



Were there any particular events that occurred during your military training that sticks in your

No.

What was your first encounter with the enemy?

I never in my entire tour saw the enemy eye-ball to eye-ball. We ran a radar outfit. I got sent, prior to going over, to radar school out in Fort Huachuca [AZ], so we ran that at night up there. Every so often they [Vietnamese] would get doped up and would try to come through the wire with satchel charges on their backs. They never got through the wire while I was there...we blew them away. The first week, or the first couple of weeks I was up there, I was coming out of the underground bunker where we lived with a towel wrapped around me to go to the shower. The shower was a 50 gallon drum up on a little platform, and I heard this weird noise. (A whistling sound). I can't make it, but if you ever heard it, you'd never forget it. [It makes] a similar sound as a mortar, but a definite sound of its own. That was my first encounter, and it just came right over me. If you don't hear it, you're dead. When it comes over, it's got that distinct sound, and then all of a sudden...[makes sound of a bomb]. I needed the towel after that not for



The guys that were married got a chance to go to Hawaii for a week or two. I turne

pushed up the little stairway thing, and we got off and got on the busses out there, instead of going in to the terminal. We should have been smart enough to figure it out. At that time, people were spitting all over the guys [Vietnam veterans] coming through the terminal and doing all kinds of crap, so they