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Mr. Misenhimer:

My name is Richard Misenhimer, today is April 27, 2016. I am interviewing Mr. Edward E. Shackelford at 101 North Upper Broadway, Trinity Towers, Apt. #1511, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78401. His phone number is 361-880-7151. This interview is in support of the National Museum of the Pacific War, the Nimitz Education and Research Center, for the preservation of historical information related to World War II.

Ed, I want to thank you for taking time to do this interview and I want to thank you for your service to our country during World War II. First off, what is your birthdate?

Mr. Shackelford:

9/13/21.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You're 94 years old. And where were you born?

Mr. Shackelford:

Kansas.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What town there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Moline.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Moline, Kansas okay. Did you have brothers and sisters?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What were your mother's and father's first names?

Mr. Shackelford:

Larkin and Patricia.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now you grew up during the depression, how did the depression affect you and your family?

Mr. Shackelford:

It didn't affect my father directly because he had a job that kept promoting him. And my grandparents lived on a farm in Western Kansas and I spent the summers with them. And they were very much involved, because they were right in the dust bowl.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did they have a garden?

Mr. Shackelford:

I don't think so.

Mr. Misenhimer:

They lived on a farm though, right?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did they have chickens and other things?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yes, chickens, pigs.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Cows?

Mr. Shackelford:

I think he had one or two cows.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Milk cows probably?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So you had some food there.

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yeah. But we never lacked for food.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So where did you go to high school?

Mr. Shackelford:

Newtown High School, it was in Jackson Heights, New York.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How did you get to New York?

Mr. Shackelford:

My father was promoted from Wichita to Kansas City, Missouri to Detroit to New York.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Who did he work for?

Mr. Shackelford:

White Castle Systems.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Is that the hamburger company?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Oh okay. That was a very popular hamburger back in those days.

Mr. Shackelford:

It still is in parts of the country.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Illinois, a lot of them up in Illinois.

Mr. Shackelford:

Chicago, yes.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What did you do when you finished high school?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went to college.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And where did you go?

Mr. Shackelford:

Grinnell, Iowa.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what did you study?

Mr. Shackelford:

Economics and business.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you graduate?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yes.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what year was that?

Mr. Shackelford:

January of '43.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now on December 7, '41 Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, do you recall hearing about that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yes.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Where were you and how did you hear?

Mr. Shackelford:

I was in college and heard it over the radio.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And when you heard that how did you think that would affect you?

Mr. Shackelford:

And then I wondered, frankly I worried about how I was gonna finish school before I wound up being drafted or enlisted. I was 20 at that time.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So then you were drafted, is that correct?

Mr. Shackelford:

No, I enlisted in the Enlisted Reserve Corps.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And when was that?

Mr. Shackelford:

In September of '42.

Mr. Misenhimer:

In what branch, the Army?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yes, the Army.

Mr. Misenhimer:

The Army Reserve. And what did you do there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh I didn't do anything. I enlisted in Des Moines, Iowa then I went back to school and was able to finish in January.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So then when did you go on active service?

Mr. Shackelford:

March of '43.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And where did you go for your basic training?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went to Miami Beach for basic training. We lived in a hotel, six to a double room. And it was quite interesting. I was with a bunch of New York people and I'd been in Iowa most of the time since I'd graduated so I had to get use to New Yorkers (*laughter*).

Mr. Misenhimer:

You graduated from college in Iowa?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How was that basic training?

Mr. Shackelford:

Ah, probably twelve weeks, something like that.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What all did you do there?

Mr. Shackelford:

We learned to march, we learned to obey commands, we had some crawls around on golf courses.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you have weapons training?

Mr. Shackelford:

Very little because I was being trained in the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Oh, you were in the Army Air Corps?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So this was Air Corps basic training then, right? And what were some things that were particular to the Air Corps there?

Mr. Shackelford:

I don't remember.

Mr. Misenhimer:

So when you finished basic training where did you go?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went to Fort Collins, Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what did you do there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Learned to be a clerk typist. That's where I had bayonet training (*laughter*).

Mr. Misenhimer:

Bayonet training there huh, okay.

Mr. Shackelford:

It was quite interesting.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Tell me about it.

