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I Robert Franklin Swinford entered the Army on 14 August 1960. I served with the Army National Guard for two years until 1962. On 14 August 1962, I came on active duty at Jacksonville, Florida. I went from there to Fort Knox, Kentucky, to Armor School for eight weeks. I went from Fort Knox, Kentucky to Fort Benning, Georgia where I served with C, troop 3rd Sqd. 7th Cav. 2nd Inf. Div. for one year. I went from Fort Benning, Georgia to Germany where I serve with Hq & Hq troop, 2nd sqd, 7th Cav. 3rd Inf Div. for six months. I then took a short discharge, reenlisting for six years with MOS of 45G20 Arty Turret Mechanic for eleven weeks. I went from Germany to Fort Knox. After my school I went to Fort Lewis, Washington to Hq & Hq troop 4th Sqd 10th Cav. 4th Inf Div. I was there for about six months more. After Fort Lewis I went to Viet Nam where I was OJT as aircraft armor repair (MOS 45J20). I served with the 197th Aviation Company 145th Avn Bn for one year. I was awarded the crew member wings, Air Medal, unit citation, Cross of Gallantry, National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Service, and the Viet Cross of Gallantry with palm leaf. I returned to the States and went to Fort Rucker. While there I served with Hq Co and worked as supervisor at the Dept. of Tactics. I served at Fort Rucker for 18 months. From there I went back to Germany where I served as an Arty crewman on 8" Hauzer. My MOS was changed to 13B40 Asst. Gunner. I served for one year.

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