

## Donald C. Mack, 92

**DeKalb**

**Farmer:** 70 years

**Branch of Military:** Army

**Rank:** SPC 2 (Specialist)

**War:** Peacetime service after the Korean War, July 1955 - June 1957

**Location of Service:**

Seoul, South Korea

**Drafted/Enlisted:** Drafted

**Military Experiences:** “At the age of 24, I began Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri in July 1955. Upon completion of Basic Training, my advanced training was being schooled there for eight weeks as a clerk typist.

I was sent to Seoul in South Korea in November 1955. I worked in the post headquarters message center in the area command. As a clerk typist I would take incoming messages and direct them through the Army channels, including sending them to Japan to commanding officers. Messages were typed and sent via the Army correspondence through a military phone system and by mail service. This was classified information which I kept records of and filed.

I was discharged after one tour of duty in June 1957 and returned home to farm with my brothers, Delbert and Harley, in the DeKalb and Hinckley area.”

**What Serving Your Country Means:** “After serving in Korea and experiencing their primitive culture and way of life at the time, it made me realize and appreciate living in America where democracy is served. It was a great honor to serve.”

**Notables:** Don’s brother, Delbert, served in the Korean War and then Don was drafted after the end of the war. For years Don has enjoyed tending to his beautiful gardens on his farm. ►

(Right) Army SPC Don Mack served as an Army clerk typist in South Korea for two years. (Inset) Don has been a lifelong farmer with his brothers. They were known as the Mack Brothers who farmed in rural DeKalb and Hinckley.



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