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Interview for Combat Soldiers

The following is a sample set of questions for a soldier that fought in a combat situation.

- 1) Would you tell me your name? (Have them spell out any unusual or difficult names)

- 2) When and where were you born?

- 3) Give me a little background on your life prior to the war. Were you in school, working, etc. I would like some details on your actions and plans or dreams for the future.

- 4) Tell me about your reaction and feelings, the first time you discovered our country was at war. How did you learn we were at war?

- 5) How and why did you end up in the Armed Services? Were you drafted or did you enlist?

- 6) Do you have any old pictures wearing your uniform that we could have copies of?

- 7) Tell me about your feelings, thoughts and expectations when you joined the Armed Services.

- 8) Where did you go for basic training? What outfit were you attached to and what type of training did you get?

- 9) Tell me about your thoughts, feelings and expectations when you found out you were going to be shipped overseas.
- 10) Tell me about your experiences on the ship as you were being transported overseas.
- 11) Tell me about the first day you arrived on foreign soil. Where were you, what outfit were you with and what was the date?
- 12) Tell me about the first day you saw combat. Where were you and what was the date?
- 13) Is there anything you are willing to share about friends in your unit that were wounded or killed? If so, please include their name, the date and unit they were in as well as any details about how they were injured. This information is for their relatives.
- 14) Were you ever injured or taken prisoner? If so, please let us know what town or location you were at, the date the injury or capture occurred, the outfit you were attached to, as well as details of the battle being fought.
- 15) In the event you were injured or captured, tell me where you were taken next and what happened after you got there.
- 16) Tell me about the ribbons, citations and medals you received, including what campaign they were for, and the dates you were involved in these campaigns.
- 17) Share any other stories, good or bad, about your time on foreign soil.
- 18) Tell me about your thoughts, feelings and expectations when you discovered you were going to be shipped home.
- 19) Tell me about how your experiences during the war affected the rest of your life, physically, mentally or emotionally.

20) Are there any other details or thoughts you would like the children of today or future generations to know about the war or to learn about how a war affects a persons life?

The whole world owes you a debt of gratitude for the sacrifices and price you personally paid for our freedom. We can never repay you, however by conducting this interview, a part of your life, memories and heroism will live on forever. We thank you.

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