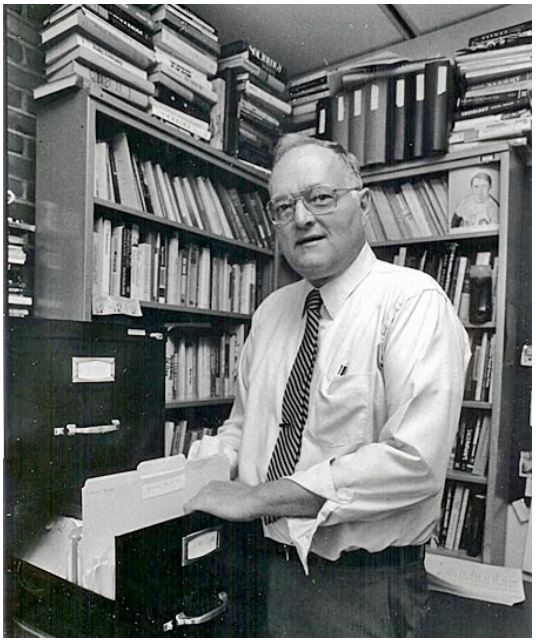
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I was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army in August of 1956, after completing ROTC summer camp. I was on active duty (at Infantry School, Ft. Benning and as a basic training officer at Ft. Dix) from April 1957 until October 1957. I was then in a variety of reserve units until August of 1964 when my eight-year obligation expired. I was a captain (Infantry) when discharged. I qualify as a veteran on some dimensions, but not on others. I don't have any readily accessible pictures, except from my reserve ID, or any very interesting military stories. My most outstanding memory of my military duty is my constant thankfulness that no wars were going on.



[In an email exchange John shared with me the following information about the person in the picture on the bookshelf behind him: "For your information, the photograph is of Roger Freed who played right field for the Rochester Red Wings in 1970 and hit over 30 home runs and had over 120 RBIs. No one today would ever achieve such figures--he would be called up to the majors before he had half those numbers--but in 1970 the Orioles (the Red Wings' parent team) had a glut of outfielders. In any event, Freed was the best player I ever saw with the Wings. He then had a long but not overly successful career in the majors with the Phillies and Cardinals among others."]