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**INTERVIEWEE BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Name: Duel Ray Smith M/F M  
Address: 6011 Seals Rd Anniston, AL 36206  
Phone number(s): 820-7574  
Approximate age or date of birth: 62 12/10/32  
Mother's Name: Essie Elwell  
Father's Name: Chester Smith  
Places lived and when: Wedowee, AL 21 years;  
Anniston, AL 2 years  
Education: 3 1/2 months college  
Religion: Protestant  
Business, political and social memberships (past and present) \_\_\_\_\_  
Present occupation: welder  
Former occupations: mechanist, mechanic  
Special Skills: diesel mechanic and welding  
Major Accomplishments: invented a toolless  
tire bead breaker  
National Events in which interviewee has participated: none  
Local Events in which interviewee has participated: none  
National born U.S. citizen? Yes/No  
Naturalized Citizen: Yes/No Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country from which he/she emigrated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Documents, photographs, and artifacts which are in the possession of the interviewee:  
diplomas, patent  
Individuals recommended by the interviewee who might be candidates for an oral  
history interview: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional information: \_\_\_\_\_

Interview: Duell Ray Smith on the Korean War

Introduction

Training he recieved while in the Army

Korean War  
Loss of Lives

Skills

America's involvement

Battles

Length of time in the Army

Orders to go overseas

The end of war

Accomplishments of the war

Conclusion

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## Questions

1. How do you feel about the Korean War as a whole?
2. To your knowledge, when did the Korean War start?
3. Do you believe America should have stayed out of the war? Please state why.
4. Do you believe it was a bad time period for the America to get involved?
5. How serious do you feel America was taking the war?
6. Do you feel this was a very long war? Why or why not?
7. How do you feel about the causes of the war?
8. How did you feel when you were told you're troop was next in line for the war? Were you scared?
9. What was the year that you were told you would be going?
10. How old were you at this time?
11. Approximately how many people was in your troop?
12. What was your ranking in the army?
13. How long were you in the army?
14. Did you regret your decision about entering the army when you told you had to go to war?
15. Did any of your friends or relatives get sent away?
16. Were you relieved or upset when you found out you wouldn't have to go after all?
17. Where were you stationed during this time?
18. How did you and how do you now feel about communism?
19. What do you remember about the 38th parallel?
20. Do you feel the Inchon Landing changed the course of the war in any way?
21. Could you tell me some of the aircraft that was used during the war?
22. Are you familiar with the phrase "Battle for the Hills"?

23. Do any of these battlefields sound familiar to you, Bloody Ridge, Finger Ridge, Heartbreak Ridge, Old Baldy, and Pork Chop Hill?
24. How well do you feel President Truman served during the war?
25. How do you feel about the way the war ended?
26. Do you feel that anything was accomplished from the war?

*Very good questions*

Title?

My interview on Duell Ray Smith was based on his involvement with the Korean War. Mr. Smith's unit was next in line to be sent to the war, but out of a stroke of luck three weeks later, the war ended.

While in the Army, he was trained to be a medical technician in the field. Since the war ended, he was sent to Germany to a medical technician school at Ninety-seventh General Hospital in Frankfort, where he was trained for three months. From here he went to 308 General Hospital to actually be a medical technician for six months.

He felt the Korean War should never have happened because we lost too many men. He compared the Korean War to the Vietnam War. He guessed that the war started around 1950. Mr. Smith felt that America chose a bad time to get involved in the war because economics was just starting to pick it's self up again.

He attended Jacksonville State University for a bachelor's degree in AB Arts and Science. He feels that education is very important. From Jacksonville, he learned to be a machinist, mechanic, electrician, and a welder. At the present time, he is a welder at the Anniston Army Depot for the United States Army.

I asked him if he felt America was taking the war seriously enough and he responded, "Yes, I believe America has always taken the war seriously, whether it's brought upon them by someone else, or where someone else has started a war." He would rather America fight on foreign soil, rather than fighting on America's soil.

He and his whole unit were very start when they were told

they were going to the war. He talked about the things he and his unit had heard about the war. He heard it was a bloody war and he was very frightened of battles like Pork Chop Hill. Though he had heard such bad things, he felt that the Army had prepared him well. He replied, "I was trained to take wounded men out in the field and give them a shot of morphine if they were wounded real bad."

Mr. Smith was in the Army for eighteen months. He was a Private First Class and he had approximately two hundred and sixty four soldiers in his unit while training. He never regreted going into the Army even after he thought he was going to the war. He felt that the Army had given him a special skill and he was proud of it.

Five of Mr. Smith's cousins were sent to the war and were luckily safe. He and his whole unit were relieved when they were told they weren't going to the war. They were all excited about getting to go overseas for further training. Mr. Smith was especially excited to learn about other cultures overseas.

Mr. Smith felt that the war ended in a good way. He said that if America hadn't dropped the bomb, the war would've kept on going. He felt that many things were accomplished from the war such as the modern technicians equipment like automation. He replied, "Scientists that came up with the bomb have contributed a lot to this world today."

Mr. Smith felt that the war helped him a great deal. From being in the United States Army, he learned many skills. Though he didn't get to go to war, he gained much pride just for being

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ready and willing to fight for his country, and doing what he was trained to do.

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