Mr. Shackelford:

Well we learned to type, typed out 60 words-per-minute, in the morning and in the afternoon we had basically combat training. I had weapons training and the bayonet training.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Fired a rifle there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Which one did you fire? May have been the carbine, I don't know, or the M1.

Mr. Shackelford:

No, it wasn't that new a rifle.

Mr. Misenhimer:

It was probably the Springfield?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Bolt action?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

World War I weapon. Were your drill instructors pretty tough on you?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well they weren't too tough on me because I led the flight. Because I have a good voice and a loud voice and we sang as we marched all around.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Anything particular stand out from that training?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Anything funny happen there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Not that I think of offhand.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How long was that school?

Mr. Shackelford:

I don't know. It must have been about three months.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then when you finished that then what happened?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went to Gunter Field, Alabama. I was a clerk typist and I worked there until....

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then when you went to Alabama what all happened there?

Mr. Shackelford:

I was in the budget and accounting portion, because I had part of it, of accounting. And I worked there, oh approximately six months. And it's in the Training Command and there wasn't much possibility of promotion so I volunteered to go overseas.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And then what happened?

Mr. Shackelford:

And I left there and we went to Utah, outside of Salt Lake City. And then we went to, I guess Treasure Island in San Francisco. And boarded a ship to New Caledonia on June, I think it was the 6th, it was the same day that they invaded Normandy.

Mr. Misenhimer:

June 6th of 1944.

Mr. Shackelford:

We went on a World War I ship, it was too slow to be in a convoy. And 90% of the ship was seasick going out of San Francisco. In fact I was not one of the 90(%)

Mr. Misenhimer:

I have heard that the sea is awful rough leaving San Francisco.

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh I think they said the ship was tilted up to about 25 degrees and at 26 it would sink.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Yeah listing over that.

Mr. Shackelford:

And we took 30 days to go to New Caledonia.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now on the way down were you threatened by Japanese submarines or anything?

Mr. Shackelford:

No. As I didn't think we were important enough (*laughter*).

Mr. Misenhimer:

You didn't have a convoy, I mean there were no escorts?

Mr. Shackelford:

No, we were all by our lonesome.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then what did you do when you got to New Caledonia?

Mr. Shackelford:

Worked in casual labor for a month and then went up to Guadalcanal.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What did you do at Guadalcanal?

Mr. Shackelford:

They trained me to be a radio operator.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Tell me about that.

Mr. Shackelford:

Well I didn't understand what I was doing (*laughter*) and after we were trained for about a month we went to Bougainville. And we worked the DS station there.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What kind of a station is that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well, if Marines got lost, aviators, they would call us and we'd tell them to count down from ten to one and leave their radio on there and give them the direction to come to the base ,what we read on the thing.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you have any radar at all?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah, there was a radar station on the same hill that we were on.

Mr. Misenhimer:

But you didn't use it any to find these people?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You triangulated and found out where they were and come in, okay.

Mr. Shackelford:

And I guess about six months later we went on up to Philippines. Mindanao.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How did you travel up there?

Mr. Shackelford:

By ship.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How was that trip?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well I found a couple of trucks that had tarps on them, I ripped one of them out and then made myself a bed between two trucks. And mainly tried to disappear because if they found us they'd put us on labor. But by then I was knowledgeable about what I could do and what I couldn't
(laughter).

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now on Mindanao was there fighting still going on there?

Mr. Shackelford:

If I remember correctly it was twenty-six days after they had landed. There was still fighting going on but it wasn't near us.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now the same thing on Bougainville, that was over with by the time you got there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Right. Every place I was

Mr. Misenhimer:

After it?

Mr. Shackelford:

It was after. We got a little scare in Bougainville when they also came in they went up through the perimeters of the island and the Japanese came down and they were wandering around the jungle. You've got three hundred inches of rain a year and if it didn't rain that day you'd better take your raincoat cause you (*laughter*)

Mr. Misenhimer:

It was going to. I understand the jungle was really thick on Bougainville.

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah, it was. We moved in to an area, it was a radio station that Britain set up already, and the Lieutenant said, "Go draw a tent and build yourself a _____." There was three of us. And so we did, we raised the tent up about yay high.

