

battalion.^m And I just thought, I kinda liked it. Because I got used to it. I wasn't never involved in no other kind of life, besides home life, where I was raised. And I got used to this kind of army life. And today I still miss it. 'Cause I put in about 12 years and I got out.

(Put in 12 years in service?)

Twenty years of service altogether when I got out. But he said "I know, we could have kicked you out a long time ago. I knew all the time you was sixteen years old when you got in," and I thought nobody knew. He said, "I knew that all the time." He said, "The way you took your training and you didn't get in trouble or anything, no use getting you. You wanted to be in the army, you asked to go in, you volunteered. So here you are buck sergeant, just now getting in your prime age of 17 year old."

LIFE OUT OF THE ARMY - MORE PHILOSOPHY

(What'd you do when you got out?)

When I got out...well, what made me come out was they was having a big Sun Dance at Canton, all the big camps. I came home on leave first, and then, went by these big camps and everybody got off and they say aren't you getting off. And I said no, pass is going to be up in a few days. So I went on back to camp, then afterwards I began to think, they was having another Sun Dance, and then I thought about it, well, I got \$1700 in the bank. I missed all the pow wows and everything, and I said, "Well, I'm old enough now I'll go home and use my \$1700 to buy me a car, then I'll go to pow wows." Well, that \$1700 wasn't as much as I thought it was going to be after I got out. And so, that's when I got out, and like I said I went back to that school and got my education. Then growing up... Here's another thing that I learned in the army, besides working for something that