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Veteran**

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MR: Could you give me your full name, date of birth, and place of birth please?

RB: Ray Buckley, Teaneck, NJ, 11/37/1937.

MR: What was your educational background prior to entering service? How far did you go in school?

RB: I had almost graduated and I enlisted and then continued high school ending graduated. And shortly after I went service.

MR: So, enlisting why did you pick the army?

RB: It is a strange thing was going on. The enlistments were down, so in order to encourage people to enroll, they came up with the program called six-month deal, which I, which was one of the first to join. It was a six-month enlistment and active service plus eight years and half, plus eight years some of enlisted reserve, which I served most of.

MR: So you served only six-month an active duty and the other almost seven and half years an active reserve?

RB: Yes.

MR: Where did you go for your basic training?

RB: Fort Dix.

MR: Did you spend most of your six months there?

RB: No, part of it, but part of it I spent in Fort Delaware.

MR: So, you received engineering training I see. What kind specialized training did you receive as an engineer?

RB: Mechanic, truck driver, it was a mistake.

MR: Why was that?

RB: They had orders written for me and for another fellow who I was enlisted with and he wanted to be a truck driver and I got his assignment and he got mine.

MR: What was his assignment? What was the one you were supported to get?

RB: The engineering thing.

MR: So he ended up as an engineer and you ended up as a driver?

RB: Yes.

MR: What kind of vehicle did you drive?

RB: Wheelbarrows.

MR: You didn't drive any truck since then?

RB: No.

MR: So, basically they used you like a laborhood?

RB: Pretty much.

MR: How did you get environment with the men in the unit?

RB: Good.

WC: You were right after Korean War, so, your unit was racially mixed. Correct or?

RB: Yes.

WC: How were relationships in unit?

RB: No problem.

WC: How your officers were like?

RB: No problem.

WC: I noticed you were sharpshooter. You received medals for shooting.

RB: I believed I did, Yes.

WC: Do you have any experiences you remember better than others you want to tell us about?

RB: No.

WC: Now, when you were in the army after your six months active duty of, what did you do when you were in the active reserved? Did you have to go once in a year for training or every couple of weeks?

RB: Camp Drum.

WC: Oh, you went up to Camp Drum? How often did you go up to Camp Drum?

RB: Once in a year.

WC: What about the units you trained with the reserves? Were they located in?

RB: 42 street.

WC: Down in NY?

RB: Part of the time, some of the time in Plattsburgh, and a lot of time it was Fairlawn, NJ.

WC: Engineering unit also?

RB: Yes.

WC: So when you were in camp once in a year what kind of things did you do up there? How long you were up there, 2 weeks?

RB: Yes.

WC: So, what did you do up there?

RB: Drink a lot.

WC: So you spent of your 7 and half years doing that then?

RB: Yes.

WC: So, you were discharged 1964? Or, somewhere around 64?

RB: Yes.

WC: So, did you ever stay in contact with anyone or you meet with anyone from service?

RB: No.

MR: Did you ever see any entertainment while you were in service at all?

RB: I used to go down town Camp Delaware known and there was an entertainment available in Washington D.C.

MR: Do you think your experiences while you were in an active duty or reserves did anything affected your life at all?

RB: No.

MR: Ok, thank you very much for your interview.

RB: It is ok.