

**Military career: I Served in 179<sup>th</sup> Infantry 45<sup>th</sup> division in 1947-48. Spent two summer incampment at Ft. Sill Army installation at Lawton, Ok. This is prior to my enlistment to United States Air Force, August 16, 1950 and retired from active service on Oct. 1 1970. Overall I have 22 years and 6 months of military service. My Basic Training was at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Tx for 9 weeks. After graduation from Basic Training I choose to be Radio Operator as my career. I was assigned to a Technical school at Ft. Gordon, Ga for training as a High Speed International Morse Code operator for 31 weeks. I actually completed my course in 29 weeks and waited for my new assignment. At this point I was assigned to Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Tx as a ground radio operator. I initially requested to be airbourne radio operator but there were no opening at the time, so I was sent to ground radio operation. Intensive training began in a live radio operation network. The network encompasses with other Air Bases in the continental US and communicating with the Airbourne operators. Constant messages are being transmitted back and forth from other Air bases. I was assigned to an experience to a higher rank individual trainer of duties involved. I received a Special Orders for re-assignment to March AFB at Riverside, CA in 1951. At this point of service I received my first overseas assignment to Korea in 1952. Upon arrival we were brief into the kind of operation and our responsibility that was involved, which was basically intercepted radio codes of various frequencies. In addition to the normal network operation with other AB. After one year tour my next assignment was to Carswell AFB at Ft. Worth Tx . I 4 year enlistment came to an end and re-listed for 6 years term. My next assignment was to Vance AFB at Enid, Ok. The AB is an Pilot Training base. Duties were different to other assignment I had. I was assigned to Military Affiliate Radio System, which is basically working and sending messages to HAM operators. At Vance I received my overseas assignment to Korea for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 1955. Upon arrival to my communication unit I was requested not to unpack my things and await for further assignment to another location. I was assigned to a remote communication site off the mainland of Korea on a small 3 X 5 miles island northenly direction of N. Korea as a replacement to Officer in Charge of the Comm. Relay Operation as NCOIC of the operation. The communcation site is set at the top of the Mt. The living compound area is set at the bottom edge of the Mt. A decision had been to assigned an NCO as a replacement to a commission officer in charge. We basically had 13 personnel to man the communcation facility. We have radio opertors and radio maintenance repair personnel, Power Unit engineer to handle all our generator units to supply electrical source to our compound area and comm. relay site., one cook and one air police with K-9. In the compound area we dome shape quonset hut as living quarters, prefab building for our dining all and supply storage space. We had no entertainment facility but had outdoors wt lifting equipment. On the opposite side of the building we the ammuniation supply and 50 caliber machine weapon set in the DH. About 75 yards from our compound area we stored about 60 barrels of fuel to operate our generators.**

We hired some Korean refugee's from the village to support little jobs like barbers, workers in the kitchen, outdoor maintenance around the compound etc. We had periodic air drop for perishable food supplies. We had monthly supplies delivered by U-boat. Like the petroleum supplies, mail delivery to our personnel, and personal supplies we had ordered from the Base Exchange on mainland like our toilet articles, postage stamps, etc. They would deliver 6 movie films to watch to our 16mm movie projector. We normally showed the film in our dining hall area in the evenings. Needless to say the movies were played repeatedly to help break the boredom of no other activities. We played pinnacle card games practically around the clock in the living quarters. I wrote letters daily to my wife and sent out 30 letters every month when the monthly deliveries were made by the U-boat.

Near the village was the Orphanage home which was established by the Presbyterian missionary some years before. Men and women are care takers and supervision of the orphanage. How I got acquainted with the orphanage was on one Sunday morning I stroll down to the village and was walking by the orphanage I could hear the children singing christian songs. When I heard that I invited myself into the room and listen to the group in their songfest. The children voice sounded beautiful. This is I got acquainted with the care takers of the orphanage. All the children were very friendly as well as the care takers. We used gestures to communicate to one another with smile and facial features as I didn't understand Korean and they not English language. On a cold winter evening on Christmas Eve the care taker brought the children to our compound and shared Christmas songs. The children voices blended and sound beautiful. It was terribly cold so I invited them into to our dining hall to warm up. I had my cook prepare some hot chocolate to nourish on and get warm at the same time before returning to the village. It was a delight to have them come that brief moment to entertain Christmas songs. Truly that God's blessing.

Besides our presence on the island there were Korean military forces assigned to the opposite side of the island. In certain areas of the island they posted guards. We knew about their presence but we never went to their area or interfered. One of their Officer made a visit to our compound and ask permission to have their officers and watch our movie film. I granted permission but they must include enlisted personnel along with the officers. Because of limited space in the dining hall only a small group was allowed.

After my 2<sup>nd</sup> overseas tour, my next assignment was to Ardmore AFB in 1957, which is my home town. While assigned here the air base started shut down in 1959. Communication personnel were deployed to other base's but I was left in charge as NCOIC to gradual phase out. During the phase out of all different communication operations only the Telephone Switch Board was operational for the Base Commander operational needs. The Base Commander called me to shut down the Switch board operation, lock the building and report

to my next assignment which was Shaw AFB, South Carolina. Not very long after my arrival to Shaw AB, I received an overseas assignment to Druex AB in the country of France. My family traveled concurrently to my new assignment for a period of 3 years. While station at Druex the went a Disbursed Operating Air Base. All personnel on the base were being deployed to Air Base of their choice in Europe and leaving only limited personnel to maintain and keep the Air Base operating. I was left in charge of the Communication Center as NCOIC of the operation. Leaving me with limited personnel to operate with teletype operator, cryptographic, inside and outside main frame Main frame Switch Board personnel and French telephone operators and supervisor to maintain operation.

In 1963 my new assignment was to Tinker AFB and assignment to a Headquarter level as Radio operation Technician. I was relieved from this duty and moved into a new field which Computer Operation and updating computer program library tapes and running computer programs at a large main frame operation.

In 1966 I received a new assignment to RAF Chicksand AB in the country of England for a period of 3 years. As soon as I have establish a place to live, my family joined me a few months later. After completing my tour at Chicksands I was assigned to Kelly AFB, San Antonio Tx. A few months after my assignment, I submitted for a retirement paper work and retired on Oct 1, 1970.