

Name _____ Rank _____ Gulf

Unit _____

Date/s and Place/s served overseas _____

Could you describe a particular time in combat that stands out for you? Please feel free to use extra sheets if needed:

If you were wounded, could you describe the events surrounding it?:

What was a funny or humorous instance you can recall from your time overseas?

1. What rations were available to you? MRE? Something different?

If something different...what were they?

Were you able to warm the rations up? If so, how?

Which MRE meals were your favorite?

What did you get through the kitchens?

Did you ever get things from the locals?

Do you recall ANY brands of commercial food or water you may have received?

If you got packages in the mail, what sort of items were included?

2. **IN THE FIELD**, what kind of:

Camouflage pattern was your uniform?



Desert Disruptive Pattern Material



Disruptive Pattern Material

Did you have these pattern boots, or a different sort?



When not wearing a helmet, what type of headgear did you have?

What personal weapon/s did you carry?



SLR



L85

Did you carry grenades? What types?

Did you wear a flak jacket or protective plates?

Did you have any cold weather gear?

3 Did your helmet have a cover? Which camo variant was it?

Please circle any of the equipment below you carried:



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Did you have a ruck and ruck cover?
Was other sorts of equipment do you recall being issued.

What was your opinion of your equipment?

4 What personal items did you carry?

Toothbrush and paste?

Soap and towel?

Razor and shaving cream?

Nail scissors/clippers?

Watch of some sort?

Foot powder?

Were any of your toiletries commercial brands? Do you recall what brands?

Where did you carry letters from home, if you did?

Where did you carry photos from home, if you did?

Where did you carry toilet paper, if you did?

What other personal items, not necessarily issued, did you carry?

On any random day, what might be found in your pockets?

Did you have Division, rank and name patches on your field shirt?

5 While no day in the field is “typical”, how did you occupy your time on a “typical” day when not in combat?

6 Attitudes on souvenir hunting. What were “hot” items? Bearing in mind you had to carry it, did YOU souvenir hunt?

7 What magazines, newspapers or other reading materials were available to you at this time while overseas?

8 What brands of candy/gum/pop were available to you at this time while overseas?
Were these acquired through the military or from locals?
Were there any NON-English/local brands that you tried?

- 9 What brands of cigarettes were available to you at this time while overseas?
Were these acquired through the military or from locals?
Were there any NON-English/local brands that you tried?
- 10 What was your contact with the locals while overseas?
- 11 What was the countryside like where you served?
- 12 What, if any, wildlife do you recall while overseas?
- 13 What contact did you have with the enemy, and what was your impression of them?

What sorts of personal items do you recall them carrying-ID's, toiletries, etc?
- 14 Did you ever work with any of the coalition troops while overseas, and what was your impression of them?
- 15 What was your most prized/valued item while in the field?

- 16 Any unconventional uses for items while overseas? In other words, did you use anything in a way they weren't intended? If so, what?
- 17 Do you recall any service sayings or slang from this time?
- 18 Bearing in mind you were in the middle of a war, how was the morale in your unit?
- 19 What sorts of punishments were handed out for minor infractions?
- 20 What sort of currency was used for payments or buying from the locals?
- 21 Was religion expressed at all in your unit? How so?
- 22 What from civilian life did you miss the most while overseas?

Thank you VERY much for all of your time and effort. I really do appreciate it.