Mr. Misenhimer:

About a foot or so huh?

Mr. Shackelford:

Wooden and then used a double tent on top to keep it cool, cause it was quite warm. But until the nurses came in, Australian nurses, we wore shorts or we cut off our khakis and wore t-shirts.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Yeah, cause very humid there too.

Mr. Shackelford:

Yes. In Mindanao, I guess I was there about a month or so, they sent me up to....

Mr. Misenhimer:

Luzon or where?

Mr. Shackelford:

Luzon or just below it. Anyway I was being trained to go into, we were being trained for the invasion of Japan. And we learned how to plot aircraft coming in, our own aircraft. And before I got finished with that, they evidentially knew that peace was coming because they sent me over to Palawan and I worked as a clerk typist every third day and I ran the Airmen's club the rest of the time.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then what happened?

Mr. Shackelford:

August they declared peace and I was shipped to Manilla. We flew over on B-25s I think. And take-off from Palawan and the 25 had us dipping as soon as it takes off. And I was in the tail (*laughter*), but it recovered fine and I'm glad. And we landed at Clark field. And on December 25th, I think it was, of '45 I boarded a ship going back to San Francisco.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Let me ask you, when you were over there on April the 12th of '45 President Roosevelt died, did you all hear about that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yes. In fact we had a memorial.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What reaction did people have when they heard that?

Mr. Shackelford:

On the whole it was sorry. He was, I think in most cases he was admired.

Mr. Misenhimer:

He was the only president most people had known at that point. Your age I mean, you know.

Mr. Shackelford:

That's right. Yeah, '30s to '45 .

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then on May the 8th of '45 Germany surrendered, did you all hear about that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yeah, we had the, what was it?

Mr. Misenhimer:

Armed Forces Radio?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah and the newspaper that came out.

Mr. Misenhimer:

The Stars and Stripes. When you heard that did you have any kind of a celebration?

Mr. Shackelford:

I imagine, I don't remember. Oh yeah, the Lieutenant broke out his liquor ration and let us....

Mr. Misenhimer:

Have some of that, huh? Then on August the 6th they dropped the first atomic bomb, did you hear about that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yes.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what reaction did people have to that?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well we figured that the war was being shut down. In fact we had already had the indications of it because we had been taken out of the school and shipped out to various places.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then of course on August the 14th when Japan surrendered, did you have a celebration then?

Mr. Shackelford:

Uh yeah. I don't remember but I'm sure we did.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you ever hear Tokyo Rose on the radio?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You knew who she was?

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh yes.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You never heard her?

Mr. Shackelford:

I didn't carry a radio myself. I don't know. We got various....

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you go to Japan?

Mr. Shackelford:

1957.

Mr. Misenhimer:

I mean not in the war?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And you came home when?

Mr. Shackelford:

January of '46.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And when did you get out?

Mr. Shackelford:

January of '46. I re-enlisted in the Reserves.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And why did you re-enlist in the Reserves?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well I didn't think it was too peaceful at that time. And it had taken me three years to make Buck Sergeant and I wanted to keep that rank.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You enlisted in the Reserves why again?

Mr. Shackelford:

Because I wanted to keep my stripes in case I was called back. Because I didn't think it was too peaceful.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now in the Reserves, were these inactive or active Reserves?

Mr. Shackelford:

Inactive.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Inactive, you didn't have to go to meetings or anything?

Mr. Shackelford:

Didn't do anything.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Then when you got out did you have any trouble adjusting to civilian life?

Mr. Shackelford:

No, I just couldn't find a job. My wife had been, just moved to Schenectady, New York. So went up there and I worked as a budget officer for a while. And then she was transferred back to

New York. So I wandered around for a while.

Mr. Misenhimer:

When did you get married?

Mr. Shackelford:

'43.

Mr. Misenhimer:

'43 okay.

Mr. Shackelford:

She was a girl I'd met in college.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How long were you married?

Mr. Shackelford:

Seven years. She divorced me, she was climbing the career ladder and I was sitting still. And I wanted children, she knew that and she didn't want any. So we divorced in 1950.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you use your G.I. Bill for anything?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah I went to Columbia University in New York for, I guess I finished one semester in the graduate program in accounting.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You didn't get your degree there, diploma?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you have any experience with the Red Cross when you were in the service?

