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ALLEN: Right, what I'll do is -- I'll transcribe the interview myself, and then when I write it up for my dissertation, I will send you a copy for your okay. I want to use any quotes. If there's any problem, I'll just paraphrase it or if you don't want to use it at all, we can do that. Okay. Why don't we get started here. This is your home right?

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SMALL: Yes, in this vicinity, not in Somerset, we're from New Brunswick which is across the highway.
ALLEN: How is it that you went into the Navy in the first place?
SMALL: Well, I was drafted. And the Navy was a by chance situation, because it was two of us, close friends. And when we went through our physical the doctor asked us which one wants to go in the Army and neither one of us answered. He just grabbed a stamp and went "Name." He looked at it and says, "Alright, move out soldier." My buddy happened to be ahead of me and so he got the Army I got the Navy. That's the way I got into it. I didn't choose to be in it, I'm glad that I got into the Navy after I found out what life in the Army consisted of. I'm glad that I got the Navy.
ALLEN: So you then went to Great Lakes naval training?
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SMALL: Yes, Camp Roberts Small.
ALLEN: What year was that?

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Background Dr. Robert L. Allen is a writer, educator and civil rights activist who wrote and published a number of influential books on racial equality and gender social justice issues. His publications include Black Awakening in Capitalist America, The Port Chicago Mutiny and Reluctant Reformers: Racism and Social Reform Movements in the U.S. Allen has contributed numerous articles to anthologies and textbooks, held editorial posts at The Black Scholar, partnered with Alice Walker in 1984 to launch the independent Wild Trees Press and has been a university educator and administrator.

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