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An Interview with Terry Knox

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Terry Knox, Army veteran and Sheridan tank driver who served in Vietnam in 1970-1971, was interviewed on the date listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember - Vietnam* Oral History project.

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Session 2: Reflections on his year in South Vietnam, 1970-1971

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**Biographical Information Overview of Interview:** Terrance (Terry) Knox was born on June 26, 1950 in Springfield, Illinois. He spent his first few years in St. Louis, but the family moved back to Springfield while Terry was a grade schooler. After a few years in parochial schools, including Griffin High School, he spent his last two years at Springfield High School, graduating in 1968. He worked for a while, then in April 1969 he decided to join the Army on the buddy plan, and on a delayed entry program as a draftee. He and his buddy attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (as an infantryman) at Ft. Ord, California in late 1969. He was then sent to Ft. Hood, Texas, where he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67rd Armor as a tanker.

In August, 1970 Private Knox was sent to South Vietnam. He was assigned initially to the 2nd BN, 34th Infantry, part of the 25th Infantry Division in the Quang Tri area. He was soon transferred to C Troop, 3rd BN, 5th Cavalry Squadron, part of the 9th Infantry Division. He was assigned as a driver for an M551 light tank. The unit was sent into combat, usually for fifteen day rotations, followed by three or four days at a base camp. The unit typically operated near the Demilitarized Zone. In December, 1970 he attended Bob Hope's Christmas USO show at Phu Bai. (In 2014, Terry discovered a photograph that was taken of the audience at the show, with Terry clearly identifiable.) In March, 1971 he went on an in-country R & R, and upon his return, was reassigned to work in the Post Exchange at Dong Ha, South Vietnam. Knox talks extensively about both his experiences in combat as well as his time at the PX. He returned to the states in August, 1971 and was soon discharged from the Army.

**Subject Headings/Key Words:** combat along DMZ during Vietnam War; tanker experience in Vietnam War; 3rd BN, 5th Cavalry Squadron; M551 Sheridan light tank; Bob Hope's USO Christmas show of 1970; 9th Infantry Division; PX at Dong Ha, South Vietnam; B-52 bombings; Basic Training for the U.S. Army

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