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Post korea



**When did you enter the military? How old were you when you entered and how long were you in the military?**

“That was in 1954, I was 19 and I was in for three years”

**What boot camp did you go to?**

“I was in Fort Dix NJ”

**How long was the boot camp?**

“That was about 3 months training”

**Did you go to a second boot camp?**

“Yes, I went to Fort mammoth N.J. for 6 months”

**Did you join the military voluntarily?**

“Yes”

**What made you join the military?**

“Well as I said before I was 19 years old and I wanted to go to college and I couldn’t pay for it at the time, but there was the G.I. bill of rights and that was about to expire so I joined in to get in under that so I could into college.”

**What branch of military where you in?**

“The army”

**What equipment did you use on a daily basis?**

“Well after training I was involved with a lot of Electronic equipment; it was called “electronic counter measures””

**What rank you did you achieve?**

“I became a Sergeant sp5”

**Were you wounded while you were in the military?**

“No I wasn’t, I was not in combat in Korea, I stationed right after the war was over. No battles”

**Did you receive any awards or medals for your service?**

“Yes I have some of the common ones, National Defense, Good Conduct, Korean Service Medal and Expert Rifleman”

**What did you do on a “normal or average Day” while you were in the military?**

“Well I worked what was like a swing shift it was 24 hours around the clock and there was 3 shifts and we took turns. One week you’re on days 4-12, the next week you’re on midnights 12-8. Like I dais we had

electronic equipment operated at all times around the clock, operating electronics.”

**What was your normal or most common routine while you were at war or battle?**

“Well I wasn’t in any combat so there wasn’t anything to do with that.”

**What type of firearm(s) did you use?**

“Yeah, well we were trained with small arms, riffles pistols machine guns and in Korea we had a riffle that we had at all times even though there was no combat, it was still hostile territory.”

**Did you use any heavy weapon Artillery?**

“No I was not involved with any of that”

**While at war, what helped you pass the time?**

“Well I wasn’t at war but we had a lot of time to pass we and It felt like a job working 8 hours, there were things to do we read at night we played a lot of cards, I had a hobby building planes and model things”

**While at war, what helped you get through hard times?**

“Well you have friends and you develop friendships with the guys there who were in the same position I was in.”

**Are you still in contact with some of your friends?**

“Yes I have a couple of very good friends whom I keep in touch with, I email them and see them a couple times a year.”

**After you came home from war, did your perspective on anything change?**

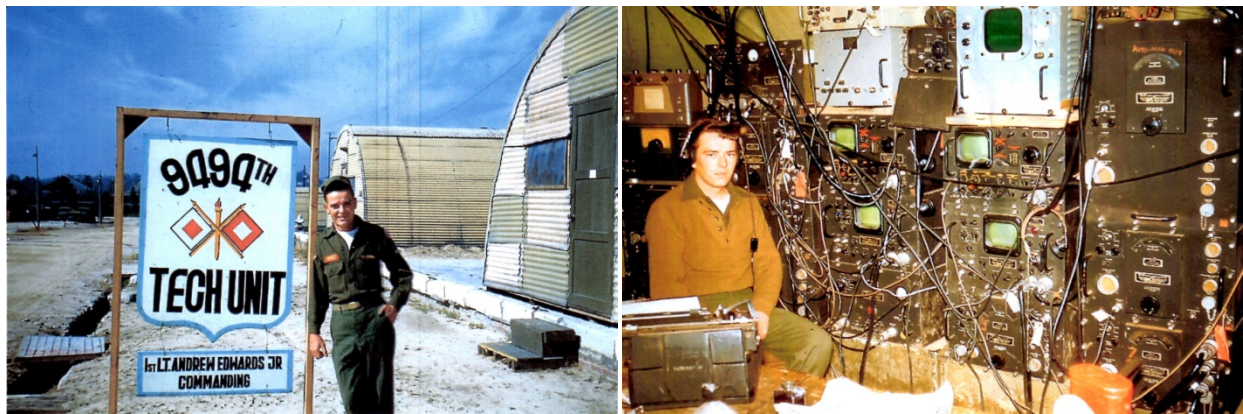
“Well, not really because like I said I was not involved with actual combat, so I had no war trauma.”

**Did you carry anything from the military with you after the war?**

“No I didn’t bring home anything that was not required. At the time you had to be in service 6 years after the army. So even though I was inactive for 6 years I still had to keep my uniform and what not.”

**I see you brought a pictures with you, could you tell us about them?**

“Yes I did. That’s in Korea at our place of work; we were at the top of the mountain to capture all the signals.”



**Where were all of these taken on Korean soil or American soil?**

“No these are all in Korea, this is the type of work I did with that kind of equipment, as I said what we did was try to capture signals from foreign countries so that we can locate all their radars and missile sights  
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And this is the kind of antenna that we would use to capture the signals

And that was head quarters and the name of the outfit 9494 tech unit during Korean War. So it was called electronic Counter measures and that's what we were interested at the time, locating where all the enemies countries at the time north Korea and Russia as far as what they are doing with radar and missiles”

**Is there anything you would like to add or say that I missed or is there anything that you would like to talk about?**

“Well it was a good experience and I think it is good for a young man to go into service as long as there is no war going on. You learn a lot, you see a lot and it's a good experience.”