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An Interview with Robert Fitts

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Robert F. Fitts, a Korean War veteran, was interviewed as part of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library's *Veterans Remember* Oral History project.

Interview dates & location:

Date: August 25, 2007 Location: Robert's residence in Rock Island

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Interviewer: Mark R. DePue , Director of Oral History

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Biographical Information & Synopsis: Robert Fitts, born and raised in Mount Vernon, Illinois, joined the IL Army National Guard (M Co, 130th Infantry Regiment) in the late 1940s. His division, the 44th, was activated in September 1951, and he eventually served in H Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division in Korea from mid 1952 to the end of the war in July 1953. He served first as a mechanic then as a motor sergeant for his company, spending considerable time in the line in Korea in the last year of the war. Following the war Robert returned to the states and eventually went into the ministry with the United Methodist Church, where he worked as a parish minister for many years in central Illinois.

Topics Covered: Illinois Army National Guard; U.S. Army in the Korean War; Camp Cook, California; 7th Infantry Division; 32nd Infantry Regiment; army mechanic and motor sergeant; United Methodist Church minister in central Illinois.

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