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H/M/S	Topic
Recording 1	
00:00:29	Family; learning English; working at a grocery store in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh
00:01:51	Schenley High School; Duquesne University; majoring in modern languages and business courses; ROTC
00:02:58	Wanting to be a pilot; enrolling in the Air Force ROTC, changing to the Army ROTC
00:03:42	Training in the Army ROTC summer camps
00:04:39	Choosing to go through the ROTC; Spanish club, pre-law club; Alpha Phi Delta
00:05:17	Joining Alpha Phi Delta in 1965; staying in touch with fraternity brothers; carnival activities at Duquesne University
00:07:05	Being a student at Duquesne University; participating in activities in the Duquesne Union building
00:12:29	Discussing the Vietnam War on campus
00:14:37	Talking about Timothy Leary's visit to campus
00:15:55	Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia; buying his first car; learning about Vietnamese customs at Fort Lee, Virginia; studying Southeast Asia maps
00:17:55	Living through monsoon season; being commissioned in 1968
00:19:18	Attending commencement and the commission ceremony; sister Teresa attending Carlow; daughter receiving a pharmacy degree from Duquesne in 2005
00:21:05	Waiting to report to base; working at Joseph Horne's Company; getting orders to report to Fort Gordon, Georgia the following February
00:22:49	Family reaction to going to Fort Gordon and then Vietnam
00:23:09	Communicating with friends and family over the switchboard in Vietnam; Terry working at Alcoa; training at Fort Gordon and Fort Lee

00:25:26 Receiving orders at Fort Lee; returning home to Italy prior to Vietnam

00:26:16 Traveling from Pittsburgh to Vietnam; traveling in Vietnam

00:27:23 Friendships at Fort Gordon and Fort Lee; reconnecting with friends in Oakland, California; reporting to Travis Air Force Base

00:29:43 Living in Vietnam; being the old man at twenty-four years old; being the company commander of Company C at Buon Ma Thuot

00:31:20 Building signal towers; being with the 459th battalion in Buon Ma Thuot

00:32:27 Surviving mortar attacks; trying to watch *Gone with the Wind* in Vietnam; watching *Gone with the Wind* ten years later

00:34:09 Working next to Chinook helicopters; Philip Zuccani; Vietnamese on base

00:36:59 Living with the local Vietnamese civilians

00:39:00 Going to Nha Trang; going to see the *MASH* movie

00:41:08 Going to see traveling groups

00:42:10 Maintaining relationships in Vietnam; Morales; eating at the mess hall

00:45:03 Rescuing a sergeant; Vietnam geography

00:48:34 Serving in Buon Ma Thuot versus Nha Trang; defensive operations

00:50:37 Using different weapons; getting top security clearance; being the officer in charge

00:55:11 Handling life in Vietnam; visiting Terry in Hawaii; serving fifty-one weeks in Vietnam

00:57:32 Sensory experiences; getting exposed to Agent Orange

00:58:34 Getting exposed to Agent Orange and its long-term effects

01:00:56 Receiving the Army Commendation Medal and the Bronze Star Medal

01:02:10 Remembering the heat; working thirty hours and sleeping through a mortar attack

01:04:58 Avoiding conflict

01:05:36 Receiving care packages and mail from Terry and family

01:07:43 Returning to the United States as a civilian; staying in active reserves

01:09:49 Traveling from Vietnam to Oakland, California; visiting family in Orange County, California

- 01:11:37 Landing a job with Atlantic Richfield Company (Sunoco); getting engaged and married; reconnecting with family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania after Vietnam; starting a family
- 01:14:38 Feelings about returning from Vietnam to civilian life
- 01:15:58 Being a member of the Green Tree American Legion group; adjusting to life at home
- 01:17:25 Participating in veterans' activities; working in community service
- 01:18:47 Starting a scholarship for Alpha Phi Delta; Pittsburgh Alumni Club; helping students with scholarships
- 01:20:31 Feelings about his service; presenting about Italy; teaching Italian
- 01:22:49 Traveling around the world; family differences
- 01:23:46 Feelings about the Vietnam War and the handling of Vietnam on the United States' part
- 01:26:29 Working at Jones and Laughlin Steel Company; pouring concrete on days off