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An Interview with Art Holevoet

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Biographical Information & Synopsis: Arthur (Art) Holevoet was born April 5, 1932 in Cornwall Township, Henry County, Illinois, and grew up on a farm. Both parents were born in Belgium, and immigrated to Illinois prior to WW I. Art was drafted on September 2, 1952. Art's time in basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas was essentially the first time he had ever been away from home. He was shipped to Korea on the U.S.S. Gordon and was assigned to the 21st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was assigned as a gunner of a quad .50 caliber machinegun as his first duty assignment, but was soon moved to the unit's supply section. Art spent the bulk of the war working as the unit's supply sergeant. After being discharged from the Army in August 1954, he returned to the farm, and eventually found work as a furniture repairman.

Art also shared his reflections on the officers and men he served with, the North Korean and Chinese enemy, Korean civilians, and the integration of the Army.

Topics Covered: 25th Infantry Division during the Korean War; 21st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment (Self-Propelled); supply sergeant during the Korean War

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