

What did Korea Mean to Me ?

- ◆ Two years out of my life
- ◆ Very serious danger—lost many friends—five KIA
- ◆ Grime and dirt beyond belief
- ◆ American citizens did not understand—or support—the war
- ◆ I came home to find my job gone
- ◆ Finally went to college—The Ohio State University—GI Bill
- ◆ Research Scientist with the Department of Agriculture
- ◆ Learned computers and managed to use that skill to become a consultant with the Department of Defense in the Pentagon
- ◆ Edit *Taro Leaf*, Pres. Korean War Veterans Chapter, past President of the Computer Society.



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Tom's War Korea 1951-1952



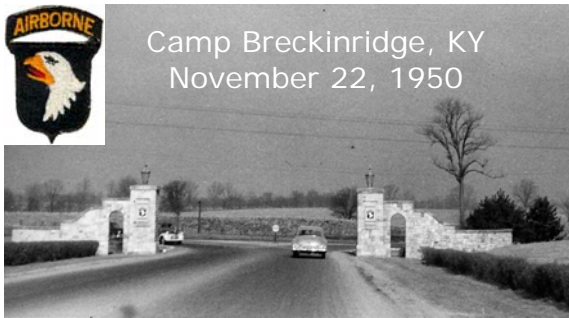
Tom Thiel, Korea, Oct 1951



24th Infantry "Victory" Division



Camp Breckinridge, KY
November 22, 1950



To Korea —
USS William Mitchell



Kansas Line,
Korea
June 1951



3.5
Rocket
Launcher

57mm
Recoilless
Rifle



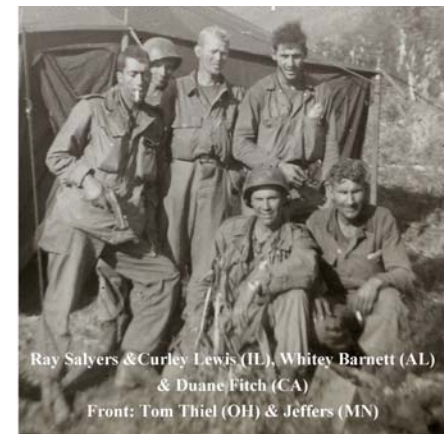
Kunsong North Korea Area



To E Company 19th Regiment
— Korean Carrying Party



Thiel
In
Tokyo,
Japan
Dec 1951



The few
of us left
October
1951.

That's
me on
left
kneeling

Ray Salyers & Curley Lewis (IL), Whitey Barnett (AL)
& Duane Fitch (CA)
Front: Tom Thiel (OH) & Jeffers (MN)