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An Interview with John Hinde

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John Hinde, a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, where he saw considerably more action while assigned to a heavy mortar platoon, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: Feb 8, 2013 Location: John Hinde residence in Jacksonville, IL

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Session 1: Growing up in Independence, Missouri and WW II experiences

Session 2: College on the GI Bill, and experiences in Korea as an infantry officer

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Biographical Information Overview of Interview: John Hinde was born on June 19, 1924 in Independence, Missouri, and was raised there as well. His father, Edgar G. Hinde, served with Captain Harry S. Truman during World War I in the same Field Artillery regiment. The two were life-long friends, and Truman helped John's father find employment, first as a park superintendent, and later as the postmaster for Independence when Truman was a Senator. They corresponded regularly, including after Truman suddenly became President in April, 1945. Young John attended Independence public schools, and while in high school enrolled in the school's ROTC program, while also working in a variety of jobs, including employment at a drug store and a department store. Following graduation, he worked for a time as a mail carrier, and in February, 1943 was inducted into the U.S. Army.

Hinde was initially posted to the Medical Corps and stateside duty in Oklahoma due to a medical condition, but after receiving a new physical, he was transferred to the infantry, and shipped to Europe in February, 1945. Once there, he was assigned to Company A, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division. He soon developed pneumonia and saw no combat. He was shipped home in March, 1946 after a few months on occupation duty. Hinde joined the Inactive Army Reserve, attended college at the University of Kansas, graduating in 1950. He was recalled to active duty in the fall of 1950, and married Helen Patterson in December, 1950 shortly before being shipped to Korea. Hinde, now a lieutenant, arrived in South Korea in February, 1951 and served with Heavy Mortar Platoon of the 31st Infantry Regiment, part of the 7th Infantry Division. The front lines were in flux when he arrived, and stayed that way until July, 1951. Lieutenant Hinde's mortar platoon moved frequently, and saw extensive combat during his year in-country. He departed Korea in February, 1952 and gladly returned to his wife and a civilian career.

Subject Headings/Key Words: Harry S. Truman; growing up in Independence, Missouri; 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division; mortar operations during the Korean War; 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division; Helen Patterson; 4.2 inch mortar; Edgar G. Hinde (father)

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