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**Interviewee
BAYNE, Jacky**

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Enlisted: 1966
Interviewed: October 27th, 2003.
Interviewer: Kelly Mitchell
Indexed By: Michael Ennis
Length: 00:25:00

Abstract: In his October 27, 2003 interview with Kelly Mitchell, Jacky Bayne describes his experience overseas in the Vietnam War. He shares the stories of when he was wounded in Vietnam, his near death experiences associated with that, and his journey back to the United States. Bayne also explains how he met his wife and his recovery from his wounds. He concludes with what he did after the war and some of his special memories from his service. This interview was conducted for inclusion into the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections Oral History Program.

Keywords: Vietnam War, Chu Lai, Canine Unit, Dog Hunters, Army, Purple Heart

Interview Session (October 27, 2003): VOB File

Time	Keywords
00:00:00	<i>Start of Interview/Interviewer's Introduction</i>
00:00:45	<i>Question:</i> JB Served in? <i>Answer:</i> South Vietnam 1967.
00:00:50	<i>Question:</i> Living at time of enlistment to Army? <i>Answer:</i> Fort Mill.
00:00:54	<i>Question:</i> You grew up here? <i>Answer:</i> Yes, Fort Mill, York County.
00:01:00	<i>Question:</i> Drafted/Enlisted? <i>Answer:</i> Enlisted.
00:01:04	<i>Question:</i> Why? <i>Answer:</i> JB says friends were already drafted, and he might have been drafted too.
00:01:44	<i>Question:</i> How many people were with you? <i>Answer:</i> In my outfit?
00:01:48	<i>Question:</i> [no question] Yes. <i>Answer:</i> Dog Hunters, all volunteers, 12 men.
00:02:00	<i>Question:</i> What is Dog Hunter? <i>Answer:</i> JB describes that Dog Hunters searched for mines and enemies ahead of patrols.

00:02:15 *Question:* You used dogs to help with that job? *Answer:* Yes, dogs better than humans at it.

00:02:30 *Question:* Is that a picture of your dog? *Answer:* Yes Bruno and I, describes weekly schedules

00:02:50 *Question:* How long in Vietnam? *Answer:* February-July, six months.

00:03:02 *Question:* How was basic training? *Answer:* Rough, JB enjoyed military life, wanted to make a career from it.

00:03:35 *Question:* Went to Chu Lai? *Answer:* Yes, JB wounded there.

00:03:43 *Question:* What happened when wounded? *Answer:* JB describes events leading up to his being wounded.

00:05:38 *Question:* You were pronounced dead? *Answer:* Yes. JB describes near death experiences such as being put in body bag, and being taken to morgue.

00:06:40 *Question:* How was he wounded? *Answer:* Stepped on a landmine.

00:07:04 *Question:* What happened to dog, Bruno? *Answer:* Father told JB dog was put to sleep back in Vietnam.

00:07:17 *Question:* How did the dogs alert you? *Answer:* JB describes how dogs alerted and experiences with Bruno.

00:08:22 *Question:* Did you get awarded medals? *Answer:* Yes, JB describes his medals.

00:08:42 *Question:* What is the Bronze Star for? *Answer:* My action's in combat.

00:09:02 *Question:* When did you get back to USA? *Answer:* Unsure, was unconscious.

00:09:17 *Question:* You were transported while unconscious? *Answer:* Yes, to Walter Reed, spent four months there.

00:09:33 *Question:* How long did recovery take? *Answer:* Years, JB describes recovery experience.

00:10:33 *Question:* Written a book or had book written about you? *Answer:* JB describes his book and its contents about Vietnam, Bruno, and his wife Patsy.

00:11:11 *Question:* How did you meet you wife? *Answer:* Nurse on the ward, JB describes death of his mother and early relationship to Patsy.

00:13:20 Tape #1 ends and Tape #2 Begins

- 00:00:25 *Question:* How young when father passed away? *Answer:* Three to four years after return.
- 00:00:42 *Question:* How hard to correspond with parents? *Answer:* Difficult, he did not want to scare them, so he lied in his letters about what they were doing.
- 00:01:06 *Question:* What parts military life do you remember fondly? *Answer:* Camaraderie and travel.
- 00:01:36 *Question:* What did you soldiers do for fun? *Answer:* JB describes what they did for fun such as card, football, and TV.
- 00:02:09 *Question:* What did Vietnam look like? *Answer:* JB describes early experience when he first arrived in Vietnam mostly about how dirty and hot it was.
- 00:03:04 *Question:* There is a lot of jungle? *Answer:* Yes, didn't like it and it was very dangerous.
- 00:03:26 *Question:* You hunted things out to make it safer? *Answer:* Yes.
- 00:03:30 *Question:* What did you do after war? *Answer:* JB describes college and how he wanted to be a sports coach, but couldn't.
- 00:04:00 *Question:* Did you attend college after war? *Answer:* No, before the Army.
- 00:04:16 *Question:* What have you done since being back? *Answer:* JB describes what he has done with his time since being back such as speaking at churches and writing his book.
- 00:04:43 *Question:* How has this affected your life? *Answer:* JB describes his love of sports and how he misses being able to play them.
- 00:05:09 *Question:* Religious impacts? *Answer:* Stronger, describes power of prayer story and describes his parents.
- 00:06:04 *Question:* Memories or additions? *Answer:* No.
- 00:06:14 *Question:* Vietnam memories? *Answer:* Describes friends from Vietnam, and his memories or experiences with them.
- 00:07:09 *Question:* Vietnam memorial visit? *Answer:* JB says it makes him sad to see it, and he is sad how the Vietnam vets were and are treated. Describes relationship to God, and the effects Vietnam left on him.
- 00:09:06 *Question:* Want to show pictures? *Answer:* JB shows pictures and describes them. Pictures are of him, and of he and Bruno. [JB at this point describes many

different pieces of memorabilia in his room and describes what happened to the service dogs from the war after the soldier left. He describes that all surviving dogs were euthanized or given to the ARVN troops].

00:10:28 *Question:* Did they really? *Answer:* They did, it hurt JB and other handlers to hear this news.

00:11:02 [not question] JB and KM exchange formalities and last minute conversation, camera does one last pan around room and to JB before cutting out.

00:11:40 Tape #2 ends

00:25:00 **End of Interview**