Mr. Shackelford:

See I think I borrowed some money from them. When my ma came down to visit me in

Alabama.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Everything went fine with them?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you ever see any USO shows?

Mr. Shackelford:

We saw one in Bougainville I believe.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now when you were overseas, what outfit were you with?

Mr. Shackelford:

319th Fighter Control Squadron. And then I was with the 13th Air Force Headquarters on Palawan. The Japanese during World War II, we should hang our heads in shame.

Mr. Misenhimer:

But they were really rough on us. On our prisoners, they just didn't treat them well at all. How was the morale in your outfit?

Mr. Shackelford:

Good, I'd say. We got beer regularly and we had our jobs and did not have too much to worry about. Got paid regularly.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What kind of work schedule did you have?

Mr. Shackelford:

I think we were on a three-shift schedule.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Eight hours or how many hours?

Mr. Shackelford:

Eight hours each time.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now when you went down to New Hebrides you crossed the equator, right?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Have any kind of a ceremony when you crossed the equator?

Mr. Shackelford:

I don't remember, I don't think so.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Usually they had a, maybe more Navy I'm not sure. But they had a ceremony where they made them into Shellbacks.

Mr. Shackelford:

I knew about the ceremony but I don't remember.

Mr. Misenhimer:

If you would have you'd remember it.

Mr. Shackelford:

The accommodations on that ship were very poor. In fact we did not have any salt water soap and we didn't have any fresh water showers. So by the time we got to New Caledonia we were not in too good of shape. And when we got to Caledonia it was mid-winter and the showers were outside. But we needed a bath badly (*laughter*).

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you ever get to Australia in the service?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Have you had any reunions since you've been out?

Mr. Shackelford:

Any what?

Mr. Misenhimer:

Any get togethers of your people?

Mr. Shackelford:

No. I didn't have, I was in so many various assignments that I didn't, I came out without any real close friends.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you keep up with anybody at all from the service?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah, one man that I went overseas with and while we were at Gunter Field I was his best man. And I saw him several times after I got back. He was a New Yorker, he stayed in New York. My parents stayed there after I started moving around. And I visited him several times. But outside of that I didn't keep touch with anybody.

Mr. Misenhimer:

When you were overseas could you get your mail with any regularity?

Mr. Shackelford:

Very well. It came in on a regular basis.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you ever have any experience with the medics, did they have to do anything for anybody, the medics?

Mr. Shackelford:

Uh yeah, I dropped on a broken bottle in Bougainville and had a cut on bottom of my foot. And it bothered me for several years after this. In fact we took sand out of the bottom of my foot just four years after I was discharged.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What medals and ribbons did you get?

Mr. Shackelford:

Three battle stars of the South Pacific, Good Conduct Medal and a...

Mr. Misenhimer:

Probably got the Asiatic Pacific?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer

World War II Victory?

Mr. Shackelford:

I assume so.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And American Defense?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah. There were five of them if I remember correctly. Had five ribbons. Probably got three or four.

Mr. Misenhimer:

I understand that you are going to be going on the Honor Flight this Friday.

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Tell me about that.

Mr. Shackelford:

Well, we had a meeting, staying over in Houston. And we're going to Houston tomorrow evening and Friday morning at 6:30 we have to report to the airport. We land at Washington (Mr. Misenhimer: Reagan National) at 12:00 at Washington Airport. We sightsee that afternoon, they turn us loose about 8:00 that night. The next morning at 6:30 we get up and we sightsee in the morning and we get on a plane to return to Houston.

Mr. Misenhimer:

You have not seen the World War II Memorial there, then?

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

This will be your opportunity, right.

Mr. Shackelford:

I visited Washington several times when I was stationed at Kelly after I..., later. But we were always going to Fort Meade, so I never got a chance to see anything.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Well the World War II Memorial wasn't done until about ten years ago.

Mr. Shackelford:

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

It's very interesting out there.

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh I imagine that's one of the things we'll see.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Who's going with you?

Mr. Shackelford:

My daughter. Pat.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Pat, she's going with you. I've talked to a lot of people that have been out there, probably twenty-five or thirty that have made that trip and every one of them praise it to high heaven.

