

Questions:

- 1 Name Gene Zellers
- 2 Date of service 2/58 - 2/61
- 3 Location in US and overseas Fort Knox, Aberdeen, MD, Ft. Lewis, WA
7th Inf. Div. - Tong Ruchun, Korea
- 4 Volunteer or drafted? If drafted, did you consider avoiding it or filing as a CO? Volunteer
- 5 How did you feel about the war before serving? After serving? Didn't serve in war -
Favorable
- 6 How did you feel while in the combat area? Wasn't in combat
- 7 What impressions/ incidents stay with you? How destroyed the country was.
- 8 What impact, if any, do you feel service had on your future life? Made me appreciate
my home country.
- 9 Any stories you care to relate? Countryside was
barren, burnt black. People trying to scrape any junk or
scrap to stay alive. In summer, people would build roads out
of asphalt & in winter people
would burn it to stay
warm.
- 10 How were you received when you came home?
welcomed
- 11 Was it difficult to adjust to civilian life/ US culture? No
- 12 How did it change you personally, if applicable? more appreciative
- 13 Would you visit Vietnam today? Do you think it would be a healing process? Didn't serve
in Vietnam.
- 14 Did you ever participate in or consider participating in protest rallies? Before or after
service? No
- 15 Did any government organizations assist you upon return? If so, were they helpful? No
- 16 Did you participate in any self-help groups organized by veterans rather than
government organizations? No