

A Letter from Ethel Chandler

Although it was not fully dated, this letter was written about 1990
from her home in Fort Myers, Florida..

March 27

Dear Barbara and Dick,

So glad that you were finally able to get to Fl. but what miserable weather we had while you were here. It must have been better in Arlington than it was here. Anyway that is behind us now and next time, since there is a place to put your RV here, maybe you can stay a little longer.

In answer to a few of the questions you asked, this is the best I can do.

Earl was a reserve officer in the Army and serving in England when I went to Fla. and bought our home in 1944. He returned after that war and was discharged. Since he didn't have enuf time in for retirement pay at the age of 60 (he wasn't 60, but that is when the reserves are entitled to retired pay IF they live that long.) He inquired as to how he could stay in and they told him the only way was to enlist as a Sergeant. After he did that they sent him to Korea and he served from 1950 to 1953. His Korea service was horrible because he never could even talk about it. Anyway he completed, in all, 22 years of service. According to his discharge papers, he received: Medical Badge Par 3, so 200 Hs 8th Cau, Korean Service Medal w/5 Bz svc strs. and the Republic of Korea Pres. Cit.

In Florida he worked for the Fla. Industrial Commission in the Employment Office Daytona from 1955 thru 1965. From 65 until 74 when we moved over here we had postage stamp vending machines in about 100 motels and stores in the Daytona area. I helped with that and believe me it took both of us.

About the only job I had in Florida was during the war while Earl was in England, was as a welder on glider landing equipment. I was made lead woman of about 10 or 12 men and women and for .05 cents more than they got believe me it wasn't worth it. I loved the work and for 6 weeks straight, we worked 12 hrs. a day, 7 days a week. This was at DeLand, Fl.

By the way, the College Earl went to was Rollins, not Rawlins. It was and still is in Winter Park, Fl.

I think this covers everything you wanted to know. Hope you had a good Easter and I have really enjoyed reading all the genealogical material. Thanks again,

Love,
Ethel