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An Interview with Bernard Resnick

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Bernard Resnick, a Korean War veteran serving with the Engineers, was interviewed on the dates listed below as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

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Biographical Information & Synopsis: Bernard Resnick was born on May 16, 1930. He enlisted in the Army in 1948 at age 18 and was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion. The unit soon helped construct Fort McClelland in Aniston, Alabama. A year later, on the ship en route to Japan/Korea, his experience as editor of his high school newspaper earned him responsibility for communications with the troops; this led to a permanent appointment as Message Center Chief for the 44th Engineers. That group participated in the landing at Inchon, the recapture of Seoul, the fighting and escape from the Chosin Reservoir, and many engineering projects to support the infantry. Resnick was not injured but did suffer from frost-bite. Shortly before his rotation back to the United States, he was made a Sergeant Major. In America, he had several assignments including taking enlistees to their basic training sites. He then took advantage of the opportunity for discharge given to individuals who were beyond their enlistment period. He went to college, got married and became a successful businessman. He has been active in the 44th Engineer Battalion Association and in the Miss America association.

Topics Covered: Engineer duty during the Korean War; 44th Engineer Battalion; Heart Break Battalion; Heartbreak Ridge; Inchon; Pusan; Chosin Reservoir; General Douglas MacArthur

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