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Korean War veteran Tony Eilerman was born in February, 1931, just a few miles from where Fritz Ernst grew up, between Fort Loramie and Sidney. He is the son of Anton and Elizabeth Eilerman, and he had five brothers and five sisters.

In 1952, he was drafted off the farm into the military. He reported in Sidney and after passing the physical he was sent to Fort Thomas, KY to be processed into the Army. He took basic training at Fort Meade, MD and went to welding school in Georgia before being sent to Korea.

In Korea, he was stationed in Seoul, attached to the 82nd Engineers. Upon their arrival in the country, an officer asked Eilerman and some of the other soldiers if any of them had stateside driver's licenses. He did, and he said so. He took a driving test and for the rest of his tour of duty in Korea he drove a truck.

"I never did work as a welder," he said.

Eilerman spent his time driving along a pipeline that went from a tank farm in

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