Mr. Shackelford:

Well the worst thing about it is the fact that in twenty-four hours we cover a lot of territory. The veteran's going on it, and each one has a guardian, and twenty-nine of us thirty are World War

II veterans. They seemed to have figured out everything that could go wrong, and as you say with all of us at the age we're in why....

Mr. Misenhimer:

And there's no cost to you, is that correct?

Mr. Shackelford:

That's right.

Mr. Misenhimer:

But your daughter has to pay her own way?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Yeah, that's what I understand.

Mr. Shackelford:

I don't know what she pays.

Mr. Misenhimer:

I don't know how they do it either.

Mr. Shackelford:

I didn't figure they'd let us go, so I applied for permission, got it. I spent next twenty years in the service. I retired in '71.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What rank did you have then?

Mr. Shackelford:

Major.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And were you in the Air Force?

Mr. Shackelford:

I stayed, Army Air Corps converted to the Air Force in '48 I think. And they re-enlisted me in

the Air Force Reserves at that time.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What did you do then, for those years?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went to Ohio, Wilmington, Ohio as a budget and accounting officer. I got remarried when I was in Denver going to budget and accounting school. And then we went to Wilmington, Clinton County Air Force base. And then there's a mandatory call for security service. And they sent me to cryptologic school, then to Russian language school, then to Japan and then we came back to San Antonio for four years, then we went to Germany for three years, then I volunteered for Italy for two years. And then I came home. And I volunteered for Airborne. I was stiff from arthritis, I couldn't get my arm down when I saluted. I thought, "You damn fool, you're volunteering for something that you can't even move your arm." *(laughter)* So I changed my mind and I had twenty-nine years in and they told me I just surely going to Vietnam if I stayed in, so I retired.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What date did you retire?

Mr. Shackelford:

April 1, 1971.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now when they called you back for Korea, what did you do then?

Mr. Shackelford:

They called me back at Mitchell Field and I stayed there until I got commissioned.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Did you get a direct commission or did you have to go to OCS?

Mr. Shackelford:

I went home, tore off the stripes, pinned on the bars, came back to the same squadron the next day.

Mr. Misenhimer:

2nd Lieutenant?

Mr. Shackelford:

Yeah. I was thirty years old.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what squadron was that when you were there?

Mr. Shackelford:

It was Air Training Command.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Anything else you recall from your time in the service?

Mr. Shackelford:

Very challenging and I enjoyed it practically all the time. Except I had one bad station and I didn't get along with people, they didn't get along with me.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And where was that?

Mr. Shackelford:

It was Zweibrücken in Germany.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What was the problem?

Mr. Shackelford:

Well I had been in a headquarter's security service when they had submitted plans for something. And the planners of the program had turned them down and they found out that I was, had been part of it that turned it down. They didn't like it. But I got there and I was awarded Commendation Medal. And when Commander pinned it on he said, "You don't deserve this." And my ratings were bad for that period of time.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Now when did you go to Japan?

Mr. Shackelford:

'57.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How long were you there?

Mr. Shackelford:

Three years.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And what did you do there?

Mr. Shackelford:

I was in plans and programs.

Mr. Misenhimer:

And where were you in Japan?

Mr. Shackelford:

Misawa, which is in the northern tip of Honshu. And I'd listen in on the traffic and they would alert if the planes were coming, up there a couple of times. In the meantime the snow would get over the security fences.

Mr. Misenhimer:

What did you think of Japan?

Mr. Shackelford:

I loved it. It was nice and everybody hospitable.

Mr. Misenhimer:

How were the people?

Mr. Shackelford:

Friendly. Always wanting to talk to you in English. I never found anyone that didn't appreciate what the

Mr. Misenhimer:

MacArthur had done or whatever?

Mr. Shackelford:

Practically worshipped him.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Well Ed, have you thought of anything else of your time in the service?

Mr. Shackelford

No.

Mr. Misenhimer:

Well I want to thank you again for your time today and I want to thank you for your service to our country. We're done and hope you have a real good time on your trip with the Honor Flight to Washington.

Mr. Shackelford:

Oh I hope so too.

(End of interview.)

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