticut and was principle, high school
4 superintendent and then I retired.

5 So, I had two careers. I retired
6 from the military and I retired in education. And
7 very happy I did.

8 MR. RUSSERT: Okay. Well, thank
9 you very much.

10 A. Thank you for having me. I --
11 I'm American Legion, I am a life member.

12 MR. RUSSERT: Okay.

13 A. Korean War I'm a life member,
14 which used to be called the Retired Officer
15 Association life member. It's now called MOAA and
16 VFW I belong to. I was very active. I was
17 commander of the American Legion in Litchfield
18 about five years. And also represented an officer
19 in the Korean War Veteran's Association.

20 But I'm -- I'm off now, right?

21 MR. RUSSERT: No.

22 A. Oh. I think so.

23 The one print out you have on
24 paper was done by the American Legion. They took

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2 that chapter thirteen. They reproduced it and they
3 sent that out you know.

4 MR. RUSSERT: Okay. All right.

5 Q. Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. RUSSERT: Thank you.

7 (The interview ended